

GRANADA HILLS CHARTER

Governing Board Meeting

Monday, June 13, 2022 4:00 PM

Via Teleconference pursuant to Government Code Section 54953

Minutes

In Attendance:

Brian Bauer, Executive Director (non-voting)
Supriya Chakravarty, At Large Member
Lorene Dixon, At Large Member
Jody Dunlap, At Large Member

Chris Hutton, Retired Teacher Member
Joan Lewis, At Large Member
Jim Salin, At Large Member (Chair)

Absent:

Richard Nolan, At Large Member

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Jim Salin and roll call was taken by David Bensinger. Lorene Dixon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following individuals provided public comment:

The Governing Board heard public comment on non-agendized items from five individuals who expressed their thanks and support for GHC (and its VAPA, robotics, activities, student support and safety programs). Another individual expressed support for agenda item #8, the request to approve the project to upgrade the locks and keys (access control system) on the Zelzah campus.

Action Item #1 - The GHC Governing Board determines that the current State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the Directors to meet safety in person and/or that State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Supriya Chakravarty made a motion to approve. Jody Dunlap seconded the motion. Unanimously approved with the following votes:

Supriya Chakravarty	Yes		Lorene Dixon	Yes		Chris Hutton	Abs		Rich Nolan	Abs
			Jody Dunlap	Yes		Joan Lewis	Yes		Jim Salin	Yes

LCAP Advisory and Update (Frank Tarczynski, Interim Administrator)

Public Hearing - Mr. Tarczynski presented the draft of the 2021-2024 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) annual update and 2022-23 Budget. He highlighted the following for Board members:

- The impact of COVID and the health and safety measures in place
- Despite the challenges with COVID, over 1,100 students graduated in 2022, with a graduation rate of 94%
- The TK8 celebrated its first grade eight culminating class
- GHC earned the highest ratings on the LAUSD oversight report
- The increased focus on mental health for students and staff
- The continued work on developing a positive school climate

High School Curriculum and Instruction Report (Wendy Woodburn, Chair)

Wendy Woodburn reported that the committee welcomed the new committee members, Stacy Netzley (Social Studies), Helen Kennedy (Science) and Robin Ouimette (Special Education). The committee discussed the need to make IB SL Astronomy accessible to CP students who are not in IB. The vote was tabled until the fall. Mr. Tarczynski presented the LCAP Update to the committee. Mr. Weber discussed working with the Operations Committee to explore bell schedule options for the future.

Chief Financial Officer's Report (Tammy Stanton)

- **State Budget Update** - Ms. Stanton provided an update on the May Revision of the CA Governor's K-12 Budget for 2022-23, highlighting the following for the Board:
 - Proposition 98 Guarantee of \$110.3 billion for 2022-23, \$8.3 billion over January proposal, with additional adjustments for 2020-21 and 2021-22.
 - 3-year rolling average ADA protection for districts and continues to exclude charter schools.
 - COLA increased from 5.33% in January to 6.56%. This will apply to LCFF, and other Categoricals.
 - \$2.1 billion LCFF base increase in addition to the 6.56% COLA.
 - Special Education to receive the 6.56% COLA; Governor did not propose any other significant changes to Special Education Funding.
 - Nutrition rates increased by \$611.8 million to continue free meal access for all students. All students will receive two free meals each day.
 - ADA Loss Hold Harmless includes charter schools for the current year 2021-22 only.

- **Consolidated Application Update** – Ms. Stanton informed the Board that the state's consolidated application system is delayed with a potential release by July. This will come to the Board in July or August.

- **Insurance Update** – Ms. Stanton informed the Board that staff is currently in negotiations for the school's insurance and a proposal will be brought to the next June meeting.

- **Action Item #2** – Ms. Stanton presented the Financial Report as of April 30, 2022 for approval. The report summarizes revenue, expenditures, and changes in fund balance, a balance sheet account summary, and an updated cash flow report/projection for 2021-22. The Cash Flow projection includes actuals through April 30, 2022, with bank reconciled cash balances. The financial report included:
 - Period Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
 - Balance Sheet (consolidated by all funds)
 - Cash Flow Projection
 - COVID Relief Entitlements

Jim Salin made a motion to approve the YTD Financial Report. Lorene Dixon seconded the motion. Unanimously approved with the following votes:

Supriya Chakravarty	Yes		Lorene Dixon	Yes		Chris Hutton	Yes		Rich Nolan	Abs
			Jody Dunlap	Yes		Joan Lewis	Yes		Jim Salin	Yes

Action Item #3 – Ms. Stanton requested the Board approve the Special Programs contracted service providers for the 2022-23 school year. These vendors have been supporting the Special Education Department for a number of years. GHC relies on the service providers, assessors, teachers and programs these Nonpublic Agencies (NPAs) and Nonpublic Schools (NPS) provide to support GHC students with disabilities and each of their unique needs. The NPAs have helped to reduce Due Process cases due

to the additional support they have continually been providing to GHC students. GHC submitted a grant to the SELPA/Charter Operated Programs last month, the Learning Recovery Grant, which will help to fund a portion of these costs for the 2022-2023 school year.

Lorene Dixon made a motion to approve the Special Education Contracted Service Providers - 2022-23 Recommended Vendor List. Jody Dunlop seconded the motion. Unanimously approved with the following votes:

Supriya Chakravarty	Yes		Lorene Dixon	Yes		Chris Hutton	Yes		Rich Nolan	Abs
			Jody Dunlap	Yes		Joan Lewis	Yes		Jim Salin	Yes

Action Item #4 - Ms. Stanton presented the YMCA Agreement for 2021-22 Summer Services, TK8 and High School and 2022-23 PLAY Classes at the TK8. These programs are implemented as components of the GHC Expanded Learning Opportunities Plan.

Chris Hutton made a motion to approve the YMCA Agreement for 2021-22 Summer Services, TK8 and High School and 2022-23 PLAY Classes - TK8. Supriya Chakravarty seconded the motion. Unanimously approved with the following votes:

Supriya Chakravarty	Yes		Lorene Dixon	Yes		Chris Hutton	Yes		Rich Nolan	Abs
			Jody Dunlap	Yes		Joan Lewis	Yes		Jim Salin	Yes

Action Item #5 - Ms. Stanton presented the Accelerate Education Student Licenses Agreement for 2021-22 and 2022-23. These licenses are for 300 full time students (up to six courses each) in the iGranada Independent Study for grades 9-12. Accelerate Education has been the curriculum provider for the iGranada Independent Study program since 2011. Accelerate Educations offers a substantial amount of UC/CSU approved AP courses and various content courses.

Supriya Chakravarty made a motion to approve the Accelerate Education Student Licenses Agreement for 2021-22 and 2022-23. Lorene Dixon seconded the motion. Unanimously approved with the following votes:

Supriya Chakravarty	Yes		Lorene Dixon	Yes		Chris Hutton	Yes		Rich Nolan	Abs
			Jody Dunlap	Yes		Joan Lewis	Yes		Jim Salin	Yes

Facilities and Operations Update (Norm Holloway, Administrative Director, Operations)

Action Item #6 – Norm Holloway presented the County of Los Angeles Department of Building Services Notice of Completion for the TK8 construction project at 17081 Devonshire Street. Several Board members expressed gratitude that the project has been completed.

Lorene Dixon made a motion to accept the Devonshire Notice of Completion. Supriya Chakravarty seconded the motion. Unanimously approved with the following votes:

Supriya Chakravarty	Yes		Lorene Dixon	Yes		Chris Hutton	Yes		Rich Nolan	Abs
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		Jody Dunlap	Yes		Joan Lewis	Yes		Jim Salin	Yes
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Action Item #7 –Norm Holloway requested the Granada Hills Charter Governing Board authorize the approval of the proposal submitted by Valley Precision for the installation of synthetic turf on the playfield on the Devonshire Campus. The total price of the project is \$1,344,768, including all supplies and labor. Mr. Holloway noted that although the recommended proposal is not the lowest proposal, staff recommends Valley Precision due to their commitment to begin the project immediately, thus reducing the impact on the site during the school year. Several Board members asked questions about the composition of the turf, including the need to be aware of safety issues of synthetic turf, such as the hardness of turf compared to grass and the higher temperatures associated with turf. Board member Lorene Dixon suggested that in final contract negotiations, the school should include provisions in the event the project is not completed on time.

Lorene Dixon made a motion to approve the Turf Replacement Project. Joan Lewis seconded the motion. Unanimously approved with the following votes:

Supriya Chakravarty	Yes		Lorene Dixon	Yes		Chris Hutton	Yes		Rich Nolan	Abs
			Jody Dunlap	Yes		Joan Lewis	Yes		Jim Salin	Yes

Action Item #8 –Norm Holloway requested the Granada Hills Charter Governing Board authorize the approval of the proposal submitted by HCI Systems, Inc. to upgrade the lock and access control system on the Zelzah campus. This upgrade will replace more than 350 “cyber” locks and keys used on the Zelzah campus with a wireless lock and access control system that matches the system installed on the Devonshire campus. Mr. Holloway explained that GHC solicited proposals from multiple vendors, with vendors (HCI Systems and Advantidge) submitting formal proposals. The total cost in the proposal submitted by HCI Systems is \$1,394,425. Mr Holloway provided additional details about the features of the proposed system, including the enhanced security and management the system provides.

Supriya Chakravarty made a motion to approve the Zelzah Lock/Access Control Upgrade Project. Lorene Dixon seconded the motion. Unanimously approved with the following votes:

Supriya Chakravarty	Yes		Lorene Dixon	Yes		Chris Hutton	Yes		Rich Nolan	Abs
			Jody Dunlap	Yes		Joan Lewis	Yes		Jim Salin	Yes

Executive Director’s Report (Brian Bauer)

- TK-12 Instructional Program Updates
 - Mr. Bauer provided details about the summer programs offered at the TK8 and high school campuses that began today. For this summer, approximately 400 TK8 students will participate in a full day of activities for four weeks with the YMCA on the Devonshire campus. On the high school campus, approximately 800 students are enrolled in three- and six-week summer school classes, including several hundred completing online credit recovery classes. In July an additional 1,100 new grade nine students will begin the three-week Summer Transition Academy.

Action Item #9 - Mr. Bauer presented the annual Notice to LAUSD Charter Operated Programs that GHC intends to explore options for SELPA membership and may exit the LAUSD SELPA effective July 1, 2023. Mr. Bauer clarified that the SELPA is the Special Education Local Plan Authority that is similar to a district, but for special education programs.

Jody Dunlop made a motion to approve the Notice to Consider exiting the LAUSD SELPA. Joan Lewis seconded the motion. Unanimously approved with the following votes:

Supriya Chakravarty	Yes		Lorene Dixon	Yes		Chris Hutton	Yes		Rich Nolan	Abs
			Jody Dunlap	Yes		Joan Lewis	Yes		Jim Salin	Yes

Lorene Dixon made a motion to approve the 5/09/22 Board meeting minutes. Supriya Chakravarty seconded the motion. Unanimously approved with the following votes:

Supriya Chakravarty	Yes		Lorene Dixon	Yes		Chris Hutton	Yes		Rich Nolan	Abs
			Jody Dunlap	Yes		Joan Lewis	Yes		Jim Salin	Yes

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:54 p.m to discuss:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

- Name of case: Let Them Choose v. Granada Hills Charter School, Case No. 22CHCP00001
- Name of case: Iris Arnold, et al v. Brian Bauer, et al, Case No. 22STCV01783

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

- Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b): two cases

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

- Agency negotiator: Brian Bauer
- Employee organization: UTLA

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

- Title: Executive Director

Meeting returned to open session at 6:54p.m. No action was taken. Mr. Salin reported that the Board completed the evaluation of the Executive Director, Mr. Bauer.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.