

# PHOENIX CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

3131 Diamond Lake Blvd.  
Roseburg, OR 97470

**MEETING DATE:** September 19, 2024

<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Rick Wesenberg*	<b>BOARD MEMBER:</b>	Gillian Wesenberg
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	Tom Nelson*		April Hamlin*
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Jason Troxel*		Michael Rondeau

**Other Attendees:**

- Laurie Newton – Interim Executive Director\*
- Corrie Bernard-Phoenix Principal\*
- Jeff Howes-Phoenix Business Manager\*
- Christine Pollastrini - Registrar\*
- Hope Assink – Facilities Coordinator\*

(\*denotes member/staff present)

Board President Rich Wesenberg called the meeting to order at 5:01pm. There was no public participation.

Marie Leary was introduced, and briefly shared details of her work at Phoenix and her prior experience. She joined the Phoenix team in 2022 as the SPED Coordinator, and has enjoyed working with a larger student base this year in her role as Dean of Students. Marie is also working with Hope Assink on the UR Action Committee.

## **Reports and Discussions:**

**Principals Report** – Principal Corrie Bernard shared there have been no significant changes to the Student Handbook since the last read, but it has been made more concise this year. As of the last count, enrollment is currently at 180+ students with 26 students on IEPs. Marie Leary is reviewing students who are on 504 plans. Our new student intakes have been paused, and a waiting list has been started. Corrie and Leary are utilizing the established discipline matrix, and clarifying which incidents could have been lessened with better classroom management. Board Member April Hamlin asked about CIT training for teachers, and Corrie replied she is a certified trainer and will be scheduling training in the next couple of months. There have been two instances of teachers getting accidentally struck by students as the teachers are trying to break up fights. Threat assessments are being completed for all students involved in fights. Corrie and her team are working to have the Adapt counselor on campus more than two days per week. More behavior support plans are being written this year, and are being uploaded into Synergy so all teachers can view them. Corrie mentioned she is planning more credit recovery classes during term 2, and is still hoping to hire two teachers by then. Corrie proposed to the board she would like Phoenix to change to semesters next year rather than trimesters, and the board expressed support of this idea. This change would allow us to better align our term credits with other schools. Corrie also proposed starting a childcare center on campus which could be used by parenting students as well as Phoenix staff. The board encouraged Corrie to research this idea further, and provide a full proposal at a future board meeting.

**Executive Director Report** – Interim Executive Director Laurie Newton shared about Phoenix's presentation to the Roseburg School Board. Their board expressed some concerns about low student achievement, and reluctance to accept our data at all, due to past inconsistencies and inaccuracies. Board President Rick Wesenberg applauded Corrie for presenting only information that she could personally verify. Laurie also presented the first read of PCS 2024-25 budget revisions, which included additional ADM funds and a rent increase.

## **Action Items:**

Approve August 22, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Board Secretary Tom Nelson moved to approve minutes, seconded by Board Treasurer Jason Troxel. Motion passed unanimously.

Adopt 2024-25 Student Handbook.

Motion: Board Treasurer Jason Troxel moved to approve the handbook, seconded by Board Member April Hamlin. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve one resignation of faculty, Chris Hudgeon (Social Studies).

Motion: Board Secretary Tom Nelson moved to approve, seconded by Board Treasurer Jason Troxel. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve proposal to move from trimesters to semesters beginning with the 2025-26 school year.

Motion: Board Secretary Tom Nelson moved to approve, seconded by Board Treasurer Jason Troxel. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:57pm. Next meeting is scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

Draft Minutes submitted by Christine Pollastrini, Registrar.

Minutes Approved 10.21.24