

# PHOENIX CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

3131 Diamond Lake Blvd.  
Roseburg, OR 97470

**MEETING DATE: November 21, 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\*
- Hope Assink – Assistant Executive Director/Operations Director\*
- Corrie Bernard-Phoenix Principal\*
- Jeff Howes-Phoenix Business Manager\*
- Christie Wuerst – HR & Payroll Manager\*
- Marie Leary – Dean of Students\*
- Amanda Brown – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher\*
- Lisa Hemphill – Wellness Coordinator\*
- AJ DeMarino – Safety & Wellness Manager\*

(\*denotes member/staff present)

Board Member Gillian Wesenberg called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm. There was no public participation.

## **Reports and Discussions:**

All Students Belong Policy – The board was asked to review and adopt the revised All Students Belong Policy; however, after a lengthy discussion, the board asked for further revisions and a third read of the policy. Discussion included what had been added to the policy which provides for how the policy now closely aligns with the sexual harassment policy, the consequences for violating the policy, and ways to report violations. Board members asked that the policy define “hate speech” and its impact. Board members suggested reviewing the Oxford Dictionary and ACLU for qualifications of hate speech.

2024 Legislative Changes to Charter Law – Interim Executive Director and Principal Corrie Bernard shared a PowerPoint from a recent training that Principal Corrie had recently attended regarding the changes to charter law. Two of the changes that will have the most impact on Phoenix will be that meeting times and agendas must be posted in advance, with meeting reminders posted in specific places, like in the newspaper, website, and front doors of the school. Secondly, all meetings must be video recorded and posted within 7 days on the school web and social media sites.

Principal Report - Principal Corrie Bernard shared a summary of recent events deemed to have a good turnout. The events were conferences (114 attendees), open house (32 families), and financial aid night (12/13 attendees). Attendance, enrollment, and student behavior/discipline data were reported. Principal Corrie shared that while attendance has decreased, expectations are that with the new term (Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>) enrollment numbers will increase. Behaviors/incidents are related to students' need for security/food/ and safety needs around the holidays. Phoenix staff is working diligently with these students to address their concerns, including having our own food and clothing pantry available to them. The position for a Sped Teacher who will co-teach with Foundation teachers has been posted. There was news that instead of using the ADM money as recently approved to purchase new technology, staff were informed that there is grant money available to use instead. Lastly, Principal Corrie advised that mandatory state testing is coming up after the first of the year. She gave a plan on how they are going to support students with testing and anxiety they might have.

## **Action Items:**

Approve October 21, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 19 at 5:00 pm.

Draft Minutes submitted by Christie Wuerst, HR & Payroll Manager.

Minutes Approved 1.26.25