



MINUTES

Date Apr 13 , 2023

6:00 pm

Howard Street Charter School



Board Present: Jenny Hoelter Jill Whitney Leslie Thompson-Savage Kelby Childers Erik Davis Robin Saunders Wilson QUORUM ACHIEVED –	Board Absent:	Guests: Christina Tracy
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Meeting Convened: 6:06 pm

Guest: Christina Tracy

Introductions:

- Guest Introduction-Christina Tracy
- Public Testimony--none

Open Forum:

- Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes--Minutes approved at 6:10 pm

Business:

- **Principal's Report:** Building tour--roving report, the board toured the building and dance studio.
- **MAIN BUILDING TOUR:** Sound panels in all the rooms have been installed to reduce echoing, which has made it difficult to teach, especially when we were teaching and learning masks. Hepa filters, speakers and smart boards are new as well as new chromebooks have been purchased. Christina mentioned that the school could use 10 more chromebooks to meet needs and replace some aging units that are no longer updating. HSCS received a \$5000 grant from Lam Research for new graphing

calculators with charging stations. In lieu of cork boards, display strips have been installed for artwork (this cut down on paper consumption, was cheaper and save space). Over the summer areas of the school were painted such as the mural above the art room and the classroom names and logos. Lockers have been secured to the walls and are now functioning properly.

- HSCS has the largest orchestra in Salem Keizer, covid really wiped out other programs across the district. Both the band and orchestra rooms have sound panels, a new carpet remnant, and have metronomes installed through the smart boards to help with timing. The orchestra room has new chairs that support posture and Mr. Robinson built the instrument holders in the orchestra room. New robes for choir will be purchased with Covid funding--for an educational need. In the art room Christina has asked to have splash boards placed behind the sinks to avoid damage to things on the walls.
- Yondr Cell Phone pouches have been very successful at reshaping technology behaviors concerning students' phones during the school day. The first pouch is provided to students at the beginning of the year, if they lose the pouch there is a \$20 replacement fee. The school paid \$19 each pouch this year, next year the price will reduce to \$13.50/pouch. The Securly program allows the school to block websites that interfere with the learning day--you tube etc. Mrs. Tracy has the ability to turn websites on and off as needed.
- The solar panel box in the science lab has had ongoing leakage issues because the classroom is subterranean and the moisture from the ground is entering through the encasement area from the box.
- The bathrooms have air hand dryers after a, now 8th grade, student wrote a proposal about paper waste and mess. The initial purchase of the dryers cost \$2500, but the cost of the paper towels was \$300/month. The cost was covered in 8 months of usage along with reduction of paper waste and mess.
- **PARKING LOT/OUTSIDE/DANCE STUDIO:** Curbing has been removed and stops in the parking lot will be installed. In the dance studio, the mirrors are made of mylar not glass. The floor will be retaped this Friday 4/14 when students are not in the building. There is a smart board and sound system and sound panels will be added soon. There are security cameras in the building.
The 4 separate utilities for the space are a financial drain. Christina has contacted the city several times and Leslie has contacted them as well--making no headway resolving this issue. For example, there are **4 separate water meters for the building** and even

though 3 are shut off there is still an \$80 dollar monthly fee for each meter for “operational fees”

Finance Committee: We are doing our regular reporting this month, so we are looking at numbers a little closer this month. The two key factors are that our administration spends less than we take in and we have increased our ADMW to 95%. We look good financially and money has been responsibly spent over the last several years

Admissions Committee: 5th graders will be accepting their positions this next week

HR Committee (all): the board needs to get Christina’s evaluation finished

Facilities Committee: see principals report this time

- **New Business:** The Greeters (a part of Salem Chamber) meet every Friday morning as a networking group. Erik will meet with them at the Pentacle the week before they are scheduled to be here June 23rd. There is an expectation that there are some kind of snacks and refreshments.
- **HB 3060** a one time education bill We were granted \$21776.05 --Christina’s proposal is to give each licensed staff member \$2000 and \$1000 for classified staff members (using \$1200 from the personnel budget to make up the difference for classified) Motion approved 7:28 pm
- **May 2nd at 6:00-7:30:** As per Jenny-- Shelley Osara will give about a 30 minute presentation about “supporting your middle schooler” focusing on mental health and wellness. Jenny, Erik, Christina...
- Robyn and Kelby will get together to look at the dissemination of information from applications before the next meeting.

Adjourn: April 13, 2023 at 7: 43 pm

Next BOG meeting Scheduled: May 18, 2023 6:00 on Zoom