

**Harmony Union School District
Board of Trustees
Board Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2009**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** *The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. All present except Nora Lomax*
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:** *None*
- III. **CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION-CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:** *6:07 p.m.*
 - A. Public Employee Evaluation-Review of Superintendent Goals.
 - B. Meet with Legal Council on Potential Litigation-One Case. (E. C 54956.9).
- IV. **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:** *7:08 p.m.*
 - A. Report of actions taken in Closed Session: *Nothing to report*
- V. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** *It was moved by Fawn Nekton, seconded by Bryce Hetler to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.*
- VI. **CONSENT AGENDA:** *It was moved by Fawn Nekton, seconded by Bryce Hetler to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.*
- VII. **PUBLIC HEARING PATHWAYS CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL APPLICATION:**
Board President, Dennis Rosatti Jr. called the public hearing to order at 7:12 p.m. Robert Tavonatti stated that Pathways met their API growth goals and the goals as per Ed Code 47607. Sarah Wilson the Sonoma/Marin coordinator read letters from parents (copies of 4 letters received). Michelle Blaisetow, a Marin administrator read 2 letters (copies received), Janice Thompson a Lake County Admin read 2 letters (copies received), Allison Greene, a teacher and staff representative on the school board spoke in favor of the renewal, Joel Luntz, a Pathways Board of Directors member spoke as a parent – telling the HUSD board that his child was thriving in Pathways. The Public Hearing closed at 7:20 p.m.
- VIII. **COMMUNICATON:**
 - A. Public Comment: *None*
 - B. Student Report: *None*
 - C. HUTA Report: *None*
 - D. CSEA Report: *None*
 - E. ARK Report: *Benjamynn Gabriel, ARK President informed the board that the ARK will have a welcome back picnic on 8/21/09 on campus.*
 - F. Written Correspondence to the Board: *Nothing more received*
 - G. Pathways Charter School Directors Report: *This communication was sent electronically – copy placed in board binder.*
 - H. Program Coordinator Report to the Board: *None*
 - I. Garden Coordinator Report to the Board: *Laurel Anderson spoke to the board. Vegetables were harvested from the garden for the kitchen. She is working on getting local farmers to help provide more for the school lunch program. Laurel is also working with Bodega Land Trust regarding community education. She will also continue to work with students in composting waste from the cafeteria.*
 - J. Board Member Reports: *Bryce Hetler, Henry Goff and Fawn Nekton had nothing to report. Dennis Rosatti welcomed everyone back to school and recognized and thanked Bryce Hetler for running the August 4, 2009 meeting.*

- K. Superintendent/Principal Report: *Handout given at the meeting and a copy has been placed in the board binder.*

IX. BUSINESS ITEMS:

- A. Pathways Charter School Renewal Application and MOU Review: *Margaret Merchat offered clarification around the MOU and renewal and recommendations about the written charter – i.e.: programs, describe special ed programs and the budget should be attached. She mentioned the conflict of interest code – discussion around the issue. Margaret stated that the charter should be a clear document. The HUSD Board directs Dave Miller to work with Pathways and legal to clean up the charter. This is to be brought back for the September board meeting.*
- B. Grass Lands Fencing: *Discussion: we will have 2 paddocks, less than a ¼ of an acre for the months of May/June with jersey cows or heifers. It was moved by Fawn Nekton, seconded by Bryce Hetler to approve the portable fencing for the grassland expenditure. Motion carried unanimously.*
- C. Garden Maintenance Position: *It was moved by Dennis Rosatti, seconded by Bryce Hetler to reinstate the Garden Maintenance Position for up to 6 hours per week for the 2009/2010 school year. Motion carried unanimously.*
- D. Set Public Hearing for Instructional Materials: *It was moved by Bryce Hetler, seconded by Fawn Nekton to set Thursday, September 17, 2009 at the board meeting as the Public Hearing form Sufficiency of Instruction Materials. Motion carried unanimously.*
- E. Association of California Administrators (ACSA) Conference Attendance: *It was moved by Bryce Hetler, seconded by Fawn Nekton to approve 2 days for the superintendent and 1 day for the business manager to attend the Association of California Administrators conference. Motion carried unanimously.*
- F. Contract for Services With West County Community Services: *The Board directs Dave Miller to contact WCCS and inform them that we are going to use the “fee for service” option rather than hire a counselor.*
- G. Facility Use Report: *The Board directs Dave Miller to add this item as a consent agenda item with past and future facility use.*
- H. Staffing Assignments for the 2009-2010 School Year: *Information only – no action needed at this time.*
- I. Review of Class/School Schedules: *No action needed at this time.*
- J. Substitute Teacher Policy: *The Board reviewed the long term sub policy. No action needed at this time.*
- K. Soccer Field Update and Budget: *The Board had concerns around the gopher issue and funding – where is it coming from. This item to be brought back to the September 17, 2009 board meeting.*
- L. YMCA After School Proposal: *It was moved by Dennis Rosatti, seconded by Fawn Nekton to approve the afterschool blended afterschool program up to \$1,000. Motion carried unanimously.*
- M. Board Policy Update: *Discussion about the adoption process. Dave will have CSBA (Kitty) call and talk with Dennis to help in clarifying the adoption process. Dave will forward Kitty’s e-mail to the board members.*

- X. FINAL ADJOURNMENT:** *It was moved by Fawn Nekton, seconded by Bryce Hetler to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.*