Contra Costa County Board of Education Charter Committee Meeting Minutes February 4, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order

Committee Chair, Consuelo Lara called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

1.2 Roll Call

All Committee Members were present Consuelo Lara, Committee Chair Sarah Butler, Area 2 Trustee

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

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3. PUBLIC COMMENT

3.1 Public Comment

None

4. BUSINESS/ ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Approval of the Agenda

Agenda approved as presented

4.2 Approval of Minutes- September 2, 2021

Minutes approved as presented

4.3 Charter Committee Update

Neil McChesney, Coordinator, Charter School Oversight, provided the committee with an update regarding the Board Charter school site visits.

The committee members discussed that they would like to visit the remaining charter school sites before the end of the school year and do not mind visiting 2 schools in one day. Trustee Lara would like to find out the Covid absentee numbers when she visits the charter schools.

Mr. McChesney also updated the committee regarding the charter MOU concern. During the pandemic, charter schools were given a 2 year renewal extension. The committee and Board will have to discuss the issue regarding the timeline of the charter MOUs.

Option #1: Take Board action to provide a blanket extension of all current MOUs to align with the "new" charter timelines

Option #2: Take the opportunity to review the MOUs and work to improve the model and implement a more uniform application across our charter portfolio (this would also end in Board action to align the timelines)

The committee members discussed that they would like to know what other charter authorizers are doing., they would like to look at the charter MOU template for guidance and the committee would like to look at each charter MOU in chronological order. The committee also requested that the charter timeline extension chart be posted on the CCCOE website.

Neil McChesney also updated the committee on charter board appointments, including Ed Code and CCBOE Board Policy on this topic.

The committee members discussed what other charter authorizers do who appoint board members to their charters. Neil McChesney will bring this information to the next regular Board meeting during his charter update agenda item.

4.4 Charter Staff Update

4.5 Charter MOU Discussion

Trustee Butler brought this agenda item to the committee to discuss a charter board appointment to the CVCHS Board. The committee mentioned that CVCHS may benefit from an appointed board member. The committee discussed making a recommendation to start this process at the next regular board meeting, where the next step would be to solicit nominations.

Public Comment:

Kenneth Durham- CVCHS

4.6 Charter School Data Report

The committee members discussed a Charter School Data Book, similar to the CCCOE Annual Report. Neil McChesney discussed the fact that it would make the most sense to collect data for 2022-2023. Data can start being collected in spring for next year. Trustee Lara would like to see a fact page on financial data of the charter schools.

4.7 Next Steps for Charter Committee

Next Meeting: 3/1/22 at 9:00am- post agenda on Friday, February 25th

MOUs

Process for Board Appointments

Charter School Visits for Committee and Board

This agenda item should be named Future Agenda Items on the next meeting's agenda

5. ADJOURNMENT

5.1 The Chair will adjourn the meeting.

Committee Chair, Consuelo Lara adjourned the meeting at 11:09 am.