

**ECHO Charter School Board of Education**  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, January 14, 2021

**Our Vision** is to be the most highly respected school in Southwest Minnesota noted for caring, innovating and preparing students to succeed.

**Our Mission:** ECHO Charter School's Mission is to be your school of choice by preparing students to achieve to their highest potential through an innovative and uniquely flexible curriculum.

**1.0) Call to order @ 6:03 p.m. ON ZOOM**

**Members present:** Deb E., Nikki H-S., Katie G., Lynn S., Michell H., Eric K-M.

**Others present:** Helen B-R., Pam R., Holly R.

**Members not present:** None

**2.0) Reading of Minnesota Statutes 124E.14 Conflicts of Interest –**

All those in Compliance: 6 Not in Compliance: 0

**3.0) Opportunity for others to speak**

**4.0) Consent Agenda**

**4.1) Resolution to Approve Agenda**

Discussion/Amendments -

**4.2) Resolution to Approve Minutes of Thursday, December 10, 2020, Regular Meeting**

Discussion/Amendments-

**4.3) Resolution to Approve Financial Report (Check numbers 16630-16656 for \$31,212.28; ACH: \$8,028.72; Payroll: \$49,473.82)**

Discussion/Amendments--

**4.4) Resolution to Approve Presentation of Bills**

Discussion/Amendments--

**4.5) Resolution to Accept Presentation of Donations--None**

Discussion/Amendments--

**4.6) Resolution to Approve Consent Agenda Items**

Action Taken: Approved

Motion: Nikki H-S

Second: Eric K-M

Vote: (Via roll call): Deb E., Michell H, Nikki H-S., Eric K-M., Lynn S.

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**5.0) Reports:**

**5.1) Director's Report – COVID update; status of county case rates; students in building for support services; day care; update on DL**

**5.2) PACT for Families/Chemical Health Coalition of YMC –**

**5.3) Staff Development –**

**5.4) Athletic Department –**

**5.5) Policies & Procedures –**

**5.6) Board Training Report –**

- 5.7) PBL Report –
- 5.8) School Promotion –
- 5.9) Fundraising -
- 5.10) School Trips –
- 5.11) Old Business –

6.0) **Action Items:**

**6.1) Approve Sale of Chrysler Town & Country 2012 van (1 bid received based on advertising on school FaceBook site)**

Action Taken: Approved

Motion by: Katie G.                      Second by: Michell H.

Vote: 5-0-1 (Via roll call): Deb E., Michell H, Eric K-M., Lynn S.: Abstain: Nikki H-S  
(purchased van for \$1,800).

**6.2) Approve WBWF/Annual Report**

Action Taken: Approved

Motion by: Eric K-M.                      Second by: Nikki H-S

Vote: (Via roll call): Deb E., Michell H, Nikki H-S., Eric K-M., Lynn S., Nikki H-S  
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**6.3) Approve parking of Director's car in bus garage in exchange for donation to school**

Action Taken: Approved

Motion: Michell H.                      Second: Lynn S.

Vote (Via roll call): Deb E., Michell H, Nikki H-S., Eric K-M., Lynn S., Nikki H-S  
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**6.4) Approve**

Action Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**6.5) Approve**

Action Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**6.6) Approve**

Action Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**6.7) Approve**

Action Taken: \_\_\_\_\_  
Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**6.8) Approve**

Action Taken: \_\_\_\_\_  
Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**7.0) Discussion/Informational Items:**

- A. Bus route pay for non-driving days: Following Board discussion, consensus was to pay only for routes driven, understanding that it is a loss of income for the drivers. The flip side is the school would be ethically bound to pay all drivers for routes not driven, which, in light of potential underfunding of entitlement dollars from state, would not be feasible.
- B. Continue Covid sick pay? Board discussion was held on whether to have the school pay for sick or exposed employees who did not need to use Covid pay before it expired in December, 2020, but may need such support in spring, 2021. Board discussed funding Covid pay only for school employees who have contracted Covid, versus those who were exposed. (The latter could really add up, based on last fall's Covid activity). Consensus is to treat each future case on an individual basis depending on their circumstances.
- C. ESSER II funds: ECHO Charter will receive an additional approximate \$64,000
- D. Discussion concerning reopening plans: in light of the state's encouragement to reopen K-1-2, continue to encourage parents to send children to school for Homework Help and/or Day Care (for those who are eligible). This way we can continue to support student learning. We will continue to monitor local data for reopening.

**8.0) Approve Adjournment of the meeting @ 7:24 p.m.**

Action Taken: Approved  
Motion by: Nikki H-S                      Second by: Eric K-M  
Vote: (Via roll call): Deb E., Michell H, Nikki H-S., Eric K-M., Lynn S., Nikki H-S  
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The next regular meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on **Thursday, March 11, 2021**