

HomeTech Charter School  
Governing Board Minutes  
May 22, 2023

1.0 Opening Business:

1.1 Board Meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m.

Present:	Martin Svec	Wendy Lightbody
	Julie Crandall	Christina Powell
	Carmel Buckhout	Ariane Fialon

Absent: None.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 Ms. Crandall motioned for the approval of the May board agenda. Mr. Svec seconded. The board unanimously approved.

3.0 No public comment.

4.0 Communications/Reports

4.1 Students nominated for Student of the Month for the month of May were not able to attend. Certificates will be given to students during conference week.

4.2 The student representative gave an update on recent events, including: conference week information, graduation, senior prank, yearbook distribution, upcoming sports information meeting, prom, awards night, and the Chocolate 5K run completed by students from the Paradise Outreach class.

4.3 No comments from the board.

4.4 Principal's Report

1.0 Ms. Crandall provided the monthly enrollment by grade. The current enrollment is 126. The ADA total is 90.44.

2.0 Ms. Crandall shared a breakdown of important information regarding the current operations of HomeTech.

5.0 Discussion Items

5.1 Ms. Crandall asked board members to consider possible candidates for the open community representative position on the board. The board inquired if a community member would be able to serve on two school boards at the same time. Ms. Crandall said that this is something that would have to be researched.

5.2 Tom Taylor discussed the issue of HomeTech having the principal and teacher representatives as voting members on the HomeTech board. PUSD will be contacting their lawyers to find out the legality of having our board structure include the teacher and principal. Ms. Crandall requested of Tom Taylor that the HomeTech principal and teacher member would recuse themselves from all votes until it is time for the charter renewal. The board liked the idea of adding language in the charter that states the principal and teacher are advisory members only. The board would like Ms. Crandall to seek advice from legal counsel.

5.3 The counseling position has been flown, but there have been no qualified applicant submissions. HomeTech receives around \$11,000.00 from

BCOE each year to support counseling services. Ms. Crandall suggested a contract with Jess Mercer, trauma specialist, for emotional support services. Jess Mercer would also participate in elementary enrichment. Ms. Crandall suggested Mrs. Hamm and Mrs. Kemp work together to provide academic guidance for next year. The board suggested changing the counseling posting to .2 academic counselor. It was also suggested that Ms. Crandall ask the other local charters if counseling services can be shared.

5.4 Ms. Crandall shared the difficulties Mrs. Reinolds faced working with the current credit card company and would like to apply for a Cal-Card through U.S. Bank. The board thought this would be an appropriate change to make.

5.5 PUSD is requesting all HomeTech board members submit a biography and be uploaded through the Epicenter portal.

## 6.0 Action Items

6.6 Item 6.6 was moved to the first action item. Ms. Crandall reviewed the changes made to the HTCTA agreement with the board. Mrs. Hamm was in attendance to answer any questions. Mrs. Powell motioned for the consideration and approval of the revised Collective Bargaining Agreement between HTCTA and HomeTech Charter School. Mrs. Lightbody seconded. Ms. Crandall and Mr. Svec both abstained their votes. The board approved.

6.1 Mrs. Lightbody nominated Christina Powell for the position of Vice Chair for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Svec seconded the nomination. Mrs. Powell recused herself. The board approved the nomination.

6.2 The Chico Children's Endowment Grant will help support payment to Barbara Mandelbaum Consulting. Mrs. Lightbody motioned for the consideration and approval of the application for Chico Children's Endowment Grant in the Amount of \$10,000.00 to continue capacity and systems work. Mrs. Fialon seconded. The board unanimously approved.

6.3 The Lundberg Family Farms Grant will also help support payment to Barbara Mandelbaum Consulting. Mr. Svec motioned for the consideration and approval of the application for the Lundberg Family Farms Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 to continue capacity and systems work. Mrs. Buckhout seconded. The board unanimously approved.

6.4 Mrs. Lightbody motioned for the consideration and approval of board policy update – graduation requirements changing from computer literacy to financial literacy for HTC graduation. Mrs. Powell seconded. The board unanimously approved.

6.5 Mrs. Lightbody motioned for the consideration and approval of the proposed curriculum for financial literacy in grades 10-12. Mrs. Fialon seconded. The board unanimously approved.

6.7 Ms. Crandall motioned for the consideration and approval of the Aeries SIS Renewal for 2023-24 School Year. Mrs. Buckhout seconded. The board unanimously approved.

7.0 Mrs. Lightbody motioned for the consideration and approval for the items listed under the consent agenda. The board thanked Mrs. Fialon for calling families in the attempt to

have HTC Chromebooks and Hotspots returned to the school. Mr. Svec seconded. The board unanimously approved.

8.0 Items in closed session.

8.1 PERSONNEL ISSUES

8.2 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

9.0 Adjourned to closed session at 4:50 p.m.

10.0 Reconvened to open session at 5:13 p.m.

11.0 No action taken in closed session.

12.0 Next regular board meeting scheduled for June 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Next special board meeting scheduled for June 22, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

13.0 Adjourned 5:14 p.m.



Danielle Reinolds