**ECHO Charter School Board of Education**

Regular Meeting Minutes DRAFT

6:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Rescheduled date (due to inclement weather): Monday, March 18, 2019

**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. **Call to order @ 6:06 pm**

**Members present**: Debbie E., Judy M., Nikki S., Eddy Z., On phone: Teide E., Mark H.

**Others present**: Helen B-R., Jeralyn B., Jessica L., Krista, Holly, Kris S., Jeff B., Sara D.,

**Members not present:**

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

All thosein Compliance: \_\_6\_\_\_\_ Not in Compliance: \_\_0\_\_\_

1. **Strategic Planning: Visions for 2019-2020** brainstorming- elective teaching positions, moving rooms, painting positive/encouraging words, community groups, shared teachers, seek foundations/organizations out to partner with
2. **Opportunity for others to speak –**
3. **Consent Agenda**
   1. Resolution to Approve Agenda

Discussion/Amendments -

* 1. Resolution to Approve Minutes of **Thursday, February 21, 2019,** Regular Meeting

Discussion/Amendments--

* 1. Resolution to Approve Financial Report

Discussion/Amendments--

* 1. Resolution to Approve Presentation of Bills #15984-16004 $47,679.54

Discussion/Amendments--

* 1. Resolution to Accept Presentation of Donations in the amount of $0

Discussion/Amendments--

* 1. Resolution to Approve Consent Agenda Items

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

Motion by: \_\_\_Judy M\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Second by: \_\_Mark H\_\_\_

Vote: \_\_\_y-5, n-0, a-1\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **Reports:**
   1. Director’s Report – IQS data is in, we can begin negotiation for contract; loan paperwork is in; curriculum mapping-a number of teachers are complete; still waiting for information on whether snow dates must be made up, resolution has passed senate and is in house, once passed will go to governor, currently only the 18th has been reclaimed, teachers will have additional in-service days but we are standing in the positive for students; drug team rescheduled; Travis & Helen are beginning review of American Indian Achievements; 100% clear, there were no findings on the SpEd review, we currently have 23 students; working on star report and bylaws rewrite per Glory (IQS)
   2. PACT for Families/Chemical Health Coalition of YMC – Debbie E. reports LEADERS met March 11 and 18, discussed school climate/culture and drug availability/use/strategies, will work on encouraging words/phrases to be painted on walls
   3. Staff Development – Helen reports Marsha & Melanie are focusing on curriculum mapping, they are also doing a book study on poverty, Friday is an in-service, four staff members have completed suicide prevention training
   4. Athletic Department – Krista reports basketball finals girls 2-5, with 9 games left unplayed because of weather, boys 6-3 with 6 games left unplayed. There will be no athletic banquet, flag football is in the works, currently scheduling games for next year. Jeff B reported trap has 17 members with no new students (4 Echo, 13 YME), first fundraiser is March 23 and Sportsman’s banquet to follow, the team is not part of the state high school league but still asking that the school provide grade accountability, will provide a roster to Echo, registration is now by students on-line, Krista will check with Melanie to see if 21st century will continue to pay registration for Echo students
   5. Policies & Procedures – Debbie reports bylaws need to be corrected to reflect changes that were made, a policy committee will be formed to go over and update policies beginning in May with board retreat and continuing through the summer
   6. Board Training Report – Debbie reports will commence once new board members are elected on April 4
   7. PBL Report – most kids are doing ok. Some kids will get an F because they are not following guidelines
   8. School Promotion – Debbie reports once a new plan has been devised during May retreat it will be rolled out; Helen reports the play (April 5-6) advertising has begun, kindergarten round up is 3/26; adds are being run for 2 weeks in Granite/Cottonwood; Eddy suggested we look into Facebook adds
   9. Fundraising – Debbie reports the Butterbraids sale to begin on 3/26, will get student activity totals in by 4/1
   10. School Trips – Science museum trip went very well, received complements about good behavior of Echo students, Helen received a call from museum staff complementing students; Jessica reports High School trip will be to Colorado, currently 13 kids are interested, cost will be approximately $500; Sara reports currently there is not a Jr High trip planned
   11. Old Business – cell phone adherence is still an issue, Helen reports that the staff team decided on classroom management and teachers would enforce,
2. **Action Items:** 
   1. \_Adopt E-Learning plan for Submission to MDE\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken: \_tabled while revisions are made by MDE & Helen, to be submitted by fall\_

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

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

* 1. \_\_Purchase lawn mower vs contract with service (spent $5600 in 2018)\_\_\_:

Action Taken: \_\_\_tabled to ask Jim to get us lawn mower bids, current mower is working will see possibility of trade in or keeping as a back up\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

1. **Discussion/Informational Items:**

A. Additional auditor’s recommendations: Glory & Auditor recommended there be a Trap Team liaison for accountability, Krista will cover that;

B. Discipline: Eddy recommended an individual to help carry out student discipline and Hawk volunteered

C. A community meeting to discuss plan moving forward and address any questions the parents and the community may have in general. This will be April 4, same day as board member voting.

**Meeting closed for a personnel matter @ 8:22pm**

**Approve to Adjourn the closed session @ 9:19pm motion by Eddy Z. Second by Judy M.**

**Meeting re-opened @ 9:20pm**

**Approve to Adjourn the meeting @ 9:20 pm**

Motion by: Teide E.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Second by: \_Eddy Z.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The next regular meeting will be held at 6:00pm on **Thursday, April 11, 2019.**

xs: dae