

Board Meeting
Minutes – August 31, 2020

Chairman Romero called the meeting to order at 8:34 am.

Members in attendance: Chairman Romero, Tawnya Phoenix, Shirley Ruis, Mandy Curo Quintero, and Danthia Gil. Others in attendance Principal McKeever, Teachers Julie Cushman, Krystal Hoffmann, and Yvonne LaChappa, Recording Secretary.

Chairman Romero asked that Item #7 under Principal Report be tabled at this time.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Mandy to approve the agenda with correction, table number 7 under Principal Report.
Second by Mandy. Carried

Approval of Minutes July 20, 2020

Motion made by Danthia Gil to approved the minutes of July 20, 2020. Second by Mandy. Carried 4, 0, 0.

Teachers Julie Cushman and Krystal Hoffmann went over option 1 and 2 for Proposed In-Person Weekly Schedule. They also shared with the board their Monday – Friday Recess and lunch Schedule. Teachers are planning an Enrichment Election Friday for student's 3-8 grades. They are working with Laurie at the Museum as one of the electives. They are excited to see this happen. Teachers are still missing math books and technology.

Question asked of the teachers if parents are given the option to keep their child/children home and have a teacher available for virtual learning. Julie said that it would be case by case but during the day teachers are teaching. Julie would not want to lose students and would try to accommodate them. Chairman Romero thanked the teachers for their hard work, planning and dedication.

Budget Report: Austin McKeever

- Miranda apologizes for last column on the budget report, should not be there, it is for her purpose.
- Carryover not added to this budget.
- COVID Cares Act Money, we expecting more. Have to spend these monies by December 30, 2020.
- Question about travel and conferences; we have not had any travel and conferences expenses.

Principal Report:

1. Austin went over the Safe School Reopening Plan.

Austin was unable to get under the LA Unified Grant with Lakeside, so he reached out to Verizon for Hot Spots. Question to Austin, why did it take so long to get the Hot Spots handled, and that this should have been done a long time ago. Austin said that there are 30 families that are in need of Hot Spots and was waiting for Verizon to get the quote to him in order to send a Purchase Order.

Hand Sanitizer machines are located in classrooms. Handwashing station will be installed near the KN classroom. Dividers are in place for student desks.

Austin was asked who his contact is in case of a COVID case or any other protocols regarding COVID. He stated that he would reach out to the County Health Department. Austin was informed to reach out to Jim Lang, Barona Public Safety Officer.

Chairman Romero stressed the importance of taking care and following COVID protocol. His concern is for the school, community members and elders in the community. This of utmost importance.

2. Teachers will be meeting with parents, distance meetings, in the classrooms.

3. Work Agreement: Teachers, and Ms. Debbie started back to work before the normal school start date. Austin would like to compensate them on a time sheet.

Motion by Tawnya Phoenix to approve the EWA, Extra Work Agreement to compensate staff that worked increased workdays. Second by Shirley Ruis. Carried 4, 0, 0.

Tawnya brought up the counter issue in the 7/8 grade classroom. Krystal Hoffmann said she wanted those taken out and it would not be any cost to the tribe, her husband and father were going to do the work. Krystal was informed (not by the board) that the counters could not be taken out at this time.

4. Approval for Increased Workday RSP (Resource Specialist, Special Ed) teacher. Austin explained that she needs the extra day and he is requesting an aide to work with her. Because of school closing in March, testing and IEP meetings are backed up. Austin talked about dividing the computer lab; need space for special Ed and physiologist testing, when they come on campus. He was in hopes that the offices in the Tutoring Room could be used during the day. Austin was told that this is not an option. Austin would like to hire a PE teacher and an Instructional Aide.

Motion by Tawnya Phoenix to approve the extra work-day for the RSP teacher and hire two classified staff. Second by Danthia Gil. Carried 4, 0, 0.

5. Austin explained that Kristi Johnson was formally an Instructional Aide last school year. He would like to change her status to a full time science teacher.

Motion by Tawnya Phoenix to approve Kristi Johnson to full time Science Teacher. Second by Danthia Gil. Carried 4, 0, 0.

6. Auditors Selection. Auditors Wilkinson Hadley, King & CO. have submitted their engagement letter for approval for a three-year contract. They will provide an auditor staff member that has not previously work with Barona Charter.

Motion by Tawnya Phoenix to approve Wilkinson Handley King & CO engagement letter for a three-year contract. Second by Danthia Gil. Carried 4, 0, 0.

Motion by Tawnya Phoenix to alter the due date of the audit report for the 2019-20 fiscal year. The new due date is March 31, 2021. Second by Mandy Curo Quintero. Carried 4, 0, 0.

Next meeting date scheduled for September 21, 2020, 8:30 am.

Motion by Tawnya Phoenix to adjourn (10:13 am) by Tawnya Phoenix. Second by Shirley Ruis.
Carried 4, 0, 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne LaChappa
Recording Secretary