

MINUTES

Of the Board of Directors of Grow Public Schools

(A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation)

I. PRELIMINARY

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of this corporation, held their regular meeting at the time, on the day, and at the place set forth as follows:

Time: 4:46 pm

Date: August 10, 2022

Location: 471 W. Los Angeles St. Shafter, CA 93263 and 901 Nectarine Court Arvin, CA 93203 via teleconference

2. DIRECTORS PRESENT

The following directors, constituting a quorum of the Board, were present at the meeting:

Present: Ernie Unruh, Kern County Superintendent of Schools Representative; Manuel Pantoja, Secretary and Arvin Community Representative; Matt Look, Star Parents of Grow Academy (SPGA) and Parent Representative via teleconference

Absent: Tom Mestmaker, President

Grow Public Schools Staff Present; Dr. Ric Esquivel, Chief of Schools; Doc Ervin, Interim CEO; Michelle Lumis, Executive Assistant via teleconference; Adam Alvidrez, Director of School Operations via teleconference; Rick Phillips, Senior Operations Manager; Elizabeth Ramos, Interpreter, via teleconference; Zulema Ela, Assistant Principal of Academics, Grow Academy Arvin via teleconference; Hurshel Williams, Principal, Grow Academy Arvin via teleconference; Lacie Harris, Principal, Grow Academy Shafter; Dr. Monica Jara Guerra, Director of Community Initiatives via teleconference; Madison Anderholt, Intervention Coordinator, Grow Academy Shafter; Tanya Kelley, Assistant Principal of Academics, Grow Academy Shafter, Beth Wood, Instructional Coach, Grow Academy Shafter; Sylvia Gonzales, Assistant Principal of Student Services, Grow Academy Shafter; Elma Rodriguez, Teacher, Grow Academy Shafter

Grimm Family Education Foundation Staff Present: RJ Valentino, President; Barbara Grimm Marshall, Founder; Dylan Wilson, Executive Director Edible School Yard Kern County; Jennifer Marcus, Office Manager via teleconference; Kari Heilman, Executive Assistant via teleconference

Other attendees: Elia Sagasta, Curriculum and Instruction Director, Richland School District, via teleconference; Araceli Contreras

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT - None

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Michelle Lumis shared the item listed on the Consent Agenda will be moved to the August 29, 2022 board meeting for approval.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

Grow Public Schools Leadership Report – None

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

1. The Directors were presented with the approval of Board Resolution Regarding the Sufficiency or Insufficiency of Instructional Materials that were considered and discussed. On a motion duly made by Manuel Pantoja, seconded by Matt Look and carried, the Board approved the Board Resolution Regarding the Sufficiency or Insufficiency of Instructional Materials.

Board Member	Yay	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Tom Mestmaker			X	
Manuel Pantoja	X			
Ernie Unruh	X		X	
Matt Look	X			

Michelle Lumis shared that action items two, four and five would be tabled for a future board meeting.

3. The Directors were presented with the approval of Kindergarten Early Admission Request for GA Shafter that were considered and discussed. On a motion duly made by Matt Look, seconded by Manuel Pantoja and carried, the Board approved the Kindergarten Early Admission Request for GA Shafter.

Board Member	Yay	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Tom Mestmaker			X	
Manuel Pantoja	X			
Ernie Unruh	X		X	
Matt Look	X			

V. ADJORNMENT

On a motion the board adjourned at 4:50 pm.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I certify that I am the duly elected Secretary of the Grow Public Schools, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation; that these minutes, consisting of three (3) pages are the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on August 10, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' followed by a cursive 'O' and a final flourish.

Secretary

