



Minutes

Grow Public Schools Board Meeting

DATE and TIME:

Monday, March 18, 2024, at 1:30pm

LOCATIONS:**Physical Location**

CMO Office – Professional Development Center
4800 Corporate Court, Bakersfield, CA 93311

Locations to Attend Virtually

Grow Academy Arvin – Conference Room
901 Nectarine Court, Arvin, CA 93203

Grow Academy Shafter – Conference Room
471 W Los Angeles Ave., Shafter, CA 93263

1. Opening Items

- 1.1 Call the Meeting to Order
The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm by Board Chair, Tom Mestmaker.
- 1.2 Record Attendance
Tom Mestmaker, Matt Look, Manuel Pantoja, Ernie Unruh, Doc Ervin, Dr. Ric Esquivel, Steve McClain, Don Pasion, Kari Heilman, Yolanda Sanchez, Stephanie Sanchez, Melody Castillo, Eric Mendez, Dr. Elysa Vargas, Jennifer Marcus (remote), Victoria Potter (remote), Dylan Wilson (remote), Cindy Frantz (remote)
- 1.3 Flag Salute
Tom Mestmaker, Board Chair, led the flag salute.
- 1.4 Public Comment
Kari Heilman, Executive Assistant, shared that there were no public comments.

2. Financial Update

Steve McClain, Chief Business Officer, shared that Cindy Frantz from EdTec will be presenting the Second Interim Financial Report for GA-Arvin and GA-Shafter. Before Cindy begins her presentation, we wanted to mention that the remaining board meeting dates for this year and the proposed dates for the 2024-2025 school year are included in your board packet. They are listed as a consent item on today's agenda.

Doc Ervin, Chief Executive Officer, further informed the board that the upcoming June 24th meeting will include the LCAP Public Hearing, just like last year's June meeting.

Cindy Frantz began her presentation by sharing that the second interim financials are one of the four mandatory reports required by the authorizers each year. She proceeded to discuss the financial status, noting that due to the transition to the countywide benefit, the one-time grant funds will expire. Consequently, the funds from these grants have been allocated into this fiscal year. Additionally, she mentioned that we can anticipate delayed funding for LCFF and Lottery in FY25. Discussions regarding the Extended Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP), Prop 28, and Title IV funding are ongoing.

3. Action Items

- 3.1 Approval of FY 2023-2024 Second Interim Financial Report for GA-Arvin.

Manuel Pantoja made a motion to approve the FY 2023-2024 Second Interim Financial Report for GA-Arvin.

Moved by: Manuel Pantoja

Seconded by: Matt Look

Aye Tom Mestmaker, Manuel Pantoja, Matt Look, and Ernie Unruh
Carried 4-0

- 3.2 Approval of FY 2023-2024 Second Interim Financial Report for GA-Shafter.

Matt Look made a motion to approve the FY 2023-2024 Second Interim Financial Report for GA-Shafter.

Moved by: Matt Look

Seconded by: Manuel Pantoja

Aye Tom Mestmaker, Manuel Pantoja, Matt Look, and Ernie Unruh
Carried 4-0

4. Consent Items

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS/OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Consent Agenda consists of items that are considered routine and non-controversial by Grow Public Schools staff. Consent items will be considered first and may be approved by one motion. If a member of the public wishes to comment regarding an item or items on the Consent Agenda, they may do so prior to a vote being taken on the Consent Agenda. A member of the board may remove any item from the Consent Agenda and it will be considered in listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the board concerning the item before action is taken.

Ernie Unruh made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items 4.1 – 4.5.

Moved by: Ernie Unruh

Seconded by: Matt Look

Aye Tom Mestmaker, Manuel Pantoja, Matt Look, and Ernie Unruh
Carried 4-0

- 4.1 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from February 26, 2024
- 4.2 Approval of Warrant and Credit Card Registers for February 2024
- 4.3 Approval of 2024-2025 Board Meeting Dates
- 4.4 Approve Award of E-Rate Network Equipment Contract
- 4.5 Approval of Grow Public Schools Certificated Teacher Salary Schedule, Effective July 1, 2024

5. Closing Items

- 5.1 Adjourn Meeting

Matt Look made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:39pm.

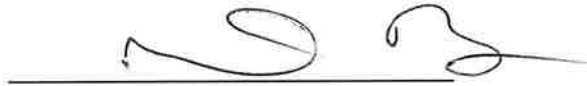
Moved by: Matt Look

Seconded by: Manuel Pantoja

Aye Tom Mestmaker, Manuel Pantoja, Matt Look, and Ernie Unruh
Carried 4-0

Certificate of Secretary

I certify that I am the duly elected Secretary of Grow Public Schools, a California non-profit public benefit corporation; that these minutes consisting of three (3) pages, are the minutes of the regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors held on March 18, 2024.



Secretary

