

**WHITE PINE CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Meeting
2959 JOHN ADAMS PARKWAY – AMMON, ID
March 15, 2016 – 6:30 PM**

I. Call to Order –

1. Roll Call Director: Chair Burrows (present), Director Rubio (present) Director Beck (present), Director Gleave (present), Director Eddington (excused) Director Schweinsberg (excused)
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Randy Crisler
3. Welcome visitors: Chair Burrows
4. Approval of agenda: Director Rubio made a motion to amend the agenda and strike the February meeting minutes from the agenda. Director Beck 2nd the motion. Unanimous vote by the Board.

II. Mission Statement/Vision Statement/Primary Goals (3 minutes) Chair Burrows

- III. Public Input** – Public input will provide an opportunity for any board member, administrator, staff member, parent, or student to raise issues of interest. The Board will receive input without comment, except to as germane questions of those speaking. Comments should be limited to 3 minutes. The Board will take no action relative to any items during the meeting, but will address the items in a subsequent board meeting or in writing.

Maggie Wood: Charter changes are not in compliance to the Charter and needed to let parents know. Not coming back because she is not happy with the way things are being ran. Suggestion: administration costs 3 full time administrators. Full time social worker, etc. Don't need so many administrators.

Valerie Waite: Second the words of Maggie Wood. We need curriculum and we can't not afford it. Science, etc. Do we really have the need for a top heavy administration?

Jana Johnston: Asked to be included in the decision process because we put in a lot of different time into this school. Elementary should not be punished for problems in the Middle School. Need money for curriculum and not necessary to raise class sizes.

Ken Graham: A little scary when teachers and parents are not fully informed. The Middle School has issues and now we have a plan to expand to a high school, but one of the things to look at is why our

students don't want to come here in the middle school. Start with a separate middle school.

Breanne Bateman: Representing the parents and as a parent herself. These are concerns from teachers for several years. There used to be other options for middle school, extracurricular etc. The incentives are not there.

Carmen Peters: Don't care about the extracurricular because of having concerns about the core academics. Communication is huge part of the problem and there are a lot of kids failing who haven't failed before.

Gayle Black: Seen the school from many different angles. The last two or three years the school has taken a nose dive. The original intent of the school was that the admin, teacher, student, and parent work together. Fulfilling everything in the mission/vision statement is not possible with large class sizes. We were very frugal and we were adaptable but the original purpose of the school was that we would be different from other schools. These changes are making us similar to other schools then we are not different. Return to the vision. How are we going to be different? What's the best for the students? How are we going to fill a high school when we can't even fill a middle school? Instead, make this school the very best it can be. School Board elections. Will there be elections this year?

Jaxson Stark: Things to Consider: If a lot more students are added to the school, how many will have IEPs, how many more aides will the school need to hire. The school will not make money because of these extra expenses as well as spending more money on additional curriculum. We need to make sure we communicate with parents.

Miles Carroll: TSA Conference Results. Six gold medals, five silver medals, three bronze medals, three fourth place finishes and two fifth places. Janie Billman and Serena Harris were elected to State TSA offices. Mr. Carroll also gave his letter of resignation (retirement) to the Board and expressed appreciation for his time at the school.

Jeremy Clarke: Appreciation to the Board and is excited to come back.

IV. Pending Business (5 minutes)

V. Consent Calendar – (5 minutes)

1. Approval of February Financials
Director Rubio made the motion to approve the consent calendar, Director Beck 2nd the motion. Unanimous vote by the Board
2. Approval of February Board Meeting Minutes

VI. Administrator Report – (5 minutes)

1. ISAT testing coming up
2. Spring IRI April
3. Blue Ox wanting to meet to help with building a high school

VII. Regular Business (15minutes)

1. Approval of WPCS 2016-2017 Calendar
Chair Burrows had a question about starting on a Thursday.
Consensus from teachers that it helps students transition. Director Beck made the motion to approve the 2016-2017 School Calendar. Director Rubio Second the motion. Unanimous vote by the Board
2. Leadership Funds approval (STEM)
Director Beck moved to approve STEM under leadership funds.
Director Rubio 2nd the motion. Unanimous vote by the Board.
3. Charter Change—Class Sizes:
Chair Burrows: Clarification on public input. The intention of this agenda item was to formally discuss if we wanted to move forward in proposing a change in the charter, but that decision had not been made. The idea came up due to some fiscal concerns that, this year, are related to the enrollment in the middle school. On that note, the Board has not been given any formal or informal proposals about reducing specific budget line items for next year. The concerns of the faculty and parents on both regards have been noted. When the Board added the third kindergarten class, the intention was not to create the bubble class. We plan for that pattern to continue (next year with three first grade and kindergarten classes, and so on) to force the issue that we need to make changes for the sake of the middle school's viability. The Board believes that many of the problems with the middle school's enrollment can be addressed by a new location and adding additional secondary teachers to increase variety and elective offerings that would be possible and necessary by creating a high school. Since two Directors were absent from the meeting, Chair Burrows tabled the vote and further discussion on class sizes.

VIII. Upcoming Meeting and Board Items

1. Next Board Meeting: April 19, 2016
2. Board Work Session (sometime after Spring Break)

IX. Executive Session: IC 74-206(b)

Director Rubio made the motion to move into Executive Session. Director Beck 2nd the motion. Both Chair Burrows and Director Gleave upheld the motion. The Board went into Executive Session at 8:20 pm and came out at 9:20 pm.

X. Adjourn