



# Explorations Charter School

## Minutes

### Governing Board Regular Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday November 19, 2024 at 5:30 PM

#### Location

Governing Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 19 · 5:30 – 6:30pm

Time zone: America/New\_York

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/wot-bboq-psd>

Or dial: (US) +1 321-265-4037 PIN: 960 944 884#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/wot-bboq-psd?pin=7066572918821>

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#### Directors Present

Bryan Raydenbow (remote), Ginni Block (remote), Greg Skinner (remote), Hilary Paden (remote), Julie Luby (remote), Kali Blakeslee (remote), Lori Noto (remote), Robert Peterson (remote), Sarah Annis Haynes (remote)

#### Directors Absent

*None*

#### Guests Present

Jill Johnson (remote), Joe White (remote), Susan O'Rourke (remote)

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### I. Opening Items

#### A.

## Record Attendance

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

Robert Peterson called a meeting of the board of directors of Explorations Charter School to order on Tuesday Nov 19, 2024 at 5:31 PM.

- Welcome to new board member, Julie Luby, Winchester Public Schools Superintendent.
- Board member introductions.

### C. Approve Minutes - 10/15/2024

Bryan Raydenbow made a motion to Approve the minutes.

Ginni Block seconded the motion.

No discussion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

Ginni Block	Aye
Julie Luby	Aye
Hilary Paden	Aye
Robert Peterson	Aye
Kali Blakeslee	Aye
Bryan Raydenbow	Aye
Lori Noto	Abstain
Greg Skinner	Aye
Sarah Annis Haynes	Aye

## II. Financial

### A. October Monthly Report

Susan O'Rourke alerted the Board to the following information:

- October 2024
- July 2024 - October 2024
- Comparison income v. expenses
- Pupil services (income): A little behind from last year, likely related to timing of incoming funds.
- Maintenance: Flood invoices received. No budget item for that. Prepaid insurance negates this.
- New insurance money? Approx. \$35,000 income/expenses expected.
- Grant monies on their way (SRSA, Consolidated)
- \$115,000 out on a line of credit.
- Employee retention credit checks expected ASAP (\$468,800)

Hilary Paden made a motion to Approve the October monthly report.

Sarah Annis Haynes seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### **III. Committee Reports**

#### **A. Policy Committee**

Policy update

- Transgender Policy update --> Joe White will send

Committee report update re: Jill

### **IV. School News**

#### **A. Charter Renewal Update**

- Accountability and subcommittee meeting attended by Jill Johnson and Sarah Haines.
- CTSDE was kind, positive, and encouraging.
- Board members report feeling the meeting went very well.
- CAP accepted.
- Corrective Action Monitoring Spreadsheet to do.
- Additional guidance provided.
- Due December 2, 2024.
- PLCs looking at teaching and learning.
- ECS Program of Studies is in the process of being revised to include innovative electives.
- PD day productive.
- 2025 Charter Renewal Process begins.
- October 23 Deputy Commissioner visited ECS. Dr. Jenkins was also in attendance. Very positive meeting.
- Lori Noto expressed thanks to the staff for their continued hard work.

#### **B. General Updates**

- Currently at 74 students from a low of 67 students.
- Outreach from Winchester public schools to place students.
- Plan is to keep pause acceptance of new students until at least January 2025 (the midpoint of the year).
- 42% year to date at the end of October.
- Perfect attendance in the building on Friday, November 15!
- McCall Foundation began building programs (returning from last year).
- Feeling that there is a lot of positive energy and movement in the right direction due to student choice and staff energy.

- Discussion re: chronic absenteeism initiated by Bob Peterson.
- Incoming student data re: history of chronic absenteeism.
- Positive trend lines have been created and we have been encouraged to bring them to the Accountability and Support Sub Committee.

### C. Student Membership To the Board

- Position announced daily via school announcements.
- Students invited to apply to Jill no later than December 2, 2024.
- Discussion at December meeting to determine student members.

## V. Closing Items

### A. Adjourn Meeting

Ginni Block made a motion to Adjourn meeting.

Lori Noto seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

Hilary Paden	Aye
Bryan Raydenbow	Aye
Julie Luby	Aye
Sarah Annis Haynes	Aye
Kali Blakeslee	Aye
Ginni Block	Aye
Greg Skinner	Aye
Lori Noto	Aye
Robert Peterson	Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kali Blakeslee

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### Documents used during the meeting

- Monthly Report October 2024.pdf