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Explorations Charter School

Minutes

Governing Board Regular Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday October 14, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Directors Present
Ginni Block (remote), Hilary Paden (remote), Kali Blakeslee (remote), Lori Noto (remote), Marc Pruchnicki (remote), Robert Peterson (remote), Sarah Annis Haynes (remote)

Directors Absent
Bryan Raydenbow, Greg Skinner, Julie Luby

Guests Present
Bill Hallam (remote), Joseph White (remote), Susan O'Rourke (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Lori Noto called a meeting of the board of directors of Explorations Charter School to order on Wednesday Oct 14, 2026 at 5:01 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Robert Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Retreat on 09-12-26. Sarah Annis Haynes seconded the motion.

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

II. Finance

A. September Monthly Report

Susan O'Rourke reported on the September 2026 Monthly Report:

Insurance

- $1,382 (in the black)
- $19,000 credited
- More information forthcoming

Grants/Money to be spent

- DRIP
- NW Community Funds
- Draper Grant
- Consolidated (Title I & II)
- REAP

Administrative Salaries:

- Budget for full time administrative person gives us approximately $15,000 credit

Bob inquired about the number of Credit Cards and Bank Accounts

- Credit Cards (2)
- Student accounts (4)
- Operting Account (1)
- Payroll Account (1)
- Scholarship Accounts (4)

Sarah Annis Haynes made a motion to approve the Septeber Monthly Report.
Robert Peterson seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Bank Signers

Per bylaws, two signatures are required for all checks over a certain amount of money.

Per bank, we need to add signers to the accounts to be in compliance with bylaws.

Proposal to add:

- Lori Noto

- Sarah Annis Haynes

Robert Peterson made a motion to add Lori Noto and Sarah Annis Haynes as Bank Signers.
Ginni Block seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Committee Reports

A. Policy Committee

No updates.

B. FInance Committee

See prior discussion under September Finance Report.

IV. School Updates

A. General Updates

Bill reported:

- 86 students as of October 1.
- Student interest in school continues.
- Special Education billing sent out.
- Day-to-day operations are running smoothly.

Joe reported:

- Population of special education is higher this year as compared to last year.
- Cooperation with Special Education team is paramount.
- Special Education department's expertise utilized to adjust IEPs.
- CAS specialist Gina Wygonik coming Monday, October 17 to tour school and meet with Administrative Team.

Bob voiced his support and offered a listening ear for administrative team.

Lori Noto voiced her support and availability to offer her expertise to the Special Education team.

B. Attendance

Joseph White reported:

- 40 students chronically absent (3 days out) for first data collection (46%).
- PPTs, 504s, parent meetings ongoing to address attendance/chronic absenteeism.

- High mental health needs in student population.
- Dr. Jenkins from the turn-around office stressed the importance of documentation for each individual students' chronic absenteeism.

Marc Pruchnicki offered his professional support for chronic absenteeism.

Kali Blakeslee noted the high number of students with perfect attendance (20 students).

C. Enrollment

See information General Updates above.

V. Upcoming Events and Teachers' Updates

A. Teachers' Updates

Kali Blakeslee reported:

- Spirit Week planned for October 26 - 30.
- Teachers presenting a calm, cool, united front.
- Many wonderful, new students.
- More positives than negatives shared during staff meeting!

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Lori Noto made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Ginni Block seconded the motion.
Bob Peterson praised Lori Noto for her leadership in running the meeting.

November meeting moved from November 11 to November 4.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kali Blakeslee

Documents used during the meeting

None