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Minutes

Regular Meeting

New Hope Charter School Board

Date and Time
Monday May 12, 2025 at 4:30 PM

Location
201 Jessie Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95838

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Directors Present

Kim Howard (remote), Lisa Fong (remote), Ruben Reyes (remote)

Directors Absent
None

Guests Present
Anjam Khan, Herinder Pegany, Jeff Kreiser (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Kim Howard called a meeting of the board of directors of New Hope Charter School to order on Monday May 12, 2025 at 4:38 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Approval of Agenda

Voted to approve agenda for 5/12/25.

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Prior Meeting Minutes: March 10, 2025

Ruben Reyes made a motion to approve the minutes from New Hope Charter School Board on 03-10-25.
Kim Howard seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

III. Reports

A. Executive Director Report: Update on NHCS School Dashboard for 2024-25 and Local Control & Accountability Plan 2025-26

Updates to 24-27 LCAP Goals (Key Actions and Key Metrics)

- Goal 1 - Academic Performance
  - 10 Staff Professional Learning days
  - Removed Action 1.9 since we exited CSI, due to growth on the CA School Dashboard
  - Add language to Action 1.4 and 1.7 - partnership with El Dorado Charter SELPA, Professional Learning Network
  - Action 1.6 - In search of a new ELD curriculum; currently using the Amplify's ELD component, but more Newcomer support needed to supplement the comprehensive reading program.

    - Staff PD - time to analyze data, plan for small group instruction, learning lab for trying new strategies, action research with a smaller group of students (before bringing into the classroom).
- Goal 2 - School Climate, building school culture
    - Deleting Action 2.2 - Mental Health and SEL. Second Step curriculum still being used, but will also utilize the SELPA's resources to address. Established culture is making academic growth possible; focus can shift more towards academics since proactive with SEL.
- Goal 3 - Parent Involvement
    - Continued and improved execution of parent engagement

CA School Dashboard Performance

- Chronic absenteeism (yellow)
    - 25.4%, large problem in the region
    - Addressing transportation, parent outreach, monitoring trends
- Suspension Rate (yellow)
    - Decreasing - 17% (2022-23), 12% (2023-24), 8% (as of April 30th for 2024-25) at various points through this school year (moved from red to yellow)
    - Bring back/restore students in a healthy way
- English Learner Progress (orange)
    - 45.5%, continued growth
- English Language Arts (red)
    - -72.7 DFS
- Math (orange)
    - -126.7 DFS
    - WIN - What I Need Intervention Time
    - 20 additional days for Intersession Support (during Summer, Fall and Spring breaks)

KH - What has been done to positively impact the school culture and growth?
Students will speak to school culture at 6/23/2025 Board Meeting

End of Year Events
8th Grade Promotion - 6/11/25, 3:00 pm, North Natomas Community Center

Student Recruitment

- Goal: 170 students, 7th & 8th
- 55 Students currently enrolled in 7th for 25-26 (earlier than prior years)
- Student Ambassadors helping with 6th grade visits, representing student body
- 6th grade students able to ask more high-level questions on the NHCS experience
- Family Night - both prospective and current families visited on 5/8/25 and heard from student speakers, spoke to personal challenges and growth

- RR - families are drawn to the strong reputation NHCC has garnered, want to be here

Fiscal Update
NHCS budget being developed, as CA budget is in flux. We await Governor's May revision before finalizing Budget for presentation to NHCS Board at June 23 meeting.
2023-24 Tax Returns - Board needs to complete Form 700

Partner Development & Fundraising (Jeff Kreiser)

- A volunteer group from a local church prepared food and picked up trash for Family Night event
- Social media is active and adds to community engagement, sharing stories and successes (new website, Facebook, Instagram)
- Goal: website can identify 10 community partners
- Big Day of Giving - Sacramento Region Community Foundation

IV. Discussion Items

A. Public Hearing: Local Control & Accountability Plan (LCAP) 2025-26

No action needed.

B. Consideration and Approval of 2025-26 Lease Agreement between New Hope Charter School, LLC and New Hope Charter School.

Monthly payment amount is the same ($36K).
Robla School District will vote to extend the agreement another four years.
Ruben Reyes made a motion to approve.
Kim Howard seconded the motion.
5:33 pm
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. Consideration and Approval of 2025-26 NHCS Student-Parent Handbook

No new policies
Consulted with legal team

RR - We will need to address policies with AI
HP - Research is being conducted; will bring revisions to Handbook in June

- This year, increased communication on Promotion policies and high standards. Helping families to distinguish terms, ie. ceremony attendance from grade level retention.

- Policies help the students take responsibility and set them up for further success in future contexts. Families are supported in understanding and meeting the expectations.

Lisa Fong made a motion to approve.
Ruben Reyes seconded the motion.
5:47 pm
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

V. Future Business

A. Requests from Board Members

Board members can arrive at Promotion Ceremony 2:30 pm.

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Fong