

MINUTES

Of the Board of Directors of Grow Public Schools

(A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation)

I. PRELIMINARY

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of this corporation, held their Public Hearing meeting at the time, on the day, and at the place set forth as follows:

Time: 4:33 pm

Date: August 10, 2022

Location: 471 W. Los Angeles St. Shafter, CA 93263 and 901 Nectarine Court Arvin, CA 93203 via teleconference

2. DIRECTORS PRESENT

The following directors, constituting a quorum of the Board, were present at the meeting:

Present: Ernie Unruh, Kern County Superintendent of Schools Representative; Manuel Pantoja, Secretary and Arvin Community Representative; Matt Look, Star Parents of Grow Academy (SPGA) and Parent Representative via teleconference

Absent: Tom Mestmaker, President

Grow Public Schools Staff Present; Dr. Ric Esquivel, Chief of Schools; Doc Ervin, Interim CEO; Michelle Lumis, Executive Assistant via teleconference; Adam Alvidrez, Director of School Operations via teleconference; Rick Phillips, Senior Operations Manager; Elizabeth Ramos, Interpreter, via teleconference; Zulema Ela, Assistant Principal of Academics, Grow Academy Arvin via teleconference; Hurshel Williams, Principal, Grow Academy Arvin via teleconference; Lacie Harris, Principal, Grow Academy Shafter; Dr. Monica Jara Guerra, Director of Community Initiatives via teleconference; Madison Anderholt, Intervention Coordinator, Grow Academy Shafter; Tanya Kelley, Assistant Principal of Academics, Grow Academy Shafter, Beth Wood, Instructional Coach, Grow Academy Shafter; Sylvia Gonzales, Assistant Principal of Student Services, Grow Academy Shafter; Elma Rodriguez, Teacher, Grow Academy Shafter

Grimm Family Education Foundation Staff Present: RJ Valentino, President; Barbara Grimm Marshall, Founder; Dylan Wilson, Executive Director Edible School Yard Kern County; Jennifer Marcus, Office Manager via teleconference; Kari Heilman, Executive Assistant via teleconference

Other attendees: Elia Sagasta, Curriculum and Instruction Director, Richland School District, via teleconference; Araceli Contreras

3. *FLAG SALUTE*
4. *ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT - None*

II. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. For Information: Public Hearing Regarding Textbooks and Instructional Materials provided to all Students, including English Learners

Ernie Unruh shared that he appreciated sitting on the Grow Public Schools board.

Dr. Ric Esquivel, Chief of Schools, shared the list of curricula by subject and grade level with the board. In accordance with the Williams Act, a Public Hearing must be held regarding the Sufficiency or Insufficiency of Instructional Materials to ensure all textbooks and instructional materials provided to all students, including English Learners, are reviewed by stakeholders.

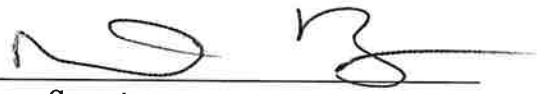
Matt Look asked what the ratio was for textbooks and Chromebooks for students. Ernie Unruh replied the ratio is one to one for textbooks and Chromebooks for students.

VI. ADJORNMENT

On a motion the board adjourned at 4:46 pm.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I certify that I am the duly elected Secretary of the Grow Public Schools, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation; that these minutes, consisting of two (2) pages are the minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of the Board of Directors held on August 10, 2022.


Secretary