

# MINUTES

## Of the Board of Directors of Grimmway Schools

(A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation)

### I. PRELIMINARY

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Date: March 27, 2017

Place: 901 Nectarine Court, Arvin, CA 93203

#### 2. DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

Present: Tom Mestmaker, Sean McNally, Manuel Pantoja and Richard Stotler and Olga Cruz

Grimm Family Education Foundation Staff Present: Evelyn Steed, Compliance Manager; Barbara Grimm Marshall, Founder; RJ Valentino, President

Grimmway Schools Staff Present: Ricky Phillips, Accounting Clerk; Neil Shah, COO

Grimmway Academy Staff Present: Greg West, Principal; Joanna Kendrick, GA Shafter Principal; Katelyn Prosser, Academic Dean; Sabrina Reimert, Intervention Coordinator; Miryam Flores, Student Services; Beth Wood, LaDwan Beard and Zulema Ela

Others Present:

Georgia Rhett, Arvin Union School District Representative

#### 3. FLAG SALUTE

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Richard Stotler, seconded by Olga Cruz, and passed, to approve the minutes of the Board meeting dated March 7, 2017.

Resolved further, that the Secretary of the Corporation is authorized and directed to insert a copy of these certified minutes into the book of minutes of this Corporation and

to see that a certified copy of these minutes is kept at the principal's office for the transaction of business of this Corporation.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Yay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Tom Mestmaker	X		
Sean McNally	X		
Manuel Pantoja	X		
Richard Stotler	X		
Olga Cruz	X		

## **II. COMMUNICATIONS**

### *ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:*

There were no non-agenda items brought before the Board of Directors at this meeting.

### *EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT*

Paul Escala was not able to make the meeting. Neil Shah reported in his absence. Neil mentioned the new School Dashboard that Mr. West will explain in more detail later in the meeting. Students in Arvin are preparing for SBAC and NWEA testing. Shafter is coming along with 250 students' enrolled and steel frames being erected on site! We are in the final round of consideration for the Charter School Growth Fund – Emerging CMO Grant for 2017.

### *PRINCIPAL'S REPORT-Grimmway Academy Arvin*

Greg West asked if there were any questions around his Principal's Report. There were none so he moved onto his presentation on the Accountability Dashboard.

### *PRESENTATION – Accountability Dashboard by Greg West*

The previous means of rating a school was the API (Academic Performance Index). It has been replaced with a tool which will rate the school on much broader measures: academic performance (ELA/Math), Suspension Rates, chronic absenteeism, and English Learner progress to begin with and later local indicators will be added. The tool will also measure how subgroups of students are performing in each category. Performance level is based on current performance compared to past performance.

Mr. West went over both the 5 X 5 placement report and the dashboard (equity report). Both reports are available for public access on the CDE (California Department of Education) website.

Greg mentioned that he would be sending out a survey to the Board of Directors to gather feedback and input on the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP).

*PRINCIPAL'S REPORT-Grimmway Academy Shafter*

Joanna Kendrick talked about the CCSA (California Charter Schools Association) Conference that was held in Sacramento last week. She and Greg West presented on a panel and reported out about “99 Accelerator”, a group of charter schools located from one end of the San Joaquin Valley to the other. Meet monthly and have found it to be very helpful; meeting new people and getting new ideas around our cause. Joanna announced the updated enrollment figure for Shafter to be at 282 students. Joanna and Irene, her Administrative Assistant, attended a community event held at St. Therese’s Catholic Church on March 26<sup>th</sup>. They saw some new faces as well as families that have already enrolled their students for next year.

*SPGA REPORT*

Olga Cruz reported that the SPGA just finished another great fundraising effort. Parents are excited to see that they are contributing towards a playground being installed on campus. Parents are also talking about shade structures and happy to see 8<sup>th</sup> grade students get the opportunity to travel to Washington, DC.

*GA STAFF REPORT*

Beth Wood provided the GA staff report. Beth talked about the next round of APTT parent meetings which will be held this week. Math and division will be an area of focus.

*FISCAL REPORT*

Neil Shah presented the CMO, Grimmway Academy Arvin and Grimmway Academy Shafter financials through the month of February.

**III. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. FISCAL**

1. The Directors were presented with the Purchase Orders and Warrants for the month of February that were considered, and discussed. On a motion duly made by Sean McNally, seconded by Manuel Pantoja, and carried, the Board approved the purchase orders and warrants.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Yay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Tom Mestmaker	X		
Sean McNally	X		
Manuel Pantoja	X		
Richard Stotler	X		
Olga Cruz	X		

2. The Directors were presented with the Approval of the Revised Grimmway Schools Fiscal Policies and Procedures that were considered, and discussed. On a motion duly made by Sean McNally, seconded by Richard Stotler, and carried, the Board approved the revised policy and procedures.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Yay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Tom Mestmaker	X		
Sean McNally	X		
Manuel Pantoja	X		
Richard Stotler	X		
Olga Cruz	X		

3. The Directors were presented with the Approval of the Grimmway Academy Arvin Resolution Regarding the Education Protection Act (EPA) that was considered, and discussed. On a motion duly made by Manuel Pantoja, seconded by Olga Cruz, and carried, the Board approved the report.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Yay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Tom Mestmaker	X		
Sean McNally	X		
Manuel Pantoja	X		
Richard Stotler	X		
Olga Cruz	X		

On a motion the board adjourned at 4:30 pm.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

I certify that I am the duly elected Secretary of the Grimmway Schools, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation; that these minutes, consisting of three (3) pages are the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on March 27, 2017.

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Secretary