

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: 4:04 p.m.

Date: January 23, 2017

Place: 901 Nectarine Court, Arvin, CA 93203

NOTED: Sean McNally presided over the meeting in the absence of the Board President, Tom Mestmaker.

2. DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

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

Absent: Tom Mestmaker

Grimm Family Education Foundation Staff Present: Evelyn Steed, Kelly Atkinson

Grimmway Schools Staff Present:

Paul Escala, Executive Director; Michelle Lumis, Compliance Manager; Ricky Phillips, Accounting Clerk; Neil Shah, COO;

Grimmway Academy Staff Present:

Greg West, Principal, Joanna Kendrick, GA Shafter Principal, Katelyn Prosser, Academic Dean via Skype; Beth Wood 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 Manuel Pantoja, and passed, to approve the minutes of the Board meeting dated December 19, 2016.

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.

Board Member	Yay	Nay	Absent
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 provided an update on the construction and financing of Grimmway Academy Shafter. The recent and ongoing rains are slowing process. Grimmway Academy Shafter has been awarded a total of \$900,000.00; Walton Family Foundation grant of \$325,000 and the Public Charter School Grant was approved at \$575,000. Grimmway Schools has been invited to apply for the Charter School Growth Fund as an emerging CMO. We will be reporting out on NWEA results at next Board meeting.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT-Grimmway Academy Arvin

Greg West provided a written report on curriculum, instruction and assessment, school culture, school leadership, enrollment and attendance.

Last week the School conducted a second round of APTT nights and was pleased to have 84% parent participation. January 26th, we will be having our second enrollment meeting for both Kinder next year and to fill existing grades this year.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT-Grimmway Academy Shafter

Joanna Kendrick went over the community outreach and enrollment efforts for Shafter. So far, we have about 50 enrollment applications. School leadership and staffing efforts have begun with 2 instructional aides and 1 teacher already hired. Four "seed" teachers will move from Arvin to Shafter to provide cultural/instructional leadership at the new campus.

GA STAFF REPORT

Beth Wood provided the GA staff report. Beth described the latest APTT nights and the great participation by the parents. Last APPT meeting focused on literacy and we saw a significant improvement by the students. This round the focus is on both ELA and math.

FISCAL REPORT

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

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. FISCAL

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

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

B. OPERATIONS

1. The Directors were presented with the Kern County Consortium SELPA Application for Grimmway Academy Shafter that was considered, and discussed. On a motion duly made by Manuel Pantoja, seconded by Olga Cruz, and carried, the Board approved the request.

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

IV. ADJOURN

On a motion the board adjourned at 4:24 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 December 19, 2016.

Secretary