

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: 2:01 p.m.

Date: July 16, 2020

Meeting held via teleconference

2. DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

Present: Tom Mestmaker, President; Matt Look, Star Parents of Grimmway Academy (SPGA) and Parent Representative; Ernie Unruh, Kern County Superintendent of Schools Representative; Dr. Jean Fuller, Grimm Family Education Foundation Representative; Manuel Pantoja, Secretary and Arvin Community Representative

Absent: NA

Grimmway Schools Staff Present via teleconference: Casey Yeazel, Executive Director; Dr. Monica Jara Guerra, Director of Community Initiatives; Michelle Lumis, Executive Assistant; Melody Castillo, Accounting Clerk; Mike Romero, Chief Operating Officer; Dr. Wendy Creek, Chief Academic Officer

Grimmway Academy Staff Present via teleconference: Zulema Ela, Vice Principal of Academics; Hurshel Williams, Principal, Grimmway Academy Arvin; Tatia Hunter-Jennings, Vice Principal of Student Services; Sabrina Reimert, Assistant Principal of Student Services; Irene Montoya, Administrative Specialist, Berenice Parra, Attendance Clerk

Grimm Family Education Foundation Staff present via teleconference: Barbara Grimm Marshall, Founder; Evelyn Steed, Office Manager

Others Present via teleconference: Rosa Romero, Interim Superintendent, Richland School District; Fatima Sanchez, Rhonda Hicks, Stephanie Rill, Amanda Brooks, Nancy Gordon, Toni Franz, Brenda Silver; Parents; 67 unidentified callers

3. FLAG SALUTE

II. COMMUNICATIONS

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - NONE

III. ACTION ITEMS

1. The Revision to the Grimmway Schools and Kern County Superintendent of Schools MOU was not needed per Michelle Lumis. No action was taken.

2. The Directors were presented with the approval of Reopening Plans for Grimmway Schools for the 2020- 2021 School Year. Executive Director, Casey Yeazel shared the reopening plans for Grimmway Academy Arvin and Shafter with a start date of August 3rd. The Reopening Plan outlines how schools will reopen safely given the spread of the COVID-19 virus, while meeting the academic, social, and emotional needs of the students we serve in our community. The reopening plan includes the following: A/B Hybrid: two (2) days in person, three (3) days distance learning.

Distance Learning is available for students who are medically fragile or would be put at risk by in-person instruction, or who are self-quarantining because of exposure to COVID-19. Distance Learning Registration will be made available at each school site. Full distance learning will also be available under the following conditions:

- A local community outbreak
- Public Health official order to close schools to in-person learning
- Kern County Superintendent order to close schools to in-person learning
- Governor’s Executive Order

Michelle Lumis shared public comments by parents who are concerned about their children returning to school and the impact it would have on their students and families. On a motion duly made by Jean Fuller, seconded by Matt Look, and carried, the Board approved via roll call the Reopening Plans for Grimmway Schools for the 2020- 2021 School Year.

Board Member	Yay	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Tom Mestmaker	X			
Manuel Pantoja	X			
Ernie Unruh	X			
Matt Look	X			
Jean Fuller	X			

IV. On a motion the board adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

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 special meeting of the Board of Directors held on July 16, 2020.



Secretary

