



**EAGLE CHARTER SCHOOL - BOARD MEETING**  
**Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 16, 2022 – 6:30 PM Virtual**  
**meeting**  
**999A LOCUST ST NE - SALEM, OR 97301**



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**I. Call to Order – S. Priem**

- a. Called to order @ 6:31 PM

**II. Roll Call – S. Priem**

- a. S. Priem, W. Andersen, R. Marquardt, J. Staats

**III. People in Attendance – S. Priem**

- a. M. Ballance, A. Klein, G. Winden

**IV. Approve Agenda for Nov 16, 2022 Meeting – S. Priem**

- a. W. Andersen moved to approve. J. Staats seconded. Motion passed

**V. Public Comment – S. Priem**

- a. The board welcomes participation by the members of the public.
  - To address an item on the agenda, before the scheduled start of the meeting please write your name and a short description of the agenda item you'd like to address and submit this to the chair, along with any materials. Written materials should be emailed or sent to the school administrator at least 24 hours before the meeting. Total time to present shall not exceed five minutes unless the Board grants more time. Please see note with \* regarding complaints, below. Those asking to make a formal presentation not on the agenda must provide notice and a written request detailing the subject to the administrator at least 14 days before the meeting. Presentation shall not exceed 15 minutes unless permitted by the chair.

**VI. Oral Reports:**

- a. Parents Club: A. Klein. Fall conferences next week. Winter Bingo is Dec 2nd from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. General Prize table and cookie decorating contest. \$10,771.84 in Parent Club funds. W. Andersen asked if field trips are a priority for the Parent Club or if there are other areas. A. Klein stated that field trips are the priority for this year in an attempt to get back to normal Post-COVID. W. Andersen asked if there is anything the parents wanted or needed from the board. A. Klein suggested that they could do a survey to find out. W. Andersen mentioned that there may be opportunities for increased funding for student activities. S. Priem asked if more parents had stayed after the Parent Literacy event for Parents Club; there were two new parents and some that usually join



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by Zoom were in-person.

- b. Chair's Report - S. Priem: S. Priem gives a shout-out to the students' great results from the Statewide testing. S. Priem asked if there is anything that the board could do to help out with Parent Conferences this year. Parents Club is doing breakfast, lunch, and dinner for the teachers this year. There are four parents doing the cooking, soups, cornbread, tacos. We received an email from the OSBA for a training series on inclusivity and equity. Unsure if there is a cost associated, but believes it is a good training as it matches our goals. S. Priem asked how Facebook and Dojo is doing with staying in contact with parents. M. Ballance stated that Dojo has a better reach, but the message is the same between both.
- c. Treasurer's Report - J. Staats: \$193,199.50 in checking account, statement in board folder. Low balance of \$83,000 in October. To address a previous question from W. Andersen: \$222,704 in March, closing of 3rd quarter we were at \$222,130.22, end of closing today \$222,998.32. Not being charged any fees at this point, but J. Staats would like to have an in-person, single-point-of-contact advisor, but the fund is currently healthy. Still need to complete an Investment Charter, but the board may consider outsourcing the charter creation to a firm. J. Staats is not certain if ODE or OSBA may have direction in that aspect. W. Andersen: We only get a sliver of interest at the moment, if we invest in businesses we get dividends and earnings. ETF investment that is diversified across 140 companies would give us roughly \$1,000 per month compared to the dollars we currently get from the investment account. This could help pay for field trips, robotics, etc. without touching the principle and still provide long-term money for a building down the road. We need to switch away from our current investing strategy and towards an earning potential strategy. J. Staats asked for any ideas on how to move forward with the draft policy and keep within a set of defined guidelines that make sense for our purposes. W. Andersen suggested adding verbiage along the lines of "The investment is looking for capital investment that will fund future projects". We could ask Northwest Mutual if they offer SCHED for no cost, W. Andersen has a contact with Fidelity who does offer it. While there is no concern of impropriety, we should move away from an investment firm that is also the employer of a board member. R. Marquardt agrees. Quick turn around on withdrawals as needed. S. Priem agrees to pursue and wants the next steps. Charter would be the next step, W. Andersen



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and J. Staats will work together on the charter to present at the December Board Meeting. Fidelity has a different set of fees and rules for Non-profit organizations vs individual investment accounts. W. Andersen wants to move forward with this as soon as possible to prevent students losing out on opportunities, but understands that we would need to hold off until the next meeting to vote on the charter.

- d. Administrator's Report - M. Ballance: Very high number of absences recently due to four different respiratory illnesses recently. Universal masking was enacted. First Field Trip was at the end of October for K-2 grades. First soccer game is this Friday evening 6 PM - to potentially 8 PM (multiple teams) as the CFC Field on State St (5201 State St). Staff resignations due to health issues or other reasons (S. Jackson and Mrs. Oropeza). 145 students currently 146 soon. Over 700 pairs of socks were brought in for Socktober event and donated to those in need (4th grade brought in the most). Halloween/Fall food drive was very successful. Over 300 lbs of food was delivered to a local food pantry. A couple hundred pounds went to Free Fridge Pantry Salem. Winter food drive will hopefully do as well. "No Thank You" donation in the cafeteria for unopened foods that kids choose not to use (milks, etc.). First Parent Literacy Night was last night, minimal turnout, but it was a start. Microsociety will begin their first round of work after the Thanksgiving break now that owners and managers have been selected. Clothing closet being ran by the counselors to accept donations of clothing for children. A. Klein asked if masking would still be in effect during conferences. M. Ballance said it depends on Thu/Fri absences.

**VII. New Business**

- a. Approve minutes from October 20, 2022 Board Meeting
  - i. J. Staats moved to approve. W. Anderson seconded. Motion passes.
- b. Board Safety Training must be completed by Dec 31, 2022
  - i. Required modules are: Mandatory Reporter Training and Sexual Harassment
- c. Discussion regarding Family Literacy Night (if not discussed in Administrator's report)
  - i. Covered in above sections.



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- d. Universal indoor masking for the week of 11/14/22
  - i. Covered in above sections. W. Andersen asked about previous concerns with holidays/season ending and if there is any decision to continue masking after Thanksgiving. W. Ballance will monitor and see if there are high numbers of absences upon return.

**VIII. Old Business**

- a. Status of OSBA drafting revised weapons policy based on discussion from Sep Board meeting.
  - i. We are waiting on ODE to provide an Intergovernmental Agreement that is for us to move forward with OSBA on using their weapons policy.

**IX. Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(B) to review personnel, legal issues**

- a. Executive Session not necessary

**X. Adjournment    Next Reg. Board Meeting: December 21, 6:30 PM Virtual**

- a. W. Andersen moved to adjourn. R. Marquardt seconds. Motion passes

**\*Complaints:** The board will not hear complaints concerning individual school personnel. The chair will direct the speaker to follow written complaint procedure for consideration and disposition of legitimate complaints involving staff. Anyone failing to comply with rules of conduct or who causes a disturbance may be asked to leave by the chair and upon failure to do so becomes a trespasser.