

**WHITE PINE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES**

**2664 1st Street Ammon, ID
Call-In: 669-900-6833 (Meeting ID 458 201 022)
Online: <https://zoom.us/j/458201022>**

September 23, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.

- I. **Call to Order** – 6:30 p.m. Chairman Frugoli called meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
- II. **Director Roll Call** – Director Stevenson – Present, Director Stark – Present, Chair Frugoli – Present, Director Huffman – Present, Director Larsen - Present
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Director Huffman lead the Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. **Mission** – Director Stark Read the Mission Statement
- V. **Consent Calendar** – ACTION – Director Stark motions to approve the consent calendar. Director Stevenson seconds. Motion carries.
 - Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - July 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes
 - August 13, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes
 - August 26, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes
 - September 4, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Financial Reports
 - July 2019 Financial Report
 - August 2019 Financial Report
- VI. **Public Input** – Public input is an opportunity for anybody to raise an issue. The Board will receive input without comment except to ask questions to those speaking. Comments should be limited to three minutes. The Board will not take a related action during the meeting, but it may address the item in writing or in a subsequent Board meeting.

Gayle Black – It would be a mistake to move to an appointed Board. Not the roots of the school. We would lose new ideas. The charter says who we are stakeholders are. This is the perspective of a founder and 5th grade teacher.

Barbara Summerhill – An appointed Board would lead to a good old boys club. I am disappointed with the Board as a whole. None of the current Board members should continue in their positions.

Murissa Morgan – I would like to encourage continuing with stakeholder elections.

Terry Ryan – Letter from Terry Ryan read by Mr. Burrows and will be attached to minutes.
- VII. **Financial Audit** – Judy Brower, Wipfli – ACTION

Director Stevenson motioned to accept the 2019 Financial Audit as prepared by Wipfli. Director Stark seconds. Motion carries.

VIII. Board Election – Chris Yorgason, Yorgason Law – ACTION

Director Stevenson motions to enter into a contract with Chris Yorgason with Yorgason Law to assist with writing election policies. Director Huffman seconds. Motion carries.

IX. Bank of Idaho Credit – ACTION

Director Stark motions to enter into line of credit with Bank of Idaho with the intent that the Board of Directors is notified if the line is utilized. Director Larsen seconds. Roll Call vote: Director Huffman – Yes; Director Stark – Yes; Director Stevenson – Yes; Director Larsen – Yes. Motion carries.

~~**X. Bluum Update** – Adam Frugoli, Chair~~

XI. Administrator Report

- **White Pine STEM Academy** – Jeremy Clarke, Administrator – Mr. Clarke gave an update on the STEM Academy. He also discussed a meeting with CEI that was also attended by Chair Frugoli and Director Larsen.
- **PFA Update** – Fall carnival is October 23. Papa Murphy’s pizza night was incredibly successful. \$433 was raised and Papa Murphy’s has invited the school to do another pizza night.
- **White Pine Charter School** – Ken Graham, Principal – Mr. Graham gave an update on fall assessment data.
- **Federal Programs** – Devan Tyler, Federal Programs Director – Mrs. Tyler discussed that they have 80 kids receiving Title services and 48 receiving speech therapy.
- **Business Office** – Nick Burrows, Chief Financial Officer – Mr. Burrows updated the Board on the need for a Conditional Use Permit for the daycare property.
- **Communications** – Matt Wiltbank, Director of Communications – Mr. Wiltbank gave an update on media relations, social media, and grant opportunities.

XII. School Bylaws – Nick Burrows, Board Clerk – Mr. Burrows provided each Board member with a copy of the school bylaws and each of the five amendments.

XIII. Executive Session – 74-206(1)(b) – To consider the evaluation of an employee. Director Huffman motions to enter Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b) at 8:51 pm. Director Stark seconds. Director Huffman – Yes; Director Stark – Yes; Director Stevenson – Yes; Director Larsen – Yes; Chair Frugoli – Yes.

Executive session ends at 9:31 pm.

XIV. Upcoming Meeting Dates

October 1 at 5:15 pm – Work Session
October 14 at 9:45 am – Chamber of Commerce Legislative Tour
October 22 at 6:30 pm – Regular Meeting (Rescheduled)
November 21 at 6:30 pm – Regular Meeting (Rescheduled)

XV. Adjourn Director Larsen motions to adjourn at 9:41 pm. Director Stark seconds. Motion carries.



Nick Burrows <burrowsni@wpcscougars.org>

Fwd: White Pine and its charter school governance

Adam Frugoli <adam-frugoli@leavitt.com>
To: Nick Burrows <burrowsni@wpcscougars.org>

Mon, Aug 26, 2019 at 8:23 PM

Can you send this to the BOD? I don't have my iPad out to do it.

Thanks,
Adam
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From: Terry Ryan <tryan@bluum.org>
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2019 5:57:56 PM
To: Adam Frugoli <adam-frugoli@leavitt.com>
Cc: Jeremy Clarke <clarkeje@wpcscougars.org>; Tony Lima <tlima@Melaleuca.com>; Wendy Horman <wendy.stokes.horman@gmail.com>; Marc Carignan <mcarignan@bluum.org>
Subject: White Pine and its charter school governance

August 26, 2019

Adam Frugoli
White Pine Public Charter School
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Dear Adam,

I am writing to you as a long-time partner, friend and supporter of the White Pine Public Charter School. While I was concerned to read about some of the school's recent governance issues, I was happy to learn that you are quickly coming up with solutions to the problems.

As you look to improve, I would like to share an important resource for all public charter school boards entitled "Governance Best Practices for Highly Effective Charter School Boards." It is attached for your perusal. I believe you and your fellow board members will find this document useful and important as you move forward with your ongoing efforts to improve your high-performing public charter school by adding a STEM high school component.

As White Pine expands its program and adds more students, I strongly encourage you and your fellow board members to explore moving away from an elected school board structure to an appointed school board. Across Idaho, and indeed across the United States, elected school boards for public charter schools have become something of an anachronism. Nothing in Idaho's charter school statute (Chapter 52 – Public Charter Schools) requires your board to be elected, and best practice in charter school governance would in fact argue against elected school boards for public charter schools.

As you know from experience, board capacity and competence require all manner of know-how, including strategy, finance, real estate, pedagogy, human resources, employment and education law, community relations, and the subtleties of stakeholder engagement. In traditional public education, deploying such expertise is the district's responsibility, but with individual charter schools this falls to your governing board and to your lightly staffed administrative team. These capacities should be developed strategically by your board over time and not be dependent on an ever-changing cast of elected school board members.

I know in working over the past couple of years with Tony Lima, Jeremy Clarke, Nick Burrows and others on the White Pine team that you have access to outstanding board and leadership talent. In traveling to Ohio for STEM school visits in 2017 with your team, I was especially impressed by the governance leadership and vision of Tony Lima when it came to planning how to organize and oversee the expansion of White Pine to include a world-class STEM high school.

Adam, please feel free and even encouraged to share this email with your fellow board members. I am available if I can be of any assistance to you and your team as you continue to serve Idaho Falls' families and children. I would happy to speak with you and your team or to even make a visit if that were helpful. I believe the work you are doing is critical to school improvement efforts in your community, and I am proud to call White Pine a partner.

Sincerely,

Terry Ryan

CEO



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