

MINUTES

Of the Board of Directors of Grow Public 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: 3:32 p.m.

Date: November 22, 2021

Public Hearing 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; Ernie Unruh, Kern County Superintendent of Schools Representative; Dr. Jean Fuller, Grimm Family Education Foundation Representative; and Matt Look, Star Parents of Grow Academy (SPGA) and Parent Representative; and Manuel Pantoja, Secretary and Arvin Community Representative

Absent: NA

Grow Public Schools Staff Present via teleconference: Casey Yeazel, Chief Executive Officer; Michelle Lumis, Executive Assistant; Adam Alvidrez, Director of School Operations; Elizabeth Ramos, Operations Specialist (interpreter); Rick Phillips, Operations Specialist; Dr. Wendy Creek, Chief Academic Officer; Daisy Rodriguez, Branding and Communication Manager; Melody Castillo, Accounting Manager

Grow Academy Staff Present via teleconference: Brook Webb, Principal, Grow Academy Shafter; Carmen Dias, Teacher, Grow Academy Arvin; Joseph Haddad, Teacher, Grow Academy Shafter; Jesus Calderon, Teacher, Grow Academy Arvin

Others Present via teleconference: Maria Garcia; Val and Nate Campbell; Santos Gonzalez; Elena Delgado; Cecilia Garcia; Jocelyne Sahagun; Beatriz Bravo; Maria Domínguez; Jessica Arvizu; Becky Bentley; Ana Andrade; Jill O'Brien; Rosaura Calderón; Kelly Sierra; Amanda Saldana; and six unidentified participants

3. FLAG SALUTE

4. APPROVAL OF AB 361 BOARD FINDING – MUST BE READ AND VOTED AT EACH TELECONFERENCE BOARD MEETING OR EVERY 30 DAYS

On a motion duly made by Ernie Unruh, seconded by Jean Fuller, and carried, the Board approved via roll call the approval of AB 361 board finding.

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

II. COMMUNICATIONS

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None
2. For Information and Public Input: Educator Effectiveness Block Grant for GA Arvin
3. For Information and Public Input: Educator Effectiveness Block Grant for GA Shafter

Wendy Creek, Chief Academic Officer, presented the Educator Effectiveness Block Grants for Grow Academy Arvin and Shafter. The grants coordinate the use of federal funds received under Title II of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act to support teachers and administrators with the expenditure of funds received. Dr. Creek shared the ten areas of allowable uses of the funds and the three specific areas Grow Public Schools is focusing on fund utilization. Those areas include: Support and Restorative Practices; Support for English Learners; and Teacher Development and Retention. Dr. Creek also shared these three areas are aligned with each site’s LCAP goals. Ernie Unruh asked what the total dollar amount was for each grant. GA Arvin’s grant is \$256,075 and GA Shafter’s grant is \$207,034. Ernie asked about a three-year projection on plans to spend the grant funds. CEO, Casey Yeazel, answered there will be a three-year projection on expending grant funds. Reporting the expenditure of funds will be due September 30, 2022. Dr. Creek shared that a survey via ParentSquare, along with the PowerPoint presented, will be shared with families and staff for input.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion the board adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I certify that I am the duly elected Secretary of the Grow Public Schools, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation; that these minutes, consisting of three (3) pages are the minutes of the Public Hearing of the Board of Directors held on November 22, 2021.



Secretary