

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GUFFEY COMMUNITY
CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD
May 10, 2017**

Linda Parrish called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Also in attendance were Frank Ruvo, Chris Peterson, Laura Owens, Cathleen Van Egmond, and Pam Moore.

1. Chris moved, Laura seconded to approve the agenda. 5 ayes.
2. Frank moved, Cathleen seconded to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2017 regular meeting. 5 ayes.
3. Cathleen moved, Laura seconded to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2017 executive session. 5 ayes
4. Chris moved, Cathleen seconded to approve the consent agenda. 5 ayes.
5. Discussion of Administrator monitoring report E-6, EL-5, EL-6. Chris moved, Linda seconded to acknowledge receipt of the monitoring report. 5 ayes.
6. Board self-monitoring. All present acknowledged review of GP-2, GP-4, GP-9, GP-10, GP-11, GP-15.
7. Community linkage. District Superintendent candidates will visit the school on May 11. The county assessor will have a meeting at the school on May 25 at 7 pm. The 8th Grade presentation will begin on May 18 at 10 am. Spring Program will be May 25 at 2 pm. Graduation will be June 1 at 11 am.
8. Chris moved, Cathleen seconded to recess to executive session for the purpose of discussing the charter contract and lease agreement negotiations. 5 ayes. Meeting recessed at 5:44 pm.

Regular meeting resumed at 7:06 pm.

9. Chris moved, Cathleen seconded to accept under protest the Lease Agreement proposed by the district, and to submit a signed version, the signed Charter Contract, and a cover letter expressing disappointment with the District's handling of contract negotiations, said letter to be attached to this meeting's minutes. 5 ayes.
10. Frank will chair the meeting on June 14. No special agenda items.
11. Linda moved, Chris seconded to adjourn the meeting. 5 ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

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Secretary of the Board

Chris L Peterson

Attachment to May 10 Minutes, response to District Board per agenda item 9

May 10, 2017

Dear RE-2 Board Members,

The Guffey Community Charter School Board voted today to accept both the Charter Contract (as approved by the RE-2 Board on April 20) and the Lease Agreement as most recently provided by the RE-2 Board. We are providing signed copies of each with the expectation that your Board will complete their approvals at your regular May meeting.

We are accepting the Lease Agreement under duress, given the questionably legal decision of the RE-2 Board to tie the approval of the long-delayed Charter Contract to the execution of the unrelated Lease Agreement. Although we view the Lease Agreement in its current form as being possibly legally unenforceable, we choose not to burden either our new Administrator nor the District's new Superintendent with taking on yet more negotiations as their first duties.

We also wish to express our disappointment at the RE-2 Board's lack of trust and support for Guffey School. Over many years as the sole tenants of the property, we have made extensive improvements to the building and grounds at no expense to the district. There has been only one instance of a serious structural problem (related to the original 1918 building), which was repaired utilizing state funds acquired through cooperation between the district and the school. The decision by the district to totally abrogate its fundamental responsibilities as the owner of the school facility while suggesting it might sell the property at will is an insult to the long relationship between our organizations as well as to the Guffey community, which has supported the District's past fund raising efforts and which continues to pay, through a special property tax assessment, for facilities support throughout the district.

We look upon the unfortunate nature of the Charter Contract and Lease Agreement negotiations as an aberration, not typical of the long term excellent relationship between the school and the district, and look forward to moving ahead in good faith, with full district support of Guffey School as it continues its role in serving the Guffey Community.

Sincerely,

Guffey Community Charter School Board

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