



Minutes

Grow Public Schools Board Meeting

DATE and TIME:

Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 4:00 PM

LOCATIONS:

Physical Location

Grow Public Schools, Home Office – Professional Development Center
4800 Corporate Court, Bakersfield, CA 93311

Locations to Attend Virtually

Grow Academy Arvin – Conference Room (Middle School Office)
901 Nectarine Court, Arvin, CA 93203

Grow Academy Shafter – Large Conference Room
471 W Los Angeles Ave., Shafter, CA 93263

1. Opening Items

1.1 Call the Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Board Chair, Tom Mestmaker.

1.2 Record Attendance

Tom Mestmaker, Manuel Pantoja, Dr. Kristen Watson, Ernie Unruh, Matt Look, Doc Ervin, Dr. Ric Esquivel, Steve McClain, Kari Heilman, Crystal Ramos, Don Pasion, Sarah Kollman (remote), RJ Valentino, GA Shafter (remote), GA Arvin (remote), and Elia Sagasta (remote)

1.3 Flag Salute

Tom Mestmaker, Board Chair, led the flag salute.

1.5 Public Comment

Kari Heilman, Senior Executive Assistant, shared that there were no public comments.

2. Closed Session

At 4:02 PM, Tom Mestmaker, Board Chair, announced that the Board was going to enter closed session and asked the audience members to please exit the room.

At 4:18 PM, Tom Mestmaker, Board Chair, announced that the Board meeting was back in session and that there were no action items to report out of closed session.

3. Action Items

- 3.1 Consideration and approval of purchase and sale agreement for property identified as APN Nos. 170-250-04 and 170-260-04.

Tom Mestmaker, Board Chair, shared that it is recommended that the Board approve the draft of the purchase and sale agreement (PSA) provided to the Board, and authorize Doc Ervin, Steve McClain, and/or legal counsel to negotiate revisions to the terms of the PSA as necessary, consistent with direction as to price and terms of payment given by the Board in closed session and submit a fully executed PSA back to the Board for ratification at the next Board meeting.

Tom Mestmaker, Board Chair, asked for a motion to approve.

A motion was made by, Matt Look, seconded by, Manuel Pantoja, and passed, via roll call to approve the consideration and approval of purchase and sale agreement for property identified as APN Nos. 170-250-04 and 170-260-04.

Board Member	Yay	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Tom Mestmaker	X			
Dr. Kristen Watson	X			
Matt Look	X			
Ernie Unruh	X			
Manuel Pantoja	X			

- 3.2 Approval of Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for Grow Academy Shafter, Grow Academy Arvin, and Grow Public Schools.

Tom Mestmaker, Board Chair, shared that the Declaration of Need is an annual form that local education agencies in California must submit to the Commission to get emergency, or limited assignment permits for teachers.

Tom Mestmaker, Board Chair, asked for a motion to approve.

A motion was made by Ernie Unruh, seconded by Matt Look, and passed, via roll call to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for Grow Academy Shafter, Grow Academy Arvin, and Grow Public Schools.

Board Member	Yay	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Tom Mestmaker	X			
Dr. Kristen Watson	X			
Matt Look	X			
Ernie Unruh	X			
Manuel Pantoja	X			

4. Consent Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS/OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Consent Agenda consists of items that are considered routine and non-controversial by Grow Public Schools staff. Consent items will be considered first and may be approved by one motion. If a member of the public wishes to comment regarding an item or items on the Consent Agenda, they may do so prior to a vote being taken on the Consent Agenda. A member of the board may remove any item from the Consent Agenda, and it will be considered in listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the board concerning the item before action is taken.

Tom Mestmaker, Board Chair, asked for a motion to approve consent agenda items 4.1-4.3.

Dr. Kristen Watson made a motion to approve consent agenda items 4.1-4.3.

Moved by: Dr. Kristen Watson

Seconded by: Matt Look

Aye Tom Mestmaker, Dr. Kristen Watson, Matt Look, Ernie Unruh, and Manuel Pantoja
Carried 5-0

4.1 Approval of Minutes from August 19, 2024

4.2 Approval of Uniform Complaint Policy

4.3 Approval of Resolution Authorizing Grow Academy Arvin to Participate in Bean Mountain Youth Sports League

5. Closing Items

5.1 Adjourn Meeting

Matt Look made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:23 PM.

Moved by: Matt Look

Seconded by: Manuel Pantoja

Aye Tom Mestmaker, Dr. Kristen Watson, Matt Look, Ernie Unruh, and Manuel Pantoja
Carried 5-0

Certificate of Secretary

I certify that I am the duly elected Secretary of Grow Public Schools, a California non-profit public benefit corporation; that these minutes consisting of three (3) pages, are the minutes of the regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors held on September 24, 2024.



Secretary