

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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**DATE:** 4/13/23 **TIME:** 4:04 PDST

**LOCATION:** Cottonwood School

**Mission Statement:** To provide a creative learning environment where students develop a sense of place and become stewards of the natural world and active citizens within our community.

Meeting began at 4:04 PDT

**In Attendance:** Jonathan, Alicia, Jill, Mari, Kyle, Amanda

### Meeting Minutes

1. No outside testimony or participants
2. Financials discussed
  - a. Jill motions to accept the report and minutes, Jonathan seconds. motion passed unanimously.
3. Strategic planning - the scored rubrics are in, Amanda offered the opportunity to Nancy based on the scores. Acceptance pending.
  - a. Mari asked for clarification on the process. Amanda discussed the process as follows:
    - Design team pre-meetings,
    - Vision team meeting: many stakeholders including small board presence
    - Strategic planning: board heavy based on vision outcome.
  - b. Additional ½ day board retreat April 27th. Kyle and Mari will research whether must be public meeting
4. Amanda provided the director's report. Robust discussion - Key items
  - a. Big opportunities at conferences - funding opportunities
  - b. Teacher recruitment strategies and opportunities
5. Update on meeting about special education support levels from PPS. Positive results so far, first meeting. Future path includes discussions with ODE and escalating through PPS
  - a. Tie in with affinity group & potential of having administration meet with affinity group for updates of cottonwood efforts.
  - b. Strategies to address parent questions and frustrations back to Amanda to facilitate good communications.
  - c. (Jonathan left meeting at 5:00PM due to expected scheduling conflict)

6. Discussion about how best to facilitate new parent affinity group relations with staff and admin. How can we support teachers, honor the wisdom parents have to offer, and respect the workload and expertise of teachers. Strategic discussion.

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 5:13