

**Special Meeting of the
High Desert “Partnership in Academic Excellence” Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors**

**Minutes
November 6, 2015**

1.0 Call to Order

Treasurer Russ Stringham called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Foundation Board Members David Bains, Duberly Beck, Regina Bell, Buck Goodspeed, Andrew Jaramillo, Robert Lovingood, Kirt Mahlum, Kevin Porter, Tom Rosenbaum, Donna Siegel, Russell Stringham and Marcia Vargas were present.

Foundation Board Member Robert Lovingood left at 12:00 p.m.

Foundation Board Members Bud Biggs, Scott Johnson, Jose Palafox, and Rick Wolf were absent.

Staff members Ryan Dorcey, Teresa Dowd, Darren Dowd, Lisa Lamb, Stacy Newman, Jim Quinn, Paul Rosell and Gordon Sohlt were also present.

Board Advisor Rick Piercy was also in attendance.

3.0 Public Comments: None

4.0 Closed Session

.01 Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to Subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9: Shannon Nefferdorf vs. Lewis Center for Educational Research

The Foundation Board of Directors convened into closed session at 8:08 a.m. with Senior Risk and Claims Manager Susan Bedard from Charter Safe and Attorney Rebecca Marsden with Gordon and Reese. The Foundation Board reconvened into open session at 9:30 a.m. Treasurer Stringham reported that on a vote of 11-0, with 1 abstaining, the Foundation Board took action to authorize a settlement amount.

5.0 Foundation Board Retreat

Facilitator Dr. Patricia Caldwell led the Foundation Board and staff in discussions regarding the following:

- Why do some organizations fail? Conversely, why do some organizations thrive?
- Board Role: Governance vs. Management
- Board Responsibilities
- Individual Board Members’ Responsibilities
- “How are we doing as a Board?”
- Board – CEO Relationship
- Division of Responsibilities
- Two-way Expectations
- A Review and Critique of Our Organizational Structure
- Identify Critical Issues the Board Must Address

- Develop Short-Term Goals
- Discuss the Need for Strategic Planning
- Next Steps

Dr. Caldwell will prepare a report for the Foundation Board and staff based on the discussions.

6.0 Adjournment

Treasurer Stringham adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.