

Adopted Minutes
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Directors
Connecting Waters Charter Schools

(A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation)
Connecting Waters Charter Schools Back Classroom
12420 Bentley Street, Waterford, CA 95386, Entrance is facing G Street
Connecting Waters East Bay Resource Center, Room Office/Lab Portable
Located at 703 C Street, Union City, CA 94587, and
Connecting Waters Central Valley Resource Center, Conference Room
Located at 2300 E. Briggsmore Ave. Modesto, CA 95355
Tuesday September 19, 2023
3:00 p.m. (Regular Meeting)

This agenda is posted at Connecting Waters Charter Schools, 12420 Bentley Street, Waterford, CA 95386. This agenda was also posted at least 72 hours before the meeting at the Connecting Waters Charter School Resource Center, 12705 Bentley Street, Waterford CA, 95386, Connecting Waters Central Valley Resource Center, 2300 E. Briggsmore Avenue, Modesto, CA 95355, and the Connecting Waters East Bay Resource Center, 703 C Street, Union City, CA 94587.

**Instructions for Presentations to the Board
by Parents and Citizens**

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1. Agendas are available to all audience members at the door to the meeting.
2. "Request to Speak" forms are available to all audience members who wish to speak on any agenda items or under the general category of "Hearing of the Public." "Hearing of the Public" is set aside for members of the audience to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws, the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes and total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. The Board may give direction to staff to respond to your concern or you may be offered the option of returning with a citizen-requested item.
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5. A member of the public requiring a translator will be provided twice the allotted time for public comment per individual speaker in accordance with Section 54954.3 of the Government Code.
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A. Call To Order (Time 3:04 p.m.)

B. Roll Call

Name	Present	Late	Absent
Avila, Robert	X		
Cerruti, Bonnie	X		
Davis, Denise	X		
Fatima, Kaneez			X
Louie-Monzon, Jennifer	X		
Melton, Erika	X		
Vieira, Nina	X		

C. Study Session

C.1. Jerri Levers, Deputy Executive Director - English Learner Update

Mrs. Jerri Levers gave her first report in her new position as Deputy Executive Director. She shared the State Mandates on the English language Development and the use of the ELD Standards. She also explained which acronyms are important to know in the English Learner Department and how a student would identify as an English Learner and what curriculum they would need to follow in order for them to complete their English Learner requirements. Mrs. Levers also mentioned that tutoring is available for English and Math students courtesy of LCAP. The school will be introducing the new OPTEL form (Observational Protocol for teachers of English Learners, which will be available to use next August). Mrs. Levers also shared some of the new duties and activities she has begun to take over in her transition to Deputy Executive Director. She stated that she has taken over Attendance PLT's and parent concerns, she has also begun to attend Advisor and Department Chair Meetings, and has also participated in staff interviews. She has also been working out of the Centers and Liaisoning with Center staff including business services to learn their duties. Mrs. Levers has also been training her replacement for the English Department Chair. The Board received her report.

C.2. Tammy Hushaw, Deputy Executive Director Report

Mrs. Tammy Hushaw gave her report to the Board. She shared on the trainings, events, meetings she has attended over the past month. She has been heavily involved in the setting up of the Family Connect Festival. She has also been working with DMS on the EE Block Grant Expenditure Report. Mrs. Hushaw also shared that the students are creating a club connect that will bring all school clubs together and have a festival to encourage more students to sign up for school clubs, as of now we have over 50 students involved in school clubs. She also mentioned that the school has been growing with activity and participation, Central Valley has over 100 students on site for classes, Bridge has doubled in size, and Blast rotation has 20 students on the waiting list for classes to be scheduled. The Oakland Zoo trip was a success and sold out so quickly, that a second zoo trip is going to be scheduled in October. Robert Avila recommended a survey for students to take on what they like and what they would want to do more of. The Board received her report.

D. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the September 19, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting Agenda.
On motion duly made by Jennifer Louie-Monzon, seconded by Bonnie Cerruti.

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Absent: 1 Abstained: 0

The Board approved the September 19, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting Agenda.

E. Hearing of the Public on Closed Session Items

Members of the public may be heard on any Closed Session item. A person addressing the Board will be limited to 3 minutes, unless the Chairman of the Board grants a longer period of time.

No members of the public were present.

F. Closed Session (Time 3:42 p.m.)

F.1. Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release

F.2. Public Employment (Government Code section 54957)

Title: Executive Director/CEO

G. Report on Closed Session Actions

Report on Closed Session Actions that are required to be disclosed pursuant to Government Code section 54957.1

H. Return to Open Session (Time 5:10 p.m.)

I. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Robert Avila

J. Hearing of the Public

Non-agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, Board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction to staff following a presentation. Complaints against specific school employees should be resolved through the school's Personnel Complaint Procedure. The right to address the Board does not exempt the speaker from any potential liability for defamation. The proceedings of the Board are recorded and are a part of the public record.

K. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director's Report: This is a presentation of information which has occurred since the previous Board meeting.

Mrs. Sherri Nelson gave a brief report to the Board. She shared with the Board the ES concerns that Julie Boersma updated. She also shared new information on the enrollment numbers for the three schools and the new hires and separations for the past month. Mrs. Nelson also stated that she has been very involved with the Family Connect Festival, and the school is hoping for a huge turnout. Mrs. Nelson had Mrs. Mayra

Sandoval, Mr. Aaron Stout and Mrs. Kelly Jacob shared their updates as part of her report.

Mrs. Mayra Sandoval gave her report to the Board on the Resource Center updates. Mrs. Sandoval shared that all Resource Centers are now open to families without having an appointment and that the Resource Centers are receiving a larger volume of visitors per site. The Resource Centers have also been open for book and materials returns from last school year, which has kept our libraries stocked with sufficient materials for families. She stated that the libraries have shipped over 460 shipments since July 1, 2023. She also stated that since July 1, 2023 that there have been a total of 12,956 books checked out, 1,211 books have been transferred between sites, and over 3,073 books have been reserved for pick up/shipment. Mrs. Sandoval shared with us the new pilot Securly sign in system that all three schools are using, which cross checks someone's Driver's License and runs a background report and checks against the Sex Offender database. She also spoke on the new classes that are being offered at CWEB including the Arabic, Poetry, Combo, English and Math classes. Mrs. Sandoval also spoke on how successful the Parent and Student Orientations were at all three school sites and that each Resource Center had a great turnout. She also shared that Connecting Waters East Bay and Central Valley are looking to hire new Site Assistants. The Board received her report.

Mr. Aaron Stout gave his report to the Board on the IT Department updates. He shared that the school has purchased over 500 new chromebooks. He had also stated that i-ready and CAASPP have updated their device requirements. Mr. Stout also shared that all staff and parent emails will now come from SchoolMessenger Communicate, but messages can still be received by email, SMS, text, and in the Application. He stated to be careful with suspicious emails and to report them as spam or phishing on gmail, which will help our system learn what to block. He shared that Securly Classroom will be deployed to Instructors starting this school year, this will allow the Instructors to see what is on their students school owned chromebook screen and allow them to lock the screen if needed, and it will also allow them to send their students to certain websites or send them a file that is needed. He also stated that our Securly Web Filter has been updated and does an even better job catching inappropriate websites and web apps, IT will receive an email alert whenever a student visits these sites. He shared that there is a new format to Tiger Broadcast and it will be broadcasted once a month. Mr. Stout also stated that New Orbic Jetpacks will be replacing our old fleet, and this will help inappropriate content from being accessed through them for staff and students. The Board received his report.

Mrs. Kelly Jacobs gave her report to the Board on the Intake program. Mrs. Jacobs stated that Intake is the process families go through to enroll their children in our schools. There are five Educational Specialists that take turns running the Intake Meetings, and all meetings are done virtually. She also stated that prior to the intake meetings, Parents are interviewed and given a questionnaire. Mrs. Jacobs also shared that Mrs. Cena Dunfee attends every intake meeting and has been a huge help with communicating issues with the families. She stated that an average of 25 students are attending the intake meetings 3 times a week, and that so far this year a total of 345 students have attended the intake meeting, which has allowed the school to fill its

enrollment quicker. The Intake program also oversees the Tiger Training 101. The Board received her report.

L. Consent Items

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be approved/enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested by a Board member or a member of the public to be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion, there will be no discussion of these items prior to the Board voting on them. The Executive Director and Board Chair recommend approval of all consent agenda items.

Motion to approve consent items L.1. through L.9.

On motion duly made by Robert Avila, seconded by Erika Melton.

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Absent: 1 Abstained: 0
The Board approved the Consent Items L.1.- L.9.

L.1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the Board of Directors minutes for – August 22, 2023.

L.2. Approval of New Hires

Heather Vander Schaaf, Education Specialist
Jill Brogan, Special Education Support Services
Pam Espinoza, Special Education Support Services
Rich Crawford, Small Group Instructor (a-g Government)
Kalem Muller, Small Group Instructor (Math & English Tutor)
Motion to approve New Hires

L.3. Approval of Separations

Melissa Papadopoulos, Site Assistant
Motion to approve Separations

L.4. Approval of the August 2023, Warrant Report from DMS for Connecting Waters Charter School

Motion to approve the August 2023, Warrant Report from DMS.

L.5. Approval of the August 2023, Warrant Report from DMS for Connecting Waters Charter School, East Bay

Motion to approve the August 2023, Warrant Report from DMS.

L.6. Approval of the August 2023, Warrant Report from DMS for Connecting Waters Charter School, Central Valley

Motion to approve the August 2023, Warrant Report from DMS.

L.7. Approval of the Connecting Waters Charter Schools New Vendor Report for August 2023

Motion to approve the Connecting Waters Charter Schools New Vendor Report for August 2023.

L.8. Approval of the Connecting Waters Charter Schools Treasurer's Report for July – August 2023

Motion to approve the Connecting Waters Charter Schools Treasurer's Report for July – August 2023.

L.9. Approval of the Connecting Waters Charter Schools 185 day Guidance Director Pay Scale for July 2023 - June 2024

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M. Items Scheduled for Consideration and/or Action

M.1. Approval of Connecting Waters Charter Schools to obsolete selected school furniture

Motion to approve Connecting Waters Charter Schools to obsolete selected school furniture

On motion duly made by Bonnie Cerruti, seconded by Erika Melton.

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Absent: 1 Abstained: 0

The Board approved Connecting Waters Charter Schools to obsolete selected school furniture. The motion was unanimously carried by the Board.

M.2. Approval of Connecting Waters Charter Schools Main Classroom New Flooring, Connecting Waters East Bay

Motion to approve Connecting Waters Schools Main Classroom New Flooring, Connecting Waters East Bay.

Mrs. Nelson states that this is the 1st phase of the Main Classroom at Connecting Waters East bay flooring to be replaced. We have received a couple of bids for this project, and have received a bid from the same company that replaced the flooring at Connecting Waters Central Valley.

On motion duly made by Erika Melton, seconded by Robert Avila.

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Absent: 1 Abstained: 0

The Board approved Connecting Waters Charter Schools Main Classroom New Flooring, Connecting Waters East Bay. The motion was unanimously carried by the Board.

M.3. Review Parent Survey Questions to be Distributed to Parents During the 2023-2024 School Year.

Mrs. Nelson stated that the Board Members requested to look at the survey questions that were being sent to the parents for review and suggestions.

N. Adjournment (Time 6:12 p.m.)
Motion to adjourn the meeting.

On motion duly made by Jennifer Louie-Monzon, seconded by Erika Melton.

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Absent: 1 Abstained: 0

The Board approved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried by the Board.



Bonnie Cerruti, Board Secretary

LCAP/WASC Goals

1. Increase percent of students who are on-track to graduate college and career ready.
2. Close the achievement gap in the low performing students in English and Math.
3. Increase the percentage of EL students who achieve proficiency in English Language Arts and Math.
4. Community Outreach to foster positive relationships.