

**SHERMAN THOMAS CHARTER SCHOOLS  
MINUTES**

**\* This meeting was held via teleconference in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order N-25-20. There was also a site provided for the meeting at 101 W. Adell St., Madera, Ca 93638 in accordance to the federal social distance guidelines.**

**March 30, 2020 Call to Order** The Sherman Thomas Charter Schools Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Board President, Bill Jacobsen.

**Roll Call Board Members Present and "Tele Conference":**

Bill Jacobsen, Tasha Manfredi-Garlick, Ross Thornton and Robert Poythress **Board Members Absent:** Nick Leach

**Staff Present and "Tele Conference"**

Executive Director: Roger Leach  
Principals: Tera Napier, Jamie Brock.  
Recording Clerk: Minerva Sanchez

**Guest Present "Tele Conference"**

Young Minney & CORR Lawyers representatives – Jerry Simmons and Sei Hee Park

**1. INVOCATIONAL PRAYER 2.  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of March 24, 2020 Minutes. Bill Jacobsen asked if there are any additions, corrections and for approval of the March 24, 2020 minutes. With no corrections to the Minutes, Bill Jacobsen entertained a motion for approval. Robert Poythress moved to approve, seconded by Tasha Manfredi-Garlick. Motion passed 4-0 A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Ross Thornton – yes Robert Poythress – yes Tasha Manfredi-Garlick – yes Bill Jacobsen – yes Nick Leach- Absent

**4 CLOSED SESSIONS**

OPENING - Bill Jacobsen called the meeting to order. *(No recordings or minutes*

*during closed sessions.)*

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel- Anticipated Litigation Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: One case.

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## **5. RECONVEY OF OPEN SESSION**

## **6. REPORTABLE ACTIONS OF CLOSED SESSION**

Board President, Bill Jacobsen reported Board of Directors have given Lawyers representatives Authorization to write a letter regarding the situation at hand. A unanimously vote was approved by all Board members present.

## **7. CONSENT AGENDA**

President of the Board, Bill Jacobsen asked if there are any revisions to the Agenda. With no Revisions to the Agenda, Bill Jacobsen entertained a motion to approve agenda. Tasha Manfredi-Garlick moved to approve, seconded by Robert Poythress. Motion passed.4-0.

## **8. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**The Public may address the Board on any matter pertaining to Sherman Thomas Charter Schools that is not listed on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of this Board. Speakers are limited to three minutes.**

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

Non  
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## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Board Bylaws Revisions: Articles VII and IX-** Bill Jacobsen reported on the proposed Sherman Thomas Charter Schools Non-Profit Corporation Bylaws Revisions. Article VII and IX will need Board approval, Bill Jacobsen asked for the question to approve the Board Bylaws Revisions. Robert Poythress moved to approve. Seconded by Tasha Manfredi- Garlick. Motion passed, 4-0 A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Ross Thornton – yes Robert Poythress – yes Tasha Manfredi-Garlick – yes Bill Jacobsen – yes Nick Leach – absent

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## **NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUES**

**B. Policy Revisions:** (Action to be taken on each policy.)

1. The policies requiring changes according to new California Education Code laws were; Title IX Harassment, Intimidation, Discrimination and Bullying Policy, Title IX Website Posting Policies, Suspension and Expulsion Policy and Procedures– Bill Jacobsen entertained a motion to approve the Policy Revisions as presented. Robert Poythress moved to approve Seconded by Tasha Manfredi-Garlick. Motion passed 4-0 A roll call voted was recorded as follows: Ross Thornton – yes Robert Poythress – yes Tasha Manfredi-Garlick – yes Bill Jacobsen – yes Nick Leach – absent

**C. Sherman Thomas STEM Academy Charter Renewal Petition Revisions** - Board President, Bill Jacobsen asked STEM Academy Principal, Jamie Brock if she has read the Renewal Petition and has accepted the Revision and she has accepted. Bill Jacobsen entertained a motion for approval. Ross Thornton moved to approve. Seconded by Tasha Manfredi-Garlick. Motion carried 4-0 A roll call voted was recorded as follows: Ross Thornton – yes Robert Poythress – yes Tasha Manfredi-Garlick – yes Bill Jacobsen – yes Nick Leach – absent

**D. Sherman Thomas STEM Academy Parent/Student Handbook Revisions** – Bill Jacobsen entertained a motion to approve as presented, the new STEM Academy Parent/Student Handbook. Tasha Manfredi-Garlick moved to approve, seconded by Robert Poythress. Motion carried 4-0 A roll call voted was recorded as follows: Ross Thornton – yes Robert Poythress – yes Tasha Manfredi-Garlick – yes Bill Jacobsen – yes Nick Leach – absent

## **NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUES**

**E. Authorize Executive Director to approve any additional revisions to the Sherman Thomas STEM Academy Charter Renewal Petition and Appendices. As may be negotiated between Charter School legal counsel and District legal counsel** – Legal Counsel Mr. Simmons reported to the Board the process of the negotiations and giving Roger Leach the authority to accept changes for approval. Bill Jacobsen requested a motion for approval. Tasha Manfredi-Garlick moved for approval. Seconded by Robert Poythress. Motion carried 4-0 A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Ross Thornton – yes Robert Poythress – yes Tasha Manfredi-Garlick – yes Bill Jacobsen – yes Nick Leach - absent

**F. Closure of Schools to May 1, 2020** – Roger Leach reported that Sherman Thomas Charter Schools will follow suit of conforming to Madera County Health Department (MCHD), Madera County Superintendent of Schools (MCSOS) and Madera Unified School District (MUSD) directives.

## **11. INFORMATION AND REPORTS**

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**12. Adjournment was moved approved by voice vote at 7:55pm.**