



## California Online Public Schools

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## Minutes

### California Online Public Schools (CalOPS) Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday October 8, 2024 at 4:00 PM

#### Location

**CalOPS NorCal:** 580 N. Wilma Avenue, Suite G, Ripon, CA 95366

**CalOPS SoCal:** 33272 Valle Road, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

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#### Directors Present

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A. Pulsipher (remote), E. Pavlich, J. Stockdale (remote), M. Henjum (remote), P. Pulsipher (remote)

**Directors Absent**

D. Rivas, E. Wickliffe

**Guests Present**

A. Larsen (remote), B. Jamero, D. Hertzler, Doreen Stringer (remote), E. McGahey, H. Tamayo (remote), Hannah Hurley (remote), J. Colombero, J. Sitomer (remote), Jen Brunner (remote), K. Eng (remote), L. Carter, L. Dombek (remote), M. Brockway (remote), M. White (remote), Mackenzie Duran (remote), P. Wenker (remote), R. Romero (remote), R. Savage (remote), S. Ford (remote), Shannon Doss (remote), Than Short (remote)

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**I. Opening Items**

**A. Call the Meeting to Order**

E. Pavlich called a meeting of the board of directors of California Online Public Schools to order on Tuesday Oct 8, 2024 at 4:05 PM.

**B. Roll Call**

**CalOPS Staff**

Bernie Jamero - Assistant Director of Finance - NorCal Office

Dan Hertzler - Director of Operations - SoCal Office

Eva McGahey - Administrative Assistant - SoCal Office

Julie Colombero - Assistant Director of Operations, Family Relations - SoCal Office

LaChelle Carter - Director of Financial Services - SoCal Office

Ashley Larsen - Administrative Assistant

Doreen Stringer - High School Teacher

Hannah Hurley - Elementary School Assistant Principal

Heather Tamayo - Middle School Principal

Jen Brunner - High School Assistant Principal

Leslie Dombek - Director of Educational Services

Mackenzie Duran - Assistant Director of Student Services

Marcus White - Elementary School Principal

Matt Brockway - High School Principal

Phil Wenker - Director of Student Services

Richard Savage - Superintendent

Richie Romero - Deputy Superintendent

Shannon Doss - Social Worker

Stephen Ford - Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

Than Short - Assistant Director of Educational Services

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### **Contracted Staff**

Jason Sitomer - Charter Impact Managing Director

Kate Eng - Charter Impact Director of Client Finance

James Stockdale - Prospective CalOPS Board Member

Patty Pulsipher - Prospective CalOPS Board Member

## **C. Approval of Agenda**

A. Pulsipher made a motion to approve the agenda.

E. Pavlich seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### **Roll Call**

D. Rivas Absent

E. Pavlich Aye E. Wickliffe

Absent M. Henjum Aye

A. Pulsipher Aye

## **II. Public Comment**

### **A. Public Comment**

The Board welcomes participation by the members of the public telephonically. To address an item on the agenda, before the scheduled start of the meeting, an individual must write their name and a short description of the agenda item on which they wish to comment on the card provided and submit this to the Chair, along with any materials they want to have distributed to Board. Individuals who wish to address the Board telephonically must contact the School Leader by phone or by email at least twenty four (24) hours before the scheduled start of the Board meeting. If the individual wants to provide any written materials to the Board, these should be emailed to the School Leader at least twenty-four (24) hours before the scheduled start of the meeting.

The total time for any individual to present, either in person or via telephone, on an item on the agenda shall not exceed three (3) minutes, or six (6) minutes if the individual requesting to comment is a non English speaker and requires a translator, unless the Board grants additional time. However, in compliance with Board policy and the Brown Act, the Board is not permitted to discuss or take action on non-agenda items. Individuals desiring to make a formal presentation to the Board on an item not on the agenda but desiring it be placed on the agenda must provide notice and written submissions detailing the subject of the presentation to the School Leader at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. Any such presentations shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes in duration, unless otherwise permitted by the Chair.

To view the Board Public Comment Policy, visit the CalOPS Governance Page at [californiaops.org/governance](https://californiaops.org/governance).

No requests for public comment were submitted in advance. No member of the public was present in person.

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### **III. Oral Reports**

#### **A. Superintendent's Report**

R. Savage updated the board on enrollment at 6937 students. This didn't include 222 students that were pre-enrollment, which had been consistently above 200 since the beginning of the year. This is vital to ensure enrollment continues trending upward to maintain the financial health of the school and avoiding any layoffs. There were no plans to hire any additional staff in the immediate future.

In terms of general school updates, R. Savage noted that although some of the transition went well, this was not uniform. Significantly, varying definitions of 'integration' by vendors led to a few problems the staff needs to work through. There were issues with material distribution and School Pathways, but the issues were in the process of being resolved. He predicted that there should not be further new issues to arise, but the previous problems would be actively resolved. SAC Meeting, Parent/Administrator Collaboration Meeting, and BOY Festivals facilitated lots of positive feedback from parents and most of them were appreciative.

#### **B. Principals' Report (attached)**

M. White emphasized the teamwork and camaraderie between elementary teachers. Even when things are going well, this is a vital part of CalOPS, so during the more trying times, the support provided to one another has been productive and essential. The elementary has also had high Live Class attendance, indicative of the positive connections that teachers have made.

H. Tamayo agreed with M. White's sentiments. The transition has allowed the CalOPS culture to become more solution oriented. Middle School has been proud of the transition to the Homeroom model and has received excellent feedback. The team was focused on making connections with students, parents, and families.

M. Brockway touched on the change and how well the staff has handled it as a team. MAP testing reached 96%. Curricular challenges have been present, but they are being tackled to create the best learning environment for our students.

CalOPS NorCal Office logged in at 4:17 pm.

#### **C. Charter Impact Financial Report for CalOPS**

J. Sitomer presented the CalOPS Monthly Financial Presentation in place of K. Eng. Highlights are as follows:

- Attendance: -17% to Original Budget
- Revenue: -\$20M, due to reduced ADA projection
- Expenses: -\$26M, driven by PVS cost savings
- Surplus: \$9.2M total (+\$5.6M driven by cost savings. Will not close the year at this level due to spending requirements)
- Ending Fund balance: \$29M
- Cash: \$22.2M as of 8/3

There was a 20M loss in revenue which was offset by the savings from PVS cost reductions. This puts the school at a greater surplus than initially expected. This was a conservative estimate and should be continually monitored throughout the year to confirm projections are accurate.

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#### **D. Policy, Compliance, and State Accountability Report**

D. Hertzler gave compliments to teachers to have 96% overall internal assessment participation which had not been accomplished in recent years. This was a positive sign for state testing.

Legislative cycle in Sacramento has closed and there was nothing huge to report. SB 153 was signed off on with cleanup and clarification, which ended up being the best case scenario where CalOPS can continue claiming attendance as it has in the past.

D. Hertzler touched on the board training and the feedback being received from the board. The board will finalize surveys regarding preferred training method so that the best option can be determined at the next board meeting.

#### **IV. Consent Items**

**A. Approval of Minutes from the September 10, 2024 CalOPS Board Meeting (attached)**

**B. Ratification of Special Education Service Contracts (attached)**

**C. Approval of Staffing Report (attached)**

**D. Approval of Expenditures over \$20k (attached)**

**E. Approval of July and August Check Registries**

**F. Approval of Health & Safety Policies (attached)**

**G. Approval of Parent and Family Engagement Policy (attached)**

**H. Approval of Involuntary Removal Procedure (attached)**

**I. Approval of Local Teacher Assignment Options: Teacher Listing for 2023-2024 School Year (attached)**

**J. Approval of Independent Contractor Agreements (attached)**

M. Henjum made a motion to approve Consent Agenda, Items A-J.

A. Pulsipher seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### **Roll Call**

D. Rivas	Absent
M. Henjum	Aye
A. Pulsipher	Aye
E. Pavlich	Aye
E. Wickliffe	Absent

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## V. Action Items

### A. Approval of Patty Pulsipher as a CalOPS Board Member

M. Henjum made a motion to approve Patty Pulsipher as a CalOPS Board Member.

A. Pulsipher seconded the motion.

D Hertzler clarified that this is an appointment for P. Pulsipher to a 3 year term on the CalOPS Board of Directors.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

D. Rivas Absent

E. Pavlich Aye

A. Pulsipher Aye

E. Wickliffe Absent

M. Henjum Aye

### B. Approval of James Stockdale as a CalOPS Board Member

M. Henjum made a motion to approve James Stockdale as a CalOPS Board Member.

A. Pulsipher seconded the motion.

D Hertzler clarified that this is an appointment for J. Stockdale to a 3 year term on the CalOPS Board of Directors.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

D. Rivas Absent

M. Henjum Aye

A. Pulsipher Aye

E. Pavlich Aye J.

E. Wickliffe Absent

P. Pulsipher Aye

## VI. Closing Items

### A. Adjourn Meeting

M. Henjum made a motion to adjourn the CalOPS Board Meeting, and confirm next meeting on November 12, 2024.

A. Pulsipher seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

A. Pulsipher Aye

E. Wickliffe Absent

M. Henjum Aye

D. Rivas Absent

P. Pulsipher Aye

J. Stockdale Aye

E. Pavlich Aye

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There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
E. Pavlich