**Sonoma Charter School**

**Special Governing Board Workshop Minutes**

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**Monday, January 23, 2023**

**No Closed Session**

**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Open Session**

***Meeting will be accessible at the Nelson Personnel Office – Training Room***

***19080 Lomita Ave, Sonoma, CA 95476***

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*Welcome to our Board meeting.  Documents provided to a majority of the Governing Board regarding this agenda will be made available for public inspection in the School Office located at 17202 Sonoma Hwy., Sonoma, CA 95476 during normal business hours.  Such writings and documents are posted on the School’s website at https://www.sonomacharterschool.org/ as well as on ParentSquare, and clicking on Board of Education.  A file copy is also available in the the meeting room.  Said file is not to be removed from the room.*

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**10:05 a.m. PUBLIC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER, QUORUM ESTABLISHED**

PRESENT: Trustees Skinner, White, Holladay, Perkins, and Aviles. Superintendent Stone and Principal Sowers were also present.

**I PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment

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**II WORKSHOP**

1. Budget Overview
   1. The Board viewed a presentation on budget development and priorities, aligning resources to impact student achievement, budget monitoring, and the timeline for the budget year.
2. Budget Review by line item
   1. The Board reviewed a monthly financial presentation and the first interim report, looking at broad categories and line items
3. Budget Reduction process
   1. The board discussed developing budget priorities of the charter community – families, staff, and students
   2. As we develop the budget, we will recommend reducing as far from the classroom as possible, and looking for “low hanging” fruit
   3. A skeleton budget will be developed with priorities based on commun ity input, mandates, and requirements. Other things will be added back in as is affordable.
4. Staff Salary increases
   1. This is a priority of Board and administration
   2. There was a discussion about how to retain staff and if there were other factors besides salary that would help with retention.

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 2:00 pm**