



**Harvest Ridge Schools
Board of Directors Meeting
Open to the Public**

November 10, 2022

**Harvest Ridge Cooperative Charter School
9050 Old State Hwy, Newcastle, CA 95658**

Mission: Harvest Ridge Cooperative Charter School is committed to collaborating with parents, teachers, and students to provide a high quality student-centered educational experience, which enhances the joy of learning and inspires a commitment to lifelong learning.

Vision: Harvest Ridge Cooperative Charter School is committed to nurturing the whole student by cultivating high academic achievement and strong social development. Students are encouraged to discover and pursue their interests and talents within a compassionate and supportive environment. Our students become self-motivated and confident as they develop 21st Century skills.

Harvest Ridge staff members are enthusiastic, creative, and committed to providing an engaging and relevant education that prepares students to adapt and thrive in a rapidly changing world. Our staff sets high standards, fosters individuality, encourages group collaboration, and differentiates for individual student needs.

Parents are an integral part of our school community. They work collaboratively to support classroom instruction, serve on school committees, participate in campus stewardship, and are active partners in their child's education.

Community connections and global awareness are encouraged through outreach programs, field trips, and service projects.

Meeting Facilitator: Jason Couch, Board Chairperson

5:30pm OPEN SESSION

- 1. Call to Order: 5:30 pm**
- 2. Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum: Ashley Neufeld, Nicole Virtue, Jason Couch, Vincent Cavanna, Ardelle Seely.**
- 3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF AB 361 TELECONFERENCE FLEXIBILITY**
 - 3.1. This meeting is being held pursuant to the procedures established in Assembly Bill (AB) 361, signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on Thursday, September 16, 2021, and scheduled to take effect on October 1, 2021. All Board members may attend the meeting by teleconference, which includes virtual meeting platforms. The public may access the meeting through a virtual platform and may offer public comment during real time. The public will have access to the

Newcastle Elementary School District Board of Trustees meeting through Zoom Teleconferencing. The instructions for participation and public comment are posted on the District Website at harvestridgeschool.org, and are also included in today's agenda, which is also available on the District Website. For those individuals who wish to make a public comment during the meeting, please indicate so through the meeting chat feature in Zoom.

4. **FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC** - *It is the policy and practice of the Board of Harvest Ridge Schools to encourage public attendance and participation at its meeting. This portion of the meeting is set aside for the purpose of allowing an opportunity for individuals to address the Board regarding matters not on the agenda, but within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction, and is limited to 3 minutes per individual. The Board is not allowed to take action on any item that is not on the agenda except as authorized by Government Code Section 54954.2. No comments from the public.*

5. **Reports And Communication**

- 5.1. **PTO Report** - *Jason Couch reported that the PTO is continuing to do amazing work for Harvest Ridge. They are preparing for the Mandain fundraiser and hosting the Thanksgiving turkey feast for Thursday, November 17, 2022.*

- 5.2. **Staff Report** - *Rick Ornelas reported he has completed 40% with the classroom observations/evaluations, and will be completed before winter break. The spring cycle will be completed before May, 2022.*

- 5.2.1. **Classroom** - *This week, the teachers were training in using CAASPP Interim blocks.*

- 5.2.2. **Home Study** - *Christina Cowan and Janet Sutton, are collaborating about intervention for home study students.*

- 5.3. **Director's Report**

- 5.3.1. **Enrollment**

HRCCS	Home Study	Total
117	194	311

- 5.4. **Discipline**

Suspensions	Expulsions
0	0

- 5.5. **Budget Report**

- 5.5.1. [Current Financial Statement](#)

- 5.5.2. **Budget:** *Rick Ornelas addressed all of the areas of questioning from Vincent Cavanna. Rick said that he is going to increase the legal service fees up to \$10,000. In 2018-19 the service fees were \$5,000 (enrollment was 175 for campus and home study). This year our total enrollment is 311 students. Rick reiterated that all adjustments will be made on the 1st interim.*

6. **CONSIDERATION OF: DISCUSSION/ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 6.1. [SB 1100 - Disruptive Members of the Public](#) - *Ardelle Seely said that the Board needs to come up with a policy. Rick wants to wait and see what other Districts are doing, before seeking out legal advise.*

7. ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT AGENDA

All actions listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine, and will be enacted by one motion followed by a vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Board requests that a specific item be removed from Consent Agenda, and discussed. Such items will be considered separately in the order in which they appear on the agenda.

7.1 Board Minutes – request to approve Board minutes for the following:

7.1.1 [October 13, 2022](#)

7.2 Approval for Bill Warrants

7.2.1 [October 2022](#)

7.3 [Con App Certificate of Assurances](#): Ardelle Seely moved to approve 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3. Nicole Virtue seconded. All approve. Motion carried.

8. ACTION ITEMS – REGULAR AGENDA

8.1. Approval of Salary Schedule Increase

8.1.1. [Changes to 22/23 Salary Schedule](#): Nicole Virtue moved to approve. Ashley Neufeld seconded. All approve. Motion carried.

8.1.2. [Occupational Therapy Position](#): The board will revisit the salary schedule before approving for this motion to carry.

8.2. COVID-19 Testing Plans

8.2.1. [Preliminary Testing Framework for K–12 Schools for the 2022–2023 School Year](#)

8.2.1.1. [May 17, 2022](#)

8.2.1.2. [August 19, 2022](#) : Ardelle Seely moved to approve. Vincent Cavanna seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

8.3. [Approval of Contract](#) : Ashley Neufeld moved to approve. Ardelle Seely seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

Protocol for action items includes a staff presentation/overview, questions from the Board, public input, closing of public input, deliberation and voting by the Board. During public input, there will be a time limit per person, normally 3 minutes, set by the Board Chairperson.

9. Upcoming Agenda Items

9.1. 1st Interim Budget

9.2. Audit

9.3. Board Training

10. Meeting Adjourned: 6:25 pm.

Future Meeting Dates: 5:30 pm Open Session- December 8, 2022

Harvest Ridge Schools Board meetings will normally be held the second Thursday of the month, August – June. Special Meetings may be called at any time with proper notice.

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