



THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS

Board Meeting Minutes

Date and Time

Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 10:00 AM (Approved Minutes)

Location

4000 S. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90037 (MPR)

Teleconference location: TAS 2 – 119 E. 37th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90011

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board Members Present: L. Rabinowitz (LR), P. Morrison (PM), L. Picus (LP), and B. Yost (BY)

Board Members Absent: L. Berz and B. Brooks

Administrative Team Present: J. Melgares, L. Lugo, D. Kukta, C. Foley, R. French, L. Hilarides, A. Dominguez and C. Reyes

Guest Speakers: None.

Guest Present: B. Loza

AGENDA

Meeting Called to Order: President Rabinowitz called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.

Pledge of Allegiance: J. Melgares

Approval of Board Meeting Agenda for September 18, 2024, Motioned: LP/BY **Approved:** Unanimously 4/0

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: June 20, 2024, Motioned: LP/BY **Approved:** Unanimously 4/0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Four (4) comments

Three concerned parents have requested the board to install metal detectors at all schools due to the recent school shootings. They are worried about the safety of their children and feel uneasy when dropping them off at school. A parent requested additional support for students with disabilities and expressed hope that their voices will be heard. Additionally, there is a growing concern about overcrowded classrooms and the transparency of the use of the California Titles funding.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Board President L. Rabinowitz introduced Jesse Melgares, CEO, of The Accelerated Schools. Mr. Melgares is from East Hollywood and is a first-generation college graduate. He has demonstrated outstanding leadership and a deep commitment to improving educational outcomes through various leadership roles, including his most recent role as Vice President of Teaching and Learning at Alliance College-Ready Public Schools, where he managed academic systems and content teams across twenty-six schools, ensuring access to rigorous and culturally responsive instruction for over thirteen thousand five hundred students. He has also served as Director of Mathematics, Assistant Principal, a Dean of Culture, and a teacher at KIPP Sol Academy and at Camino Nuevo Charter Academy-Burlington. Jesse holds a Bachelor's in Political Science from UCLA, a Master's in Education from Loyola Marymount University and a Master's In Public Education Management from the Yale School of Management.

Representative Mario de la Cruz from the parent body has resigned from the Board and may consider reapplying for the position later this year. **Motioned: BY/LP Approved: Unanimously 4/0**

CEO'S PRESENTATION AND REPORTS

1. First 90 Days Update

In his comprehensive first 90-days report, CEO Mr. Melgares outlined a strategic vision and initial steps taken to position The Accelerated Schools as a leading educational system in California. He emphasized the importance of building strong relationships, conducting national searches for filling key positions, and setting clear organizational goals. Central to his strategy for achieving excellence is a five-year plan focusing on enhancing coaching, leveraging data for curriculum development, and fostering teacher-led professional development. Mr. Melgares highlighted the ongoing commitment to learning from community feedback and strengthening the implementation of coaching, data analysis, and curriculum development as crucial next steps in realizing the organization's potential.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION AT 10:31 AM

1. Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code §54954.5 for Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 99
2. Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Govt. Code Section 54956.9: (2 cases)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AT 11:36 AM

1. Report out any action taken in closed session. **No action taken**

Ratification of 2024-2026 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between The Accelerated Schools and Service Employees International Union Local 99 (Article IV retroactive to 07/01/24)

Public comment: Mr. Franklin expressed feeling inspired by Mr. Melgares' presentation. He shared that the negotiations were easy and thanked the board for the last offer made. He thanked the Board for the fairness of the offers established with SEIU.

Dr. Foley, the Chief Human Resources Officer (CHRO), shared that the offer reflects the culmination of collaboration, communication, and a commitment to ensuring a positive working environment. The agreement includes key provisions that have been thoughtfully and transparently negotiated.

Motion: LR/PM **Approved:** 4/0 Unanimously

STAFF PRESENTATION, REPORTS, AND ACTION ITEMS

Three (3) Public comments on item #9

1. Comments and Reports from the Finance Committee Meeting on September 18, 2024
2. Action Item - 2023-24 TAS Consolidated Unaudited Actuals Report (TAS/ACES/WAHS).
Motion: LP/LR **Approved:** 4/0 Unanimously
3. Action Item - The Board will consider approving 2023-24 Unaudited Actuals Reports to LAUSD (ACES/TAS/WAHS). **Motion:** LR/PM **Approved:** 4/0 Unanimously

CONSENT ITEMS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

Items 1-11 Motion: LR/LP **Approved:** 4/0 Unanimously

1. Organization-wide Wellness Policy
2. 2024-2025 EL Master Plans (ACES)
3. 2024-2025 EL Master Plans (TAS)
4. 2024-2025 EL Master Plans (WAHS)
5. The Accelerated Schools 2020 Title IX Policy - Revised
6. The Accelerated Schools 2024 Title IX Policy
7. 2022-23 Teacher Assignment Monitoring Outcome Reports (ACES, TAS, WAHS)

Next Board Meeting
Board meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2024

8. 2023-24 Consolidated Application (Con App) for Federal Funds (ACES/TAS/WAHS)
 9. Contract Ratifications:
 - a. ARC ASES, 21st CCLC and Expanded Learning Opportunities Program Agreement (ACES/TAS/WAHS)
 - b. Hey Tutor Agreement for during-school services (ACES/TAS/WAHS)
 - c. HeyTutor Agreement for Classroom Science Support (TAS)
 - d. DKC Strategy agreement for consulting services
 - e. Cross Country Education for special education providers
 - f. Swing Agreement for Teacher Substitute Services (ACES/TAS/WAHS)
 - g. Teachers on Reserve for Teacher Substitute services (ACES/TAS/WAHS)
 - h. ProCare Therapy agreement for special education services
 - i. PRN Nursing Consultants agreement for nursing services
 - j. Graycon change order, gym HVAC project
 - k. 2024-25 TAS – ExED Notice of Terms Supplement
 - l. Impact Facilities - Custodial
 - m. Jan Leight Consultant Agreement - Principal Coaching
 10. Proposition 28 Visual and Performing Arts Plans - ACES, TAS, and WAHS
 11. Education Protection Account (EPA) Spending Plans 2024-25 for ACES, TAS, and WAHS
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ADJOURN 11:48 PM