



THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date and Time

Wednesday, October 16, 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. Berz (LB), B. Brooks (BB).

Board Members Absent: B. Yost and L. Picus

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

Guest Speakers: None.

Guest Present: J. Ruley, and P. Reyes

AGENDA

Meeting Called to Order: President Rabinowitz called the meeting to order at 10:36 AM.

Pledge of Allegiance: L. Rabinowitz

Approval of Board Meeting Agenda October 16, 2024, Motioned: PM/LB **Approved:** Unanimously 4/0

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: September 18, 2024, Motioned: LR/PM **Approved:** Unanimously 4/0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

We had two public comments made by parents. Parents voiced their concerns and made specific requests to enhance the safety of our school. They are advocating for the installation of metal

Next Annual Board Meeting-Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 9:30 am
Next Regular Board Meeting - Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 10:00am

detectors and the implementation of added safety measures, including crossing guards and traffic signs. This request is made due to the frequent traffic accidents that occur during the busy morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times. Furthermore, one of the parents expanded on her concerns, addressing the need to resolve instances of bullying from adults towards children. She has proactively reached out to the school's Principal, seeking a solution.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

No Public Comments

Mr. Rabinowitz shared the following message: **Honoring the Life of Simeon Peter Slovacek, Ph.D.**

It is with deep gratitude that we honor and reflect on the life and legacy of Dr. Simeon Slovacek, a dedicated educator, philanthropist, and a cherished member of the TAS Board. Simeon's passing earlier this year leaves a profound void, but his contributions to our schools and the broader field of education will forever be a source of inspiration as we continue the important work he championed.

As a professor at California State University, Los Angeles for nearly 40 years, Simeon was a recognized leader in school reform and a passionate advocate for charter schools. In fact, his commitment to ensuring all children have access to quality education was a driving force behind the success of the charter school movement in California, and his pioneering work earned him the Cal State L.A. Outstanding Professor Award in 2011.

Simeon's wisdom, compassion, and generosity made a lasting impact on our mission. His thoughtful counsel helped guide our work, and his charitable gifts have allowed us to expand our reach and support more students in need, carrying on his legacy and vision of education as a transformative force.

Simeon's work touched the lives of so many, and his influence on education will be felt for generations to come. Though we mourn his loss, we celebrate his remarkable impact and recommit ourselves to advancing his life's work.

CEO'S PRESENTATION AND REPORT

No Public comments

Mr. Melgares, CEO, shared a video highlighting Hispanic Heritage school activities. Additionally, WAHS earned the Award AP Honor Roll Bronze for the second time. During Mr. Melgares' presentation, he shared his beliefs and what is being implemented to achieve them.

- **We are an organization that is driven by data.** We use data to guide our decisions, to see if we are on track to meet our goals, to celebrate success and to know how to get better.
- **We are an organization that implements curriculum with fidelity.** We use curriculum to ensure we are providing all of our students with rigorous grade level instruction.

- **We are an organization that believes in the power of our people.** We invest significant time and effort in providing quality staff development and regular coaching to enable everyone to be successful in their current and future roles.

CONSENT ITEMS

No Public Comments

Items 1- were approved. Motion: LR/PM Approved: 4/0 unanimously

1. Revised Fiscal Policies and Procedures for ACES/TAS/WAHS
2. Designation of ESSER III as a funding source for the Vape Detectors Project

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION AT 10:45 AM

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE
2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Agency designated representatives: Dr. Cynthia Foley and Oliver Yee
Employee organization: United Teacher Los Angeles (UTLA)
3. 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: (1 case)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AT 11:19 AM

No action taken.

ADJOURN AT 11:20 AM