



THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date and Time

Wednesday, December 18, 2024 (**Unapproved 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: Leonard Rabinowitz, Binti Yost, Larry Picus, Lindsay Berz

Board Members Absent: Peter Morrison and Brittany Brooks

Guest Speakers: Christy White (Audit Partner), Marcy Kearney (Legal Counsel)

AGENDA

Meeting Called to Order: 10:04am

Pledge of Allegiance: Jesse Melgares

Approval of Board Meeting Agenda 12.18.24

1st Motion: LP

2nd Motion: LR

Approved

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: 10.16.24

1st Motion: LR

2nd Motion: LB

Approved

PUBLIC COMMENTS on Non-Agenda Items:

1. Anariel Diaz: Problem with ACES personnel; 2 weeks ago there was a meeting with Mr. Salgado, Ms. Quintero, and Ms. Ramos in regards to ACES personnel speaking to students in a rude and discourteous manner; there was a person who witnessed a teacher stepping on a

student's hands without apologizing. ACES will not reveal the name of the staff member who made a rude comment to the student. Anariel requested a meeting, but the Principal refused. It has now been 2 weeks and nothing has been done. The parent requested to speak with the CEO for help to resolve this issue. In the future, I will go to the CEO instead of the Principal. The principal is more interested in valet parking.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Thank you to the staff for being prepared.

Report back on the number of college visits and locations for the 2023-2024 school year.

CEO'S PRESENTATION AND REPORT

- Shared charter renewal timeline and submission dates.
- Review and discussion of the 2023-2024 LAUSD Annual Oversight Final Reports for ACES, TAS, and WAHS:
 - Provided reasons for a rating of "2" at Wallis Annenberg High School in Organizational Management.
 - No corrective actions were noted and no immediate actions to remedy any concerns.
- 2023-2024 California Dashboard/CAASPP Results (ACES, TAS, WAHS):
 - Provided baseline data that will guide our work for the next 3-5 years.
 - Review of California Dashboard indicators for each school.
 - Review of the 5-year goals for all schools to get to "blue" in all categories.
 - Reviewed the network's three priorities:
 - We are an organization driven by data.
 - We are an organization that uses curriculum with fidelity.
 - We are an organization that believes in the power of our people.
- 2024-2025 Enrollment and Attendance Data:
 - Shared preliminary data (ADA) for each school (year-to-date).
 - Reviewed internal ADA goal of 92%.
 - Shared current enrollment numbers by site and our goals.
- Finance & Audit Committee Comments and Reports:
 - Update on Finance Committee & Audit.
- Staff Presentations, Reports, and Action Items.
 - Information Only: Ethics Training (Part 1 of 2) pursuant to AB2158:
 - Y,M,& C attorney provided Part 1 of Ethics training and requirements which included the roles and responsibilities as public board members & The Brown Act.
 - Information Only: 2024-2025 LCAP Mid-Year Update (ACES, TAS, WAHS):
 - Director of Access, Equity, and Compliance presented the LCAP Midyear Update for ACES, TAS, and WAHS.
 - Director of Access, Equity, and Compliance opened the meeting up for public comments; No Public Comments.
 - Information Only: Attorney Memo RE: one (1) LEA vs three (3) separate LEAs:
 - The Accelerated Schools is currently operating under three charters, LCAPs, budgets, and Annual Oversight visits, why?

- Discussed the pros and cons of current operating structures versus merging all three charters.
 - This merging is worth studying but no quick decision.
 - Information Only: Update on the process of considering the use of metal detectors.
 - Public Comment - Ignacia Sanchez: Wondering what is being done.
 - Information Only: 2024-2025 Staffing/Credentialing/Training Updates for ACES, TAS, WAHS:
 - Update on credential and training requirements by the Chief of Human Resources.
 - All staff have completed mandated training.
 - No teachers on any waivers.
 - Updates on staffing were provided:
 - Number of teachers per school.
 - Number of teachers hired to fill vacancies.
 - Number of teaching vacancies.
 - Number of vacancies in non-teaching positions.
 - Action Items: Board to consider accepting the 2023-24 Independent Financial Audit Report for ACES, TAS, WAHS:
 - Public Comment - Maria Sanchez: Requested ACES principal for a breakdown of budget for last school year; 2 days to provide documentation.
 - Acceptance of the 2023-24 Independent Financial Audit for ACES, TAS, and WAHS via Christy White Inc., Audit Partner by Marcy Kearney
 - Opinion letters (3) reviews
 - No non-compliance items
 - Summary of Opinion Letters Review
 - 1st Motioned: LR / 2nd Motioned: LP / Approved
 - Action Items: The Board will consider approving the Consolidated Financial Reports Fiscal Year-to-Date through October 2024 for ACES, TAS, WAHS:
 - Chief Business Officer presentation of Income Statement (Consolidated)
 - Review of balance sheet and cash balances
 - 1st Motioned: LR / 2nd Motioned: LP / Approved
 - Action Items: The Board will consider approving the 2024-25 First Interim Reports for ACES, TAS, WAHS:
 - Review of Financial Reports:
 - 1st Motioned: LP / 2nd Motioned: LR / Approved

CONSENT ITEMS

- 2024-2025 Compliance Monitoring: Certification of Board Compliance Review for ACES, TAS, & WAHS.
 - 1st Motioned: BY / 2nd Motioned: LR / Approved

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 11:51 AM

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: 1:09 PM

Action taken: No Action Taken

- Took into consideration and approved first-year CEO evaluation and framework.
 - Voted and approved
 - 1st Motioned: LR / 2nd Motioned: LP / Approved

ADJOURN: 1:10pm