



THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS

Board Meeting Minutes

Date and Time

Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 10:00 AM

Location

Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**Board Members Present:**

L. Rabinowitz, P. Morrison, E. Weiss, J. Ward, L. Picus, S. Yetter and E. Galaviz (S. Yetter and E. Galaviz joined the meeting at 10:13 AM).

Board Members Absent:

B. Yost.

Representatives Present:

G. Lee-Chang, R. French, L. Lugo, M. Watson, A. Ortiz, V. Shih, C. Liu, T. Nizetich, B. Canosa-Carr, S. Raudry, F. Reading, R. Hoang, K. Figueroa, C. Reyes, and J. Williams.

Guest Speakers: None.

Guest Present: W. Strumpfer and R. Griffin.

AGENDA

1. Meeting Called to Order: President Rabinowitz called the meeting at 10:00 AM.

2. Agenda: Motioned and Approved: unanimously 5-0 with Roll Call Votes:

- a. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
- b. Peter Morrison-approve
- c. John Ward-approve
- d. Larry Picus-approve
- e. Elisabeth Weiss-approve

- 3. Meeting Minutes-February 27, 2020:** Motioned and Approved: unanimously 5-0 with Roll Call Votes
- a. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
 - b. Peter Morrison-approve
 - c. John Ward-approve
 - d. Larry Picus-approve
 - e. Elisabeth Weiss-approve
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PUBLIC COMMENTS on NON-AGENDA and AGENDA ITEMS *(submitted via email: boardmeetingpubliccomments@accelerated.org)*

1. Darcy Segura – TAS Teacher. Addressed item #5 "Flexible Work Arrangement Policy". Addressed the language and the standards that staff will be held to.
 2. Cynthia Bosca – Addressed TAS employees complying with the COVID-19 orders to wear face mask, and to ensure TAS is providing employees proper protection equipment.
 3. Hilda Rodriguez Guzman –
 - a. General Public Comments: Would like Board meetings in the evenings, increased diversity of board members and transparency with from members of the board with the community.
 - b. April 23, 2020 Agenda: Agenda did not contain a meeting ID number.
 - c. CEO's Report: Addressed the CEO in regard to questions about the school closures.
 - d. Staff Presentations & Reports-Agenda Items 1-6: Addressed that the presentations and reports should be equally accessible to the public.
 - e. Consent Items 1, 3 & 5: 1-Would like Board meetings in the evenings. 3- would like job information about the President of Development and Government Affair position. 5- Addressed Flexible Work Arrangement Policy as being punitive.
 - f. Closed Session Item 1: Addressed the Board as having listed an actual case number.
 4. ACCE – Addressed more parent, student, staff and community oversight, moving meetings to the evenings and increased diversity of TAS Board members.
 5. Public School Activist – Addressed Board members are not racially diverse nor representative of the community.
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BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

1. Board President's Comments: President Rabinowitz reported that Board members are not paid, are volunteers and we are doing this from the heart to provide educational opportunities that TAS students might otherwise not have. President Rabinowitz also included that he's been in the Downtown Los Angeles community for more than 50 years and Board members intentions are to make TAS run well.
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CEO's REPORT

1. CEO's Report: CEO Grace Lee-Chang reported on TAS' COVID-10 Response Timeline and updates including Cancellation of Non-Essential Activities, Physical Distancing School Closure, Safer at Home Ordinance, Distance Learning, Communique to Faculty, Staff, and Parents in English and Spanish, newly established Help Lines, and meal services to students and community-approximately 6,000 meals per week served, and students' access to technology and distance learning.

STAFF PRESENTATION AND REPORTS

1. **Mid-Year Progress towards Board Goal #1-Accelerating Student Learning-** CEO Grace Lee-Chang presented to the Board our Mid-Year Progress on Board Goal #1-Accelerating Student Learning and 4 Success Criteria-Early Literacy, Growth, Achievement and Talent Retention and Recruitment Measures along with Director of Elementary Education, Susan Raudry, Director of Secondary Education, Bobby Canosa-Carr, and Director of Human Resource, Robert French
 2. **Annual Brown Act Training-*Law Offices of Young, Minney & Corr***- Presented by Attorney Wayne Strumpfer.
 3. **Recommendations from External Consultant-School Safety Report-** Item tabled.
 4. **Financial Update Presentation-*ExEd*** - Guest presenter Ryan Griffin provided financial updates as posted.
 5. **Insurance Coverage Assessment and Recommendation-** CFO Vincent Shih discussed bring back items: Workers Compensation and Additional Liability Insurance Coverages.
 6. **Progress Report and Timeline on Property Development-** CFO Vincent Shih discussed updates regarding purchase of adjacent property, demolition by end of May 2020, additional classrooms by July 2020, and proposal for the new school year additional classrooms.
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CONSENT ITEMS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

All Consent Items Motioned and Approved: approved unanimously with a Roll Call Vote of 6-0

- a. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
- b. Peter Morrison-approve
- c. John Ward-approve
- d. Elisabeth Weiss-approve
- e. Scott Yetter-approve
- f. Elizabeth Espinosa-approve
- g. Larry Picus-absent at time of vote

1. Board Meeting Dates 2020-21
2. Academic Calendar 2020-21

3. LAUSD Notice of Concern-Approval of Resolution & Submission of Material Revision: 12.19.19
 4. Student/Parent Handbook
 5. Flexible Work Arrangement Policy
 6. Financials for Nine Months Ending March 31, 2020
 7. Contract for Building Rental
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CLOSED SESSION: 12:10 PM

There was no action was taken.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION: 12:18 PM

ADJOURN MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 12:23 PM
