



THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS

Board Meeting Minutes

Date and Time

Thursday, June 18, 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, E. Espinoza, J. Ward, L. Picus and S. Yetter

Board Members Absent:

B. Yost

Representatives Present:

G. Lee-Chang, R. French, L. Lugo, M. Watson, A. Ortiz, V. Shih, C. Liu, T. Nizetich and C. Reyes.

Guest Speakers: None.

Guest Present: W. Strumpfer and O. Yee

AGENDA

1. Meeting Called to Order: President Rabinowitz called the meeting at 10:04 AM.

2. Agenda: Motioned EW/PM

Approved: unanimously 6-0 with Roll Call Votes:

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

3. Meeting Minutes-June 9, 2020: Motioned EW/LP

Approved: unanimously 6-0 with Roll Call Votes

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

4. LCAP Operations Written Report Pursuant Executive Order N-56-20: No Public Comments

5. Consent Items

a. LCAP Written Report Pursuant Executive Order N-56-20: Motioned PM/LP

Approved: unanimously 6-0 with Roll Call Votes:

- i. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
- ii. Peter Morrison-approve
- iii. John Ward-approve
- iv. Larry Picus-approve
- v. Elisabeth Weiss-approve
- vi. Scott Yetter-approve

b. Financials for 10-months ending April 30, 2020: Removed

c. FY20-21 Budget-ACES, TAS, WAHS & Home Office: Motioned LP/EW

Approved: unanimously 6-0 with Roll Call Votes:

- i. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
- ii. Peter Morrison-approve
- iii. John Ward-approve
- iv. Larry Picus-approve
- v. Elisabeth Weiss-approve
- vi. Scott Yetter-approve

d. FY20-21 Education Protection Account Spending Plans-ACES, TAS & WAHS:

Motioned LP/SY

Approved: unanimously 6-0 with Roll Call Votes:

- i. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
- ii. Peter Morrison-approve
- iii. John Ward-approve
- iv. Larry Picus-approve
- v. Elisabeth Weiss-approve
- vi. Scott Yetter-approve

e. FY20-21 ExED Service Agreement: Motioned LP/SY

Approved: unanimously 6-0 with Roll Call Votes:

- i. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
- ii. Peter Morrison-approve
- iii. John Ward-approve
- iv. Larry Picus-approve

- v. Elisabeth Weiss-approve
- vi. Scott Yetter-approve
- f. FY20-21 ExED CALPADS Agreement:** Motioned LP/JW
Approved: unanimously 6-0 with Roll Call Votes:
 - i. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
 - ii. Peter Morrison-approve
 - iii. John Ward-approve
 - iv. Larry Picus-approve
 - v. Elisabeth Weiss-approve
 - vi. Scott Yetter-approve
- g. Board Meeting Dates for 2020-21:** Motioned LP/PM
Approved: unanimously 6-0 with Roll Call Votes:
 - i. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
 - ii. Peter Morrison-approve
 - iii. John Ward-approve
 - iv. Larry Picus-approve
 - v. Elisabeth Weiss-approve
 - vi. Scott Yetter-approve
- h. Academic Calendar 2020-21 Revised:** Motioned LP/SY
Approved: unanimously 6-0 with Roll Call Votes:
 - i. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
 - ii. Peter Morrison-approve
 - iii. John Ward-approve
 - iv. Larry Picus-approve
 - v. Elisabeth Weiss-approve
 - vi. Scott Yetter-approve
- i. LCAP Federal Addendum-ACES, TAS & WAHS:** Motioned SY/LP
Approved: unanimously 6-0 with Roll Call Votes:
 - i. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
 - ii. Peter Morrison-approve
 - iii. John Ward-approve
 - iv. Larry Picus-approve
 - v. Elisabeth Weiss-approve
 - vi. Scott Yetter-approve

CLOSED SESSION: 10:20 AM

There was no public comment for Closed Session Items.
There was no action was taken.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION: 10:35 AM

Ratification of Side Letter Agreement with UTLA: 10:36 AM

Motioned SY/PM

Approved: unanimously 6-0 with Roll Call Votes:

- i. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
- ii. Peter Morrison-approve
- iii. John Ward-approve
- iv. Larry Picus-approve
- v. Elisabeth Weiss-approve
- vi. Scott Yetter-approve

PUBLIC COMMENTS on NON-AGENDA ITEMS

(submitted via email: boardmeetingpubliccomments@accelerated.org)

Legal Counsel Wayne Strumpfer read public comments 1-6. Board Secretary Lenita Lugo read comment 7.

1. **Mike Hawk** – Commented TAS' Board Members are white privilege and treats its employees and the community unfair. Indicated board members are racist, offensive and are part of the problem in today's society.
 2. **Dick Payne** – Shared a quote from John F. Kennedy, "Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution inevitable." Suggested TAS' Board Members take a hard look at what they've been doing, as parents and the community are tired of being oppressed by people like TAS's Board Members. Offered assistance arranging protest to parents and community members by providing an email address.
 3. **Anita P. Ness** – A member of the CD 9 community who witnessed disgusting racist attitudes and actions towards members of the community from TAS' Board Members. Questioned Closed Session Comment Item #3, who is the employee, what is their salary, and what are their responsibilities, and is TAS wasting money paying for this position?
 4. **Defenders of Public Schools** – Commented all charter school board members like TAS' are destroying communities. Board President Rabinowitz is greedy and wants to eliminate special education at TAS, he serves only to protect his real estate investments and uses the students of the community as a commodity.
 5. **Ben N. Syder** – Commented TAS' Board Members are racist and corrupt board members and aren't doing anything for the community.
 6. **Dorothy Franklin** – Asked TAS' Board Members to resign.
 7. **Hilda Rodriguez Guzman** – Commented to TAS' Board Members she wasn't notified as previously requested to be provided with all board and committee meeting materials. The TAS finance committee failed to provide meeting materials as requested and no password was provided to join the zoom meeting. TAS' Board Members are not transparent with the public and should be.
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BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Rabinowitz read a prepared note. He commented joining the TAS Board in 1992; TAS to initiate Great American's Hero's Week; Recruitment of African-American students TAS' student mix; Additional programs for students; Members of the Board are working with the public to make the school better; No discussion for ending special needs programs for students.

CEO's REPORT

1. CEO Grace Lee-Chang reported on TAS' COVID-19 updates, end of year school activities via on-line and communication efforts with parents. CEO Lee-Chang also discussed Board Goals 1-2. Goal 1: Accelerate Learning, Distance Learning Phase 3. Goal 2: Communication. CEO Lee-Chang announced WAHS Annenberg Scholarship Winner, Rodrigo Calixto.
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STAFF PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

None.

ADJOURN MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM Motioned PM/LP
