



THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS

Board Meeting Minutes

Date and Time

Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 10:00 AM

Location

Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

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

L. Rabinowitz, P. Morrison, E. Espinoza, J. Ward and B. Yost

Board Members Absent: E. Weiss, L. Picus and S. Yetter

Representatives Present:

G. Lee-Chang, R. French, L. Lugo, M. Watson, A. Ortiz, V. Shih, T. Nizetich, C. Reyes, A. Dominguez, K. Figueroa, and J. Williams.

Guest Speakers: None.

Guest Present: W. Strumpfer, R. Griffin, S. Harber, A. Pizarro, A. Safraloo, and A. Guzman.

AGENDA

Meeting Called to Order: President Rabinowitz called the meeting at 10:06 AM.

Agenda: Approved. Motioned PM/JW. Unanimously 5-0 with Roll Call Votes:

1. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
2. Peter Morrison-approve
3. Elizabeth Espinosa-approve
4. John Ward-approve
5. Binti Yost-approve

Board Meeting Minutes-September 25, 2020: Approved. Motioned JW/PM.

Unanimously 5-0 with Roll Call Votes:

1. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
 2. Peter Morrison-approve
 3. Elizabeth Espinosa-approve
 4. John Ward-approve
 5. Binti Yost-approve
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PUBLIC COMMENTS on NON-AGENDA ITEMS

(submitted via email: boardmeetingpubliccomments@accelerated.org)

Lenita Lugo read public comments 1-3.

1. **Kari Rivera** – TAS employee shared some great things happening within our organization regarding distance learning over the last few months and acknowledges the hard work of the TAS leadership team.
 2. **Anonymous (unsigned email)** – Commented in regards to the negative commenters, take the immature, vulgar bullying somewhere else! The staff at The Accelerated Schools, have had enough of you.
 3. **Darcy Segura** – TAS employee and Parent (elementary) commented on the successes and areas for improvement on the distance learning solely for the middle school and expressed concern over the new online platform, Summit Learning, in the middle and high school.
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BOARD PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Postponed until next Board Meeting. Bring back in December.

CEO’S REPORT

Postponed until next Board Meeting. Bring back in December.

CONSENT ITEMS: Motioned BY/PM. No public comments.

1. 2020-21 Updated School Budget
2. Financials for July and August 2020
3. **Fiscal Policy Procedures Manual**
4. **EL Master Plan Certification with EL Master Plan for ACES, TAS & WAHS**

Items 1-4: Approved. Unanimously 5-0 with Roll Call Votes:

1. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
 2. Peter Morrison-approve
 3. Elizabeth Espinosa-approve
 4. John Ward-approve
 5. Binti Yost-approve
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STAFF PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

1. **2020-21 Updated School Budget:** Vincent Shih and Ryan Griffin presented. Ryan Griffin reviewed the financial dashboard (August 2020) and revised budget for board consideration.
2. **Financials for July and August 2020:** Vincent Shih and Ryan Griffin presented. Ryan Griffin discussed the financial dashboard (August 2020) and revised budget for board consideration.
3. **Report on Special Education Program:** Lenita Lugo and Randhir Bains presented. Lenita Lugo reviewed Special Education programs outcomes around distance learning, heroes, support for students with disabilities and outcomes for ACES, TAS & WAHS. Randhir Bains reviewed Special Education Program organization chart, expounding on positions and roles. Also reviewed Before School Closure and During School Closure metrics for students with disabilities, social emotional learning specialist, alignment of SPED’s board goals, heroes and sheroes.
4. **Update on cyber attach-proactive measures:** Postponed until next Board Meeting. Bring back in December.

PUBLIC COMMENTS on CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURN to CLOSED SESSION: 10:50 AM

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION: 11:50 AM. Motioned PM/JW.

1. Report out any action taken in closed session:

The Board voted 5-0 to provide the law firm of Young, Minney & Corr the authority to settle case # RF 20-1710.

The Board voted 5-0 to provide the law firm of McCure and Harbor the authority to settle case # RF 20-1707.

The Board voted 5-0 to provide the law firm of Liebert, Cassidy & Whitmore the authority to enter into mediation in case # 20-6917.

2. Board approval/ratification of Compensation Comparability Survey for Chief Executive Officer. Approved. Unanimously 5-0 with Roll Call Votes:

1. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
2. Peter Morrison-approve
3. Elizabeth Espinosa-approve
4. John Ward-approve
5. Binti Yost-approve

3. **Required oral report regarding CEO contract.** Board President announced terms of CEO contract including salary, benefits, sick and vacation days, and working days.

4. **Board ratification/approval of CEO contract**

Approved. Unanimously with Roll Call Votes:

1. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
2. Peter Morrison-approve
3. Elizabeth Espinosa-approve
4. John Ward-approve
5. Binti Yost-approve

At this time, Trustee John Ward left the meeting.

ADJOURN MEETING: Meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM. Motioned PM/EE.

Unanimously 4-0 with Roll Call Votes:

1. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
2. Peter Morrison-approve
3. Elizabeth Espinosa-approve
4. Binti Yost-approve