



# THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS

## Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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### Date and Time

Thursday, October 27, 2022, at 10:00 AM (Unapproved Minutes)

### Location

By teleconference pursuant to AB 361

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### REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### Board Members Present:

L. Rabinowitz, B. Yost, P. Morrison

#### Board Members Absent:

E. Weiss, L. Picus

#### Administrative Team Present:

G. Lee-Chang, L. Lugo, K. Sheehan, S. Dickinson, C. Foley, R. French, F. Reading, T. Crowther, C. Garcia, T. Nizetich, C. Garcia, Kim Clerx, S. Puccio, K. Figueroa, D. Kukta, C. Reyes, and A. Dominguez

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**Guest Speakers:** None.

**Guest Present:** J. Ruley, T. Young, G. Gunasekera, and P. Reyes

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### AGENDA

**Approval of Board Finding Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e):** LR/BY Approved 3-0

**Meeting Called to Order:** President Rabinowitz called the meeting to order at 10:11 AM.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Chief Business Officer, Steve Dickinson

**Agenda: Motioned:** PM/LR. **Approved:** Unanimously 3-0

**Regular Board Minutes September 22, 2022: Motioned:** LR/BY. **Approved:** 2 Yes – 1 Abstain

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## **PUBLIC COMMENTS on NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

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No public comments

## **BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS AND REPORT**

### 1. Board President comments:

Review Comparable Compensation Study for Charter School leaders. Board voted to approve the study. **Motion:** LR/BY **Approved:** Unanimously 3-0

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## **CEO'S PRESENTATION AND REPORT**

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No Public Comments

### 1. CEO's Comments

- a. Ms. Debbie Kukta as new Director of Fiscal Services.
- b. Board Training on Data Informed Decision Making: Student Achievement Data:
  - i. Board Members shared their learning regarding recent publications on national and CA state student achievement data in public schools.
    1. Mr. Rabinowitz agreed with everything and highlighted the importance of tutoring and parental involvement by reading 20 minutes with their child daily.
    2. Ms. Yost recommended to have career-oriented programs to provide students with exposure to the workforce.
    3. Mr. Morrison mentioned to continue pushing ourselves to provide educational programs to best meet the mission of The Accelerated School.
- c. Data Analysis: ACES showed uncommon increases against the declining trajectory of CA schools. ACES exceeded CA averages in English and Math. TAS/WAHS showed decreases in English. WAHS showed increases in Math compared to pre-pandemic test scores.
- d. Next steps to accelerate student achievement is a multi-year student acceleration plan.
- e. Ms. Lee-Chang thanked the board members, principals, parents and families, and external partners for their partnership

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## **STAFF PRESENTATIONS, REPORTS, AND ACTION ITEMS**

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No Public Comments

1. Action Item-TAS Consolidated Financial Reports Through August 2022-23 TAS, ACES, WAHS. **Review Financial Dashboard for August 2022.** Includes July and August 2022 **Motion:** LR/PM **Approved:** Unanimously 3-0
2. Information item-Update on Woodlawn Lot for Learning TAS, WAHS. **Updated timeline, proposed budget, and model of the project was presented. Review of changes in the study since 2019. Review of strategy such as modular construction, contract/bids, design,**

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**oversight. Proposed project will be 2 story building with 12 classrooms. No action will be taken until we consult with LAUSD.**

Board lost quorum at 10:35 as a member had connective problems. Quorum was re-established at 10:44 am. No school business was conducted during this period.

3. Information item- How are we informing and educating the TAS community on the harmful effects of Fentanyl? There has been an aggressive approach to educating our school community. Following the state and Los Angeles County's campaign "One pill can kill," TAS has sent informational flyers in both English and Spanish, webinar links have been sent via Remind app to all parents. Approximately 30 staff members have been trained on the use of Narcan, school has hosted parent meetings, school wide participation on National Fentanyl Awareness Day on May 10, 2023. School has zero tolerance drug policy.

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#### **CONSENT ITEMS for BOARD APPROVAL**

No Public Comments.

**Items 1 to 5** were approved. **Motion:** LR/BY **Approved:** Unanimously 3-0

1. Contract for Security Cameras ACES/TAS/WAHS
2. Contract for Outdoor Furniture TAS/WAHS
3. Contract for Metal Detectors TAS/WAHS
4. Contract Amendment for HeyTutor for student tutoring - ACES/TAS/WAHS
5. Resolution of Authorization for Director of Fiscal Services

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#### **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 11:31AM**

No public comment.

1. Conference with Legal Counsel-Potential or Existing Litigation (§ 54956.9(d)(1)) (54956.9) (b)a. Case No. #RF 20-1710 – **Settle existing litigation**
2. Conference with Legal Counsel-Potential or Existing Litigation (§ 54956.9(d)(1)) (54956.9) (b)a. Case No. #22STCV26676 - **No action taken**
3. Personnel matter relating to the discipline, dismissal and release of school-based employee pursuant to Government Code § 54957 – **No action taken**

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#### **RECONVENE OPEN SESSION: 12:00 PM**

4. Conference with Legal Counsel-Potential or Existing Litigation (§ 54956.9(d)(1)) (54956.9) (b)a. Case No. #RF 20-1710 – **Board voted unanimously to authorize legal firm to pursue settlement.**

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5. Conference with Legal Counsel-Potential or Existing Litigation (§ 54956.9(d)(1)) (54956.9)  
(b)a. Case No. #22STCV26676 - **No action taken**
6. Personnel matter relating to the discipline, dismissal and release of school-based employee pursuant to Government Code § 54957 – **No action taken**
7. Approval of CEO employment agreement for 2022-23 and 2023-24. **Motion:** LR/BY  
**Approved:** Unanimously 3-0
  - a. Board President made an oral report in compliance with Brown Act regarding approval of CEO’s employment which included the terms of the contract, including but not limited to contract years, salary, sick leave, vacation, leave, health benefits consistent with TAS employee handbook and employer contributions consistent with other TAS Certificated Employees.

**ADJOURN MEETING: 12:09 PM**

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**Motion:** LR/BY

**Approved:** Unanimously 3-0

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