



THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date and Time

Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 10:00 AM (Unapproved Minutes)

Location

Virtual, pursuant to AB 361

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board Members Present:

L. Rabinowitz, P. Morrison, E Weiss, and L. Picus

Board Members Absent:

B. Yost

Administrative Team Present:

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

Guest Speakers: None.

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

AGENDA

Approval of Board Finding Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e): Motion: EW/LP
Approved: Unanimously 4-0

Meeting Called to Order: President Rabinowitz called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Trustee, Elisabeth Weiss

Agenda: Motioned: LP/PM. **Approved:** Unanimously 4-0

Regular Board Minutes September 22, 2022: Motioned: LR/PM. **Approved:** Unanimously 4-0

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PUBLIC COMMENTS on NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comments

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

1. Board President thanked the members of the board for their volunteer service to the TAS students and community and work they do before and after meetings which makes meetings quick and efficient.

CEO'S PRESENTATION AND REPORT

No Public Comments

1. CEO's Comments
 - a. CEO provided a training to board members on board governance, structure, and committee work.
 - b. CEO provided updates to AB 361 and the Governor's State of Emergency Declaration. The Governor may rescind the State of Emergency regarding COVID-19 and the end of February 2023, which would eliminate one of the key triggers for AB 361, thus removing the ability of the Board to meet virtually pursuant to this law.
 - c. CEO provided a training to board members on Brown Act and virtual meeting regulations.
 - d. CEO thanked Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, and administrators for their hard work in first semester of 2022. She especially thanked teachers of the C3 and District and Site Professional Development Committees. A special thanks to Mr. Laramie Banks at TAS Middle School for engaging 8th grade students with USC Viterbi School of Engineering and Professor Weiss on a sustainability project. CEO thanked external partner, Pablo Reyes and his interpreting company. WAHS teachers were very appreciate of the Spanish interpretation service provided at last Parent Teacher Conference Week and look forward to the same collaboration during second semester WAHS Parent/Teacher Conference Week.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

No Public Comments

Professor E. Weiss, Chair of Excellence Committee updated board on partnership between TAS and USC Viterbi School of Engineering. Ms. Weiss shared plans for the 3rd floor planters and sustainability project for continuity. Ms. Weiss highlighted the importance of sustainability in all areas (human life, food, and learning) going forward.

FINANCE COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

No Public Comments

Finance Committee met on Thursday, December 1, 2022. Topics included during this meeting were:

1. Budget revisions 2022-2023
2. Revisions to the Fiscal Policies and Procedures

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3. CalSTRS Audit Review

The Finance Committee Meeting report was information only. No action taken.

AUDIT COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

No Public Comments

Audit Committee met on Thursday, December 1, 2022. Topic was the process of conducting independent audit for the 2021-2022, and extension filed to LAUSD and State Controller. Committee also reviewed reason for filing of extension request.

The Audit Committee Meeting report was information only. No action was taken.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS, REPORTS, AND ACTION ITEMS

No Public Comments

1. Action Item - TAS Consolidated Financial Reports Through October 2022-23 TAS/ACES/WAHS.
Motioned: LP/PM. **Approved:** Unanimously 4-0
2. Action Item - 2022-23 First Interim Reports for TAS/ACES/WAHS
Motioned: LP/PM. **Approved:** Unanimously 4-0
3. Action Item - Revision to TAS Fiscal Policies and Procedures.
Motioned: LP/EW. **Approved:** Unanimously 4-0
4. Action Item - 2021-22 Audit Extension Request. **Motioned:** LP/LP. **Approved:** Unanimously 4-0
5. Action Item - Approval of Expenditure Plan for Arts, Music & Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant. **Motioned:** LR/LP. **Approved:** Unanimously 4-0
6. Information Item-Update on Woodlawn Lot for Learning. **No action will be taken this time because LAUSD is unable to support funding. Additional funding must be researched/**
7. Information Item - Compliance Monitoring & Certification of Board Compliance Review 2022-2023 for TAS/ACES/WAHS. **Review of items related to LAUSD compliance monitoring document that Board reviews and monitors throughout the year.**

Board President asked Director of Access, Equity, and Compliance what training she has received to be overseeing compliance. Lenita Lugo responded that she attends multiple trainings from CA Department of Education, Los Angeles County Office of Education, LAUSD, legal firms, and CA Association of School Administrators regularly.

CONSENT ITEMS for BOARD APPROVAL

No Public Comments.

Items 1 to 4 were approved. **Motion:** LR/PM **Approved:** Unanimously 4-0

1. Compliance Monitoring & Certification of Board Compliance Review 2022-2023 for TAS/ACES/WAHS
2. ARC Amendment for WAHS
3. ProCare Therapy Agreement for special education services TAS/ACES/WAHS Board Secretary.

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4. The Cruz Center Agreement for special education services TAS/ACES/WAHS

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 11:11 AM

No public comment.

1. Personnel matter relating to the discipline, dismissal, and release of school-based employee pursuant to Government Code § 54957

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION: 11:18 PM

No action taken

ADJOURN MEETING: 11:18 PM

Motion: PM/LP

Approved: Unanimously 4 -0