



THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date and Time

Wednesday, January 26, 2025 (Unapproved Minutes)

Location

4000 S. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90037 (MPR)

Teleconference location: TAS 2 – 119 E. 37th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90011

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board Members Present: Leonard Rabinowitz, Peter Morrison, Binti Yost, Lindsay Berz, Brittany Brooks

Board Members Absent: Larry Picus

Guest Speakers: N/A

AGENDA

Meeting Called to Order: 10:03am

Pledge of Allegiance: Jesse Melgares

Approval of Board Meeting Agenda 2.23.25

- 1st Motion: LR
- 2nd Motion: BB
- Approved

Approval of Annual Board Meeting Minutes: 12.18.24

- 1st Motion: BY
- 2nd Motion: BB
- Approved

Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes: 12.18.24

- 1st Motion: BB
- 2nd Motion: LR
- Approved

Next Regular Board Meeting - Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 10:00am

PUBLIC COMMENTS on Non-Agenda Items:

1. Elizabeth Reyes: Concern 1: Students are not receiving the adequate nutrition they need; Parent is requesting healthier foods, fruits, vegetables, salads, and fewer frozen foods. Hot meals should be served. Concern 2: The parent also requests that the school treat students equally and exterminate rats.
2. Anariel Diaz: Give students better meals. Parent is requesting better food and for food services personnel to wear masks.
3. Ignacia Sanchez: Concern 1- Wondering about the updates on the metal detectors and what has occurred since the recent survey was administered. Parent requested the change to install metal detectors be made now. The parent stated not having metal detectors says that we are ok with students not having cell phones on campus but we are ok with having weapons. Concern 2: Parent stated that a zero cell phone policy will result in more absences.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Our Board President has visited our campus several times in the last few weeks. We have great students. They are receiving something here that they are not receiving elsewhere. The campus is beautiful. We have our own Food Services Director. Shout out to the students and staff. Thank you to our Board members for being here who have been impacted by the fires. Requesting the Food Services Director provide an update at the next Board meeting.

CEO'S PRESENTATION AND REPORT

- Average Daily Attendance (ADA) Updates: Increase of ADA across all schools from 23-24 to 24-25.
- Chronic Absenteeism Updates: Provided the difference between ADA and Chronic Absenteeism and why this matters; Update on our progress in this area: Reviewed current rates at ACES and TAS; Indicated that there is no CA Dashboard Chronic Absenteeism indicator for WAHS.
- Academic Data: Provided a review of the BOY to MOY Achievement in Math and Reading (ACES); BOY to MOY Achievement in Math and Reading (TAS ES); BOY Achievement in Math and Reading (TAS MS and WAHS); It was noted that a lot of work in Math is needed.
- BEST Process: Budget, Enrollment, Strategic Planning, and Talent (BEST); Provided an explanation of BEST and a review of the purpose and process.
- Update on Metal Detectors: CBO will provide an update and will review the survey data at the April 2025 Board meeting.

Public Comment:

- Chronic Absenteeism: Parent wanted to explain why her student has absences. Parent stated that teachers are out, substitute teachers are not paying attention to students, and students lack the motivation to come to school. Parent stated that there is a lack of motivation because her children informed her that they do nothing on Mondays. Parent Suggestion: The school should track both student and teacher absences.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS, REPORTS, AND ACTION ITEMS

- Action Item: Approve TAS Consolidated and Site Financial Reports December 2024 (ACES, TAS, and WAHS)
 - CBO presentation: Review of Income Statement (consolidated); Review of Balance Sheet (consolidated); Review of Income Statement by site.
 - 1st Motion: PM
 - 2nd Motion: LR
 - Approved
- Information Only: Highlights of the Governor's 2025-26 Proposed Budget
 - CBO presented/reviewed the following items:
 - Themes for 25-26 Governor's Budget
 - Governor's Budget Summary 25-26
 - The risks of the State's budget
 - The risks to Prop 98 and the education budget
 - The risks to Prop 98 and local budgets
 - One-time funds (provided context)
 - Statewide data: one-time funding total with salary and benefits
 - National Election Results - education platform
 - State budget process from January to June

CONSENT ITEMS

1. 2023-2024 School Accountability Report Card (SARC) for ACES, TAS, and WAHS
2. Reinstatement of 2020 Title IX Policy dated September 2024 for ACES, TAS, and WAHS
3. Authority for CEO to enter into a contract for up to \$200,000* with an architecture firm to begin to design a building for WAHS (*pending dollar amount based on bid submissions)
4. Authority for CEO to enter into a contract for up to \$300,000* to lease modular classrooms for WAHS (*pending dollar amount based on bid submissions)
 - a. Discussion on Consent Items:
 - i. Remove Item #2 from the Consent Items to allow for further discussion. This item will be placed on the April Agenda if necessary.

Approval of items 1, 3, and 4:

- 1st Motion: PM
- 2nd Motion: BY
- Approved

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 11:03 AM

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: 11:54 AMAction taken: No Action Taken

ADJOURN: 11:56 AM