



THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date and Time

Thursday, January 26, 2023, at 10:00 AM **(Approved Minutes)**

Location

Virtual, pursuant to AB 361

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Administrative Team Present:

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

Guest Speakers: None.

Guest Present: J. Ruley, B. Ruff, and P. Reyes

AGENDA

Approval of Board Finding Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e): Motion: LP/LR
Approved: Unanimously 5-0

Meeting Called to Order: President Rabinowitz called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Lugo, DAEC

Agenda: Motioned: BY/EW. **Approved:** Unanimously 5-0

Annual Board Minutes December 8, 2022: Motioned: LP/EW. **Approved:** Unanimously 5-0

Next Board Meeting
Regular Board meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2023

Regular Board Minutes December 8, 2022, Motioned: LP/EW. Approved: Unanimously 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS on NON-AGENDA ITEMS

1. Vivek Puri from LearnDesk, Inc., offering information on their learning content.
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BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

No Public Comments

1. Board President wished everyone a happy new year and thanked everyone for their presence, especially 100% attendance from our pro bono board. He is very excited at what the TAS team has accomplished working through the pandemic and what is planned for the years ahead.
 2. Progress on Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education is an issue to keep an eye on to see what works and what doesn't. It will certainly be a big part of our lives as we progress through this decade.
 3. President Rabinowitz was quite concerned upon reviewing the ExEd prepared Financial Dashboard. Having reviewed the numbers with Chief Business Officer Dickinson, he feels somewhat better as the actual operating number is better than what we're seeing on the dashboard. Management and the Finance Committee need to meet regarding next year's budget to review and arrive at a realistic ADA number, a plan to attain it, as well as potential adjustments to expenses based upon revenue realities.
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CEO'S PRESENTATION AND REPORT

No Public Comments

1. CEO's Comments
 - a. CEO provided an updated on continuity of TAS Mission and Vision. She highlighted how TAS focus on the whole child by not only focusing on content knowledge but also the development of skills (Critical Thinking, Creativity, Communication, and Collaboration) and character traits such as resilience and leadership.
 - b. WAHS had a Career Fair and 25 different career professionals participating such as attorneys, artist, chef, dentist and health care administrator. CEO thanked College and Career Advisors for their efforts in coordinating this important event.
 - c. ACES/TAS/WAHS had parent/teacher conferences last week. Parents had the opportunity to hear their students growth as well as the goals for second semester. TAS/WAHS makes every effort for parents to participate fully in parent conferences by providing Spanish interpreters. CEO shared parent and teachers comments in appreciation this individualized support.
 - d. Twenty-five WAHS student will participate in dual enrollment college classes that will provide them high school credits toward graduation as well as college credits. This assists students to be college-ready.
2. Brown Act and Conflict of Interest training by Janelle Ruley, YM & C, LLP

STAFF PRESENTATIONS, REPORTS, AND ACTION ITEMS

No Public Comments

Board member, E. Weiss, left meeting at 10:44am

1. Action Item - Second Interim Budget Revisions 2022-23 TAS/ACES/WAHS. **Motioned:** LR/LP.
Approved: Unanimously 4-0
 2. Action Item - TAS Consolidated Financial Reports Through November 2022-23 TAS/ACES/WAHS.
Motioned: LR/LP. **Approved:** Unanimously 4-0
 3. Action Item - Approval of Independent Financial Audit Report for 2021-22 TAS/ACES/WAHS.
Motioned: LR/LP. **Approved:** Unanimously 4-0. **Approval of the TAS/ACES/WAHS Independent Audit Report for 2021-22 dated 1/25/23, contingent upon Eide Bailly's internal peer review process and additional unduplicated audit work that Eide Bailly identified on 1/24/23.**
 4. Information Item - Request for Proposals for Auditing Services. **Information only on request for proposal for Auditing Services.**
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CONSENT ITEMS for BOARD APPROVAL

No Public Comments.

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

1. MOU with EnCorps for Tutoring Services 2022-23 TAS
 2. Agreement with LA Community College District 2022-23 WAHS
 3. Remote Deposit Agreement with California Credit Union TAS/ACES/WAHS
 4. Schools Accountability Report Card for 2021-22 ACES/TAS/WAHS
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ADJOURN MEETING: 11:18 PM

Motion: LR/PM

Approved: Unanimously 4 -0
