
Southwest Leadership Academy Board Minutes

March 27, 2018

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) 38-431.02, notice was given to the general public, that the Governing Board for Southwest Leadership Academy will hold a meeting open to the public on March 27, 2018 at 10:30 AM at Southwest Leadership Academy at 4301 West Fillmore Street, Phoenix, AZ 85043.

Call to order and roll call: At 10:36 AM (MST) the Board President Mike Gantt called the roll and the following were present in addition to himself: Mark Hendershot, Jenny Diaz (telephonically), Ruben Olivas (telephonically), and Terry Hines (telephonically). Brian Heath was absent.

1. Introduction of Visitors: Shaquana Fernandez, owner of TLC Child Enrichment spoke to the Board about the preschool she currently operates and the one that is being planned for Southwest Leadership Academy. Chandrea Lutostanski, owner of Just Like Home Preschool and Childcare also met with the Board to make a similar presentation about the potential preschool opportunity at High Point Academy (assuming that Southwest Leadership is awarded expansion approval. Karen Young, CEO of Woz U Education discussed with the Board the WOZ Education programs in drone repair and coding as well as other technology training programs that could be added to the SLA curriculum. , Brent Edwards, VP of Beyond Textbooks (virtually) from Vail School District made a formal presentation to the Board regarding Beyond Textbooks.

2. Board Additions to the Agenda: Dr. Geiger asked Mr. Gantt to add a resolution to permit the Southwest Leadership Academy to open a Student Council Account separate from the Southwest Leadership Account in order for students to handle their own funds and expenses of non-SLA funds. The item was added to the agenda for approval later in the meeting.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Mr. Hendershot, seconded by Ms. Hines to approve the minutes of the January 23rd and March 13th, 2018 Board meetings which are attached. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Submission of Proposal For Expansion School:

Dr. Geiger noted that on Friday, March 16th, SLA submitted the request for an expansion school in accordance with the Board's direction for the site now occupied by Starshine Academy at 3535 East McDowell Road, Phoenix. That school is currently a K-12 school but

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if we get approval, it will only be for high school grades 9-12 (High-Point Leadership Academy). The Board required no further action.

5. Review of Food Service Program Financial Projections: Matthew Boucher presented an updated version of the financial projections that he and Robert Bowser (regional food manager for ROP) prepared to the end of FY18. A copy of the forecast that showed a \$7,382.30 surplus that can be applied to future food services needs or the startup costs already incurred. CJ Bower, Rite Of Passage CFO, said she felt that there would likely be a \$10,000 deficit in food alone. The projections will receive further work by all parties to make a more definitive determination about the financial picture for food services.. (No action required)

6. Beyond Textbooks Presentation and Contract Approval– Bent Edwards, VP of Beyond Textbooks made a 30 minute presentation on this program that will be instituted this coming school year.

Ms. Diaz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hines to approve the contract with Vail School District for Beyond Textbooks and to authorize Dr. Geiger to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Termination of STEPS Special Education Services: Dr. Geiger reported that due to failure to provide compliance and perform their duties in accordance with their contract state and federal law, the administration exercised the termination clause of the agreement with STEPS effective 3/12/18. Mr. Hernandez, a certified special education teacher is now working to bring all records and IEPS to compliance and will meet with the AZ DOE representative on May 11th.

At 12:15 PM, three Board members needed to leave the meeting and therefore there was no longer a quorum to complete the other items on the agenda.

The two Board members at the meeting and decided the menu for the May 15th Board retreat and regular public meeting to be held at The Thunderbird Executive Inn and Conference Center. The menu will consist of Wedge salad, chicken parmesan, apple crisp, ice tea, water or coffee.

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- 9 Review of FY18 Budget and financial Report:** CJ Bower reviewed the monthly budget summary, expenditures, revenue, and projected budget performance and answered questions.
- 10 Establish Date and Agenda for Board Retreat** – Plans are to have a half day board retreat and regular board meeting at Thunderbird Executive Inn and Conference Center of May 15, 2018 19 from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM. The cost is \$200 for the room plus the cost of the catered meal. We would have a private room set up in round tables; AV needed is provided without charge.
- 11 Identify future agenda items:**
- a Approval of final FY18 budget**
 - b Salary Review Study**
 - c Preparation of FY19 budget**
- 12 Public Comment** – There was no public comment.
- 13 Adjournment at 12:25 PM (MST)**

Next regular meeting: May 15, 2018 5:30 PM (MST) @ Thunderbird Executive Inn and Conference Center (telephonic attendance is acceptable).