
Southwest Leadership Academy Board Meeting Agenda
May 15, 2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
SOUTHWEST LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
GOVERNING BOARD

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the general public, that the Governing Board for Southwest Leadership Academy will hold a meeting open to the public as specified below. The Board reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings. One or more Board members may participate telephonically.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02 (H), the Board may discuss and take action concerning any matter listed on the agenda.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A) (3), the Board may vote to go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, for legal advice concerning any item on this agenda.

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DATED AND POSTED this 11th day of May 2018. By

Matthew Boucher

Board Liaison/Compliance Manager

AGENDA

Southwest Leadership Academy Governing Board

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

5:30 PM to 9:00 PM (MST)

Meeting Venue: Thunderbird Executive Inn & Conference Center
1 Global Place, 15249 North 59th Avenue
Glendale, AZ 85306

Call in Number: (518) 530-1840

Meeting ID: 195-834-022

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All items on this agenda are open for discussion and possible action, including reports and action items. Public comment will be acknowledged at the end of the Agenda items. A copy of the Agenda and Meeting Minutes are available for review on our website:
www.southwestleadership.com

If authorized by a majority vote of the members of the Governing Board, any matter on the open meeting agenda may be discussed in executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice thereon, pursuant to A.R.S. 38431.03 (A)(3). In addition, the Board, by majority vote may enter into Executive Session for discussion and consultation with administration regarding student matters pursuant to A.R.S. §§15-342, 15-521, and 15-843; A.R.S. §38431.03 (A)(2) (consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection); legal advice/instruction to attorney pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsections (A)(3) and (A)(4). The executive session will be held immediately after the vote and will not be open to the public.

*Additional information regarding any of the items on this agenda may be obtained prior to the meeting by calling Matthew D. Boucher at (602) 265-2000. Also, you can attend the foregoing meeting by teleconference from the School. Please contact Matthew D. Boucher of the School's administration to find out how.

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- 1. Call to order and roll call. (Board President):** Mike Gantt, Jenny Diaz, Mark Hendershot, Ruben Olivas, Terry Hines and Brian Heath
- 2. Introduction of Visitors:** Dr. Gregory Fowler, Principal; Michael Hernandez, Assistant Principal; Barbara Ross, ROP General Counsel; Alice Doan, HR Specialist for SLA; Dr. Philip Geiger, Regional Director of Education; CJ Bower, ROP CFO; Vicki Hire, SLA Accountant; Damon Norris, Arizona Charter Schools Association; Robert Di Bacco, COO Arizona Charter Schools Association; Matthew Boucher, Compliance Officer; Esmeralda Delgado, registrar; Myles Jackson, Lead Behavior Mentor..
- 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes** from the March 23, 2018 board meeting. (Action Required)

Motion: Move to approve the minutes of the March 27th, 2018 Board meeting which are attached.

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4. **Board Retreat** – The representatives from the Arizona Charter Schools Association will be providing a Board workshop that includes time for questions and answers. This part of the meeting will occur 5:30 PM (promptly) until 8:00 PM. Dinner will be served to all Board members and guests. Snacks will be provided to other visitors.

5. **Review of FY18 Budget, financial Reports for March and April 2018, and Engagement of Auditor:** CJ Bower will review the monthly budget summary, expenditures, revenue, and projected budget performance and answer questions. She will also discuss with the Board the engagement of an auditor for the annual audit.

Motion: Move to receive the March and April 2018 financial reports as submitted.

6. **Approval of Final FY18 Budget** – The Board must approve a final FY18 budget for SLA and submit that final budget on or before May 18, 2018. CJ Bower will provide the Board with a copy of the proposed final budget.

Motion: Move to approve the final FY18 School budget as presented.

7. **Approval of Student Council Activity Account:**

Motion: Move to approve a new account for the Southwest Leadership Academy Student Council at Bank of America requiring two signatories from the following people: Margarita Trujillo, Dr. Gregory Fowler, Michael Hernandez, CJ Bower or Dr. Philip Geiger and to authorize any member of the Board of Directors or to designate Vicki Hire to open and activate the account on behalf of the Board for the student council.

8. **Approval of Woz U Education:** The Board heard about the programs available from Woz U Education and for FY19 our last meeting but since we lost a quorum just before approval of this item, it is on the agenda again.

We intend to move forward to provide at least two CTE programs from Woz U Education. Karen Young, CEO of Woz U Education provided a 30-minute discussion at the last SLA Board meeting to be sure that the Board is in complete agreement with this program.

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Motion: Move to authorize the administration to proceed with the purchase of science and technology CTE programs (recommending coding and drones) from Woz U Education for the FY19 school year and to authorize Dr. Philip Geiger to execute an agreement between SLA and the company with funds from the FY19 school budget.

9. Status of Day Care:

This is another item that the Board did not get to act on at our last meeting.

Over the past three months, we have been reviewing all proposals and letters of interest we received regarding the development of a preschool at Southwest Leadership Academy. All of the proposals had interesting programs and were of high quality. However, we now have a recommendation and although we were impressed with all proposals, we are recommending TLC Child Enrichment to provide childcare services at Southwest Leadership Academy and Just Like Home Daycare and Preschool for a second site we are planning to open called High-Point Academy also in Phoenix.

We intend to open at least one new charter school each year so we would like to stay in touch with other providers to help us with the daycare services at our new sites

Motion for SLA Preschool: Move to approve the administration to finalize an agreement with TLC Child Enrichment Preschool and Daycare to establish a preschool at Southwest Leadership Academy to provide services for approximately 80 children with priority provided to SLA students and staff with students paying nothing for services if covered by DES and staff at a reduced fee with the total outlay of cash from SLA of approximately \$15K for the playground canopy at the rear of the school and all other out of pocket expenses being paid by TLC in accordance with the terms originally provided in the RFP and to further authorize Dr. Philip Geiger to complete the negotiations and execute the contract on behalf of the Board.

- 10. Motion for High-Point Preschool: Move to approve the administration to finalize an agreement with Just Like Home Preschool and Daycare to establish a preschool at High Point Academy (assuming we either have an approved expansion school) to provide services for approximately 80 children with priority provided to H-P students and staff with students paying nothing for services if covered by DES and staff at a reduced fee with the total outlay of cash from SLA of approximately \$15K for the playground canopy and the shared cost of ground cover at the school and all**

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other out of pocket expenses being paid by JLH in accordance with the terms originally provided in the RFP and to further authorize Dr. Philip Geiger to complete the negotiations and execute the contract on behalf of the Board.

- 11. Report on AZ State Board for Charter Schools Meeting 5/14** – The State Charter Board will act on 5/14 to either approve or deny the SLA enrollment cap of 500 and the expansion request for a new SLA charter school at the former Starshine Academy.

Assuming the Board approves the requests, the following motions would be in order:

Motion: Move to authorize the administration to take all steps necessary to enroll 500 students under the SLA charter for the FY19 school year (preferably on or before 7/18)

- 12. Approval of Enrollment Cap Increase Request for FY19 to 800 students**

Assuming approval of an enrollment cap and school expansion, the two SLA charter schools (Southwest Leadership and High Point Leadership) can accommodate at least 800 students which will also enable the schools to provide more diverse career and technical education programs, more athletic opportunities, broader academic curricula, and additional staff to better serve our students. Therefore, if SLA receives approval from the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools, the administration requests the Board to authorize Dr. Geiger to submit a formal request for an enrollment cap increase to the State Charter Board for FY19 ASAP.

Motion: Move to authorize Dr. Philip Geiger to submit a formal request and application for an enrollment increase for Southwest Leadership Charter (includes both SLA and High Point Leadership) to 800 students for the FY19 school year.

- 13. Discussion of the property location for an expansion school and a possible lease agreement between Rite of Passage and Southwest Leadership Academy (Not-for-Profit Corporation)** – The Board previously approved ROP as the management firm for SLA and now ROP has made an offer to purchase the former Starshine Academy facilities which SLA included in its charter expansion application in order to operate High Point Leadership Academy. ROP legal counsel, Barbara Ross, will discuss the property and the process of creating a lease in the event that the Board's request to the

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charter board is approved. If approval is granted by the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools, the Board will want to select its representatives to enter into negotiations with ROP to lease this property. Brian Heath intends to recuse himself from participating in this discussion due to a possible conflict of interest.

Possible Motion: Move to approve authorize the following individuals _____ to negotiate a potential the lease agreement provided between Rite of Passage and Southwest Leadership Academy for the former Starshine Academy School located at 3535 McDowell Road, Phoenix after which the Board will take action on the recommendation.

- 14. Approval of Special Services Contract with Futures Education** – SLA solicited proposals for special education services for the remainder of FY 18 and FY19 by posting the RFP on our website and contacting two known providers: Futures Education and Integrated Education Services. Both Futures and Integrated Education responded. (proposals attached) After review, the administration recommends that we award the agreement to Futures Education in accordance with the RFP previously issued (attached).

Motion: Move to authorize Dr. Philip Geiger to negotiate a final agreement with Futures Education to provide special services for students at all SLA schools.

- 15. Discussion Re: Enrollment, Attendance, Staffing, Extracurricular Sports, Calendar of Events, Curriculum and Instruction, Professional Development, Vocational Courses, Facility Updates and Current Status of the School – Dr. Greg Fowler (Information/Discussion, no action required)**

- 16. Identify future agenda items (Discussion/Action)**
- a. Salary Review Study
 - b. Preparation of FY19 budget
 - c. Recommendations for Board Officers
 - d. Election of New or Returning Board Member (1)
 - e. Approval of FY19 Salary Guide
 - f. Approval of Food Service Contract with ROP
 - g. Selection of Superintendent

- 17. Public Comment**

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18. Adjournment

Next regular meeting: June 26, 2018 at 10:30 AM (MST) @ Southwest Leadership Academy (telephonic attendance is acceptable).