

Board of Education Agenda- Southwest Leadership Academy

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 public, that the Governing Board for Southwest Leadership Academy will hold a meeting open to the public as well as a Board retreat 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. The meeting will take place at Southwest Leadership Academy 4301 West Fillmore Street, Phoenix, AZ 85043.

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.

Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Nancey Carter, Board Liaison at (602) 265-2000. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

DATED AND POSTED this 13th day of September 2019.

By

Nancey Carter

Board Liaison/Compliance Manager

AGENDA

Southwest Leadership Academy Governing Board Tuesday,

September 17, 2019

10:30 AM (MST)

At

Southwest Leadership Academy, 4301 West Fillmore Street, Phoenix, AZ 85043

Call in Number: 1-646-876-9923

Meeting ID: 853-083-6461

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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.southwestleadershipacademy.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 Nancey Carter at (602) 265-2000. Also, you can attend the foregoing meeting by teleconference from the School. Please contact Nancey Carter of the School's administration to find out how.

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1. Call to order and roll call. (Board President): Mike Gantt, Mark Hendershot (Treasurer), Ruben Olivas (Vice President), Terry Hines and Brian Heath.
2. Introduction of Visitors: Dr. Greg Fowler (Principal), Jessica Vensel (Assistant Principal), Dr. Philip Geiger (Superintendent), CJ Bower (ROP CFO), Paula Signorelli (Director of Business Operations, Nancey Carter (Compliance Officer)

3. Approval of July 10, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Move to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2019 Board meeting attached.

4. Finance– Paula Signorelli- Review July and August 2019 Financial Reports

Motion: Move to receive the July and August 2019 financial reports as submitted. (Reports were not ready at the time of this printing but will be provided when received)

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- 5. Update regarding Board Policies** – Initial drafts of Board policies have been completed using the ASBA policy recommendations that were modified by Dr. Geiger as needed to better suit Southwest Leadership Academy. ASBA has prepared legally vetted policies specifically for charter schools and periodically sends SLA new policies for consideration based on changing state rules regulations and law. As a public-school district, SLA is required to have a school district policy manual.

President Gantt intends to appoint a committee of Board members to commence the review of these policies and to collaborate with Rite Of Passage personnel so that final proposed policies are legally valid but also reflect the processes and procedures of Rite of Passage as the education management firm.

The first set of policies to be reviewed are sections A (Foundations and Basic Commitments), B (School Governing Board Governance and Operations), C (General School Operations), E (support Services) and K (School-Community Relations). The Board president has recommended a committee of three members to review policies; however, because a committee of three must be publicly posed, any board member is welcome to attend these meetings.

Motion: Move to appoint Mike Gantt, Mark Hendershot, and Terry Hines to the Policy Review Committee which will collaborate with ROP to provide recommended policies for the Board to consider at each of its next regularly scheduled board meetings during the FY 20 school year.

- 6. Review of the Management Agreement with Rite Of Passage** -The management agreement between Rite of Passage and Southwest Leadership Academy dated March 1, 2013 ended on June 30, 2019 and automatically renewed for a renewal period (see Article II, 2.02 of the agreement). The Board expressed interest at its last Board meeting to review the terms of the agreement and the termination date at the time was unknown.

The Board president has recommended a committee of three members to review the management agreement; however, because a committee of three must be publicly posed, any board member is welcome to attend these meetings.

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Motion: Move to appoint Mike Gantt, Mark Hendershot, and Terry Hines to the Management Agreement Review Committee to provide recommended changes for the Board to consider at its March 17, 2020 regularly scheduled board meeting.

- 7. Approval of the Day Care Agreement with Rise 'N Shine Preschool** – As the Board is aware, TLC Preschool chose not to renew their agreement for a preschool at SLA for the FY20 school year; however, we have a replacement organization, Rise'N Shine, that is interested in establishing the program here at SLA for this school year. Attached is the proposed contract which is identical to the one approved for TLC except that it provides for two years of rent-free use, which is what ultimately was offered to TLC in June. The administration recommends approval of this agreement.

Motion: Move to approve the contract with Rise 'N Shine to establish a preschool for FY 20 and FY21 as attached.

- 8. Submission of School Safety Grant** - The Governor has placed \$20M as a set aside for schools to submit requests for SRO's, or social workers, or guidance counselors. Nancey Carter is currently working on the grant application for SLA so we are requesting that the Board approve the administration submitting an application for funding of one or more of these resources for FY20.

Motion: Move to authorize the superintendent to submit an application for funding school safety resources from the Governor's Special Fund for School Safety.

- 9. Principal's Report** – Dr. Fowler will present information on the professional development from July 2019, current academic programs, student achievement athletics, after school clubs, evening school student behavior, personnel, Galileo, ACT and AZM2 Testing and future plans .

10. Adjournment

Next regular meeting is December 17, 2019 at 10:30 AM (MST) at Southwest Leadership Academy, 4301 West Fillmore Street, Phoenix, AZ 85043.

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Future meetings are: December 17, 2019; March 17, 2020; May 5, 2020 (Board Retreat and Meeting); June 23, 2020 and other special meetings as called by the President