

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 specified below. The Board reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, except for 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 act 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 December 2020.

By

Rachel Parson

Compliance Officer

AGENDA

Southwest Leadership Academy Governing Board Tuesday,

December 15, 2020

10:30 AM (MST)

At

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

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Call in Number: 1-646-876-9923

Meeting ID: 853-083-6461

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, Brian Heath (Secretary/Treasurer), Ruben Olivas, Terry Hines, and Drew Ainsworth.
2. Introduction of Visitors: Dr. Greg Fowler (Principal), Jessica Vensel (Assistant Principal), Meghan Miller (Assistant Principal for Special Programs), Dr. Philip Geiger (Superintendent), CJ Bower (ROP CFO), Paula Signorelli (Director of Business Operations), and Rachel Parson (SLA compliance officer).

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- 3. Welcome to and introduction of the public (on-line and in-person)**

- 4. Approval of minutes of September 22, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes.**

Motion: Move to approve the minutes of September 22, 2020, board meeting minutes attached.

- 5. Introduction of our compliance officer, Rachel Parson, Ed.M.**

No board action necessary.

- 6. Finance– Paula Signorelli - Review September, October, and November 2020 Financial Reports (Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow)**
(Reports were not available at the time of this posting.)

Motion: Move to receive the September, October and November 2020 financial reports as submitted.

- 7. Receipt and Acknowledgement of FY2020 Audit – Ms. Signorelli will review the audit documents (3) attached.**

Motion: Move to receive and acknowledge the FY2020 annual audit attached.

- 8. Principal’s Report –** Dr. Fowler will present information on the recent pivot back to remote instruction due to the COVID surge, personnel changes, professional development (teacher in-service), current academic programs, student achievement, athletics, after school clubs, evening school, student behavior, personnel, Elevate training, Beyond Textbooks, Project Based Learning, Trauma Based Training, the Art Program and staffing, Rosetta Stone, Reading 180, Galileo, ACT, AZM2 Testing and plans for FY21 and the implementation of the Danielson evaluation tool for teachers.
- 9. Update regarding Board Policies –** Board member Brian Heath has developed a document which identifies those policies that ROP feels can be adopted by the Board for which it does not have policy or for which the ROP policy requires additional input and those that ROP feels should retain the ROP policy

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only. Mr. Heath will also address the expectation that all policies be written in the ROP format rather than the ASBA format which will require all policies to be reformatted to meet the ROP design. (Policy Manual Implementation Process attached) Those policies in green will be put forward for approval at this meeting and documents will be forthcoming prior to Tuesday's meeting.

Motion: Move to approve the policies proposed that were developed by the Arizona School Boards Association and reviewed by their attorneys for compliance with state and federal regulations and to direct the Board's Policy Committee to continue development of policy and assign preparation of the policies and ROP formatting to a board member or an ROP staff member.

10. Acknowledgement of AZ Department of Health Services Emergency

Measure 2020-01- Attached is the emergency order from the AS Department of health mandating on page 3 that all faculty, staff, students, contractors, and visitors must wear a mask at all times on campus, on the school vans and during school associated activities with exceptions as noted.

Motion: Move to acknowledge the AZ Department of Health Services and direct the superintendent to reconfirm this requirement to everyone at SLA and to post prominently at the school entrance.

11. Status of Pursuing a New Charter School Under Existing SLA Board –

Board member Brian Heath will provide a report on the search for a suitable location to place a new charter school under the existing SLA board. Dr. Geiger will explain the current approval process and timelines.

Motion: Move to reconfirm the authorization for the administration to submit an expansion request for a new charter school under the SLA charter and the existing board for FY23 and authorization for Superintendent, Dr. Philp Geiger, to submit the required documents to open the new charter at the beginning of the FY23 school year.

12. Adoption of 2021-2022 School Calendar- The recommended school calendar for 2021-2022 is attached.

Motion: Move to approve the attached school calendar for the FY22 school year.

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13. FY21 Budget Modifications – Typically school districts throughout the country adjust their annual budget at least twice per year to have the budget aligned with actual expenditures since circumstances change throughout the year. SLA has not done that before but we need to so at the end of the year funds have been reallocated to the programs that required adjustments and eliminated from those that did not require as much as originally expected. Although by using a zero-based budget approach to the budget that I am working on with each school administration, we will have more specificity in the budget, one can never fully anticipate how priorities may shift. As long as the administration is operating within the overall budget allocation, we do not come back to the board for individual purchase approvals, but we do need to reconcile the budget regularly. Therefore, we plan to add budget modifications to both the March 2021 and June or early July 2021 board agenda. The Board may wish to further discuss this item, if needed.

No action required.

14. Notification to Renegotiate the Management Agreement between Rite of Passage and Southwest Leadership Academy – Article II (Term) section 2.02 requires the SLA Board provide 180 days' notice to ROP if it intends to terminate or renegotiate the current agreement. (Current agreement attached)

Motion:

15. Discussion regarding School Reopening January 4, 2021 – Dr. Fowler will present his recommendation and analysis to the Board regarding the reopening of school in January. This discussion is intended to provide guidance to the administration in order to make a decision soon.

16. Announcements:

January 15, 2021 100th Day

January 24-31, 2021 National School Choice Week

February 28, 2021 FAFSA Event

May 19, 2021 – Graduation for 2020 and 2021 graduates

The next Board meeting is March 23, 2021 at The University Club of Phoenix. Future scheduled board meetings include: March 23, 2021 (including board retreat – 5:30 PM), June 29, 2021 @ SLA @ 10:30 AM

17. Adjournment