

Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting January 12, 2021

Southwest Leadership Academy

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) 38-431.02, notice was given to the public that the Governing Board for Southwest Leadership Academy will hold a meeting open to the public on January 12, 2021 at 12:30 AM (MST) at Southwest Leadership Academy located at 4301 West Fillmore Street, Phoenix, AZ 85043.

President Gantt called the meeting to order at 12:36 and called the roll. Present were (Board President): Mike Gantt, Brian Heath (Secretary/Treasurer), Terry Hines, and Drew Ainsworth, all telephonically. Also present telephonically were Dr. Greg Fowler (Principal) and Dr. Philip Geiger (Superintendent). Board member Olivas joined the call telephonically at 12:46 PM (MST)

- 1. Report from the ROP COVID 19 Medical Advisory Team and Recommendation for Instructional Delivery Model**– Mr. Heath presented the report from the ROP Medical Committee, Lawrence Howell, COO of ROP; Amy Ast, national compliance officer for COVID 19 actions, and Dr. John Adler, epidemiologist, and consultant to ROP for COVID 19 matters.

Mr. Heath spoke about the ROP levels of response regarding the return to in-person instruction but pointed out the significant mitigation plan in place at SLA. He also referred to the report provided to the ROP committee from Superintendent Geiger which detailed those schools teaching remotely, in-person and by hybrid model. Dr. Geiger also spoke about the significant educational loss SLA students are experiencing. Dr. Geiger said he would provide the entire written report to the Board which has since occurred.

Mr. Heath also mentioned that he was arranging for all SLA teachers to receive the Moderna vaccine at the school and they will also get the second vaccine at the school in a similar clinic.

Mr. Heath made a motion to accept the principal's recommendation to move to a hybrid model of instruction effective January 19, 2021 with the expectation that the mitigation plan is followed with fidelity. Mr. Ainsworth seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.