

Special Board of Education Agenda- Southwest Leadership Academy

NOTICE OF SPECIAL 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, 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 Dr. Philip Geiger, Superintendent at (602) 265-2000. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

DATED AND POSTED this 28th day of July 2021.

By

Dr. Philip Geiger

Superintendent

AGENDA

Southwest Leadership Academy Governing Board Tuesday,

August 3, 2021

10:30 AM (MST)

At

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

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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.

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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 Dr. Geiger at (602) 265-2000. Also, you can attend the foregoing meeting by teleconference from the School. Please contact Dr. Geiger to find out how.

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- 1. Call to order and roll call. (Board President): Mike Gantt, Terry Hines (Vice President), Drew Ainsworth (Treasurer/Secretary, Ruben Olivas, Sean Diana and Brian Heath.**
- 2. Introduction of Visitors: Dr. Philip Geiger (Superintendent) and Dr. Greg Fowler (Principal)**
- 3. Approval of July 15, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.**

Motion: Move to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2021 Board minutes as presented.

- 4. Approval of Emergency Purchase- As the Board is aware, we have experienced significant vandalism on the school vans (4) whereby catalytic converters were removed from the vans in the middle of the night costing the school between \$1200 and \$1800 for each repair. We estimate that spent over \$20K in the last year on replacing catalytic converters and**

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other parts of the vans due to this vandalism. We took emergency action when several other remedies did not work and contracted with Phoenix Fence (using their cooperative purchasing agreement) to extend the B-decking and fencing of the enclosed area where we are storing vans and adding a new lockable gate for \$16,870. We also added laser beam security, a motion alarm, a gate alarm, and a rotating red light on the building in the event that someone tries to break into this area to remove the catalytic converters. To date, this has worked. However, we need to have board approval for this expenditure for which this meeting was called.

Motion: Move to approve the purchase of B-decking, fencing and new gates in the amount of \$16,870 from Phoenix Fence.

Report on Opening of School and COVID 19 Mitigation Procedures – As you are aware the State of Arizona has passed legislation that prevents a school mandating the wearing of masks or mandating vaccinations against COVID 19. On Tuesday, July 27th, the Governor issued the following statement in response to the CDC’s recommendation to require students and staff to wear masks inside school.

Governor Ducey Statement On Updated CDC Guidance

News Release

July 27, 2021

PHOENIX — Governor Doug Ducey today released the following statement in response to the updated guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

"Arizona does not allow mask mandates, vaccine mandates, vaccine passports or discrimination in schools based on who is or isn't

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vaccinated. We've passed all of this into law, and it will not change.

"The CDC today is recommending that we wear masks in school and indoors, regardless of our vaccination status. This is just another example of the Biden-Harris administration's inability to effectively confront the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Public health officials in Arizona and across the country have made it clear that the best protection against COVID-19 is the vaccine. Today's announcement by the CDC will unfortunately only diminish confidence in the vaccine and create more challenges for public health officials — people who have worked tirelessly to increase vaccination rates.

"Here in Arizona, we've been consistent from the beginning: Arizonans should get this vaccine. Over 51 percent of our population has received at least one dose of the vaccine, and over 46 percent are fully vaccinated. That's great news, and we're going to continue to work to distribute this vaccine to Arizonans and build public confidence in its effectiveness, despite this unnecessary and unhelpful "guidance" from Washington, D.C."

At this time, we are taking the following precautions:

1. Students will be offered a mask upon entry to school but not required to wear one.
2. Students will be asked if they are feeling well and if there is a concern, their temperature will be taken and if above 100.4, they will be sent home.
3. Prior to the opening of school, every classroom, hallway and restroom has been fogged to disinfect these rooms.
4. Each day for at least the first week of school, classrooms will be fogged nightly. A determination will be made regarding the continuation based on whether or not there are any COVID cases reported.
5. Plexiglas shields have been placed between students and the front office staff.

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6. Hand sanitizer machines have been placed throughout the school.
7. Temperature monitoring devices have been installed each classroom, the main hallway upon entry, and the front office.

The administration recommends that we continue to provide masks for voluntary use by staff and students, but that we contact the Maricopa Department of Health to obtain approval to conduct a vaccination clinic at the school for the community, students, and staff. Students over 18 would not need parental permission but students under 18 would be required to present a permission slip from a parent or guardian.

Motion- Move to approve the COVID mitigation steps taken by the school administration and to authorize the superintendent to work with state and county authorities to arrange for a vaccination clinic at the school in order to enable the community, students and staff to be immunized against COVID 19.

5. Adjournment

Announcements: Regularly scheduled board meetings are held at Southwest Leadership Academy on 4301 West Fillmore Street commencing 10:30 AM (MST) unless noted otherwise – Tuesday, September 21, 2022; Tuesday, December 14, 2022; Tuesday, March 22, 2022 (plus retreat) @ 5:30 PM at a location to be determined and Tuesday, June 28, 2022.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is September 21, 2021, at Southwest Leadership Academy.