

# 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.

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DATED AND POSTED this 13th day of May 2020.

By

Nancey Carter

Board Liaison/Compliance Manager

### AGENDA

Southwest Leadership Academy Governing Board Tuesday,

May 19, 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

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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](http://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 (Secretary/Treasurer), Ruben Olivas (Vice President), Terry Hines and Brian Heath. **President Gantt is unable to attend this meeting as his wife is having surgery that day so Vice President Olivas will chair the meeting.**

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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)

3. **Approval of minutes of December 17, 2019, March 17, 2020, April 3 2020, and May 4, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes.**

**Motion: Move to approve the minutes of December 17, 2019, March 17, 2020, the April 3, 2020, emergency board meeting, May 4, 2020, special board meeting attached.**

4. **Finance– Paula Signorelli or CJ Bower- Review March and April 2020 Financial Reports**

**Motion: Move to receive the March and April 2020 financial reports as submitted.**

5. **Appointment of Auditor for FY20 Annual Audit** – The Board is required to select and approve the fee for the annual audit. ROPs CFO recommended Fester & Chapman as the auditor for the FY20 school year to conduct the annual audit and prepare the compliance questionnaire for a fee of \$14,300 and \$1,400 to complete the income tax return for a total of \$15,700. (Last year - \$11,900 and \$1,300 = \$13,200)

**Motion: Move to confirm the appointment of Fester and Chapman as the auditors for Southwest Leadership Academy for a total of \$15,700 for FY20.**

6. **Approval of Auditor by the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools**

**Motion: Move to receive the notice from the AZ State Board for Charter Schools approving the appointment of Fester Chapman for the FY20 audit.**

7. **Receipt of 2019 IRS Form 990 –Attached is a copy of the IRS Form 990 for SLA filed for the school year ending June 30 2019.**

**Motion: Move to receive Form 990 filed on behalf of SLA for the school year ending June 30, 2019.**

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- 8. Approval of FY21 ROP Strategic Plan-** Attached is the strategic plan template used by ROP which has been completed for FY21. Approval of this plan is requested.

**Motion: Move to approve the FY21 Strategic Plan as submitted.**

- 9. Update regarding Board Policies –** The Board has been working on developing and approving policies which are necessary for almost two years. It is important for the Board to commence approving policies so SLA can have a comprehensive and legally compliant set of school policies that comport to the federal and state law and regulations. Attached are several policies should be acceptable to the Board and the management firm for your consideration. They are specifically Section I (IA-Instructional Program), (IC- school Year), (ID- School Day), (IGA-Curriculum Development), (IGD Curriculum Adoption), (IHA Basic Instructional Program), (IHAA-English Instruction), (IHAMA Teaching about Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco), (IHAMC-Instruction and Training in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation), (IHB-Special Instructional Programs), (IHB-E Exhibit Procedural Safeguards), (IHBA – Special Instructional Programs and Accommodations), (IHBA-RA Regulation for Special Instructional Programs), (IHBA-RB- Regulations -Special Instructional Programs and Accommodations), (IHBA Special Instructional Programs And Accommodations), (IHBA-E Exhibit for Special Instructional Programs and 504), (IHBB- Gifted and Talented Education), (IHBCA Programs for Pregnant and Parenting Students), (IHBCA-R Regulation for Programs for Pregnant and Parenting Students) (IHBD Compensatory Education – Title1), (IHBD-EA Exhibit for Compensatory Education), (IHBE- Bilingual Instruction/Native Language Instruction), (IHBE-EA Exhibit for Bilingual Instruction), (IHBE-EB Exhibit –Request for Parental Exception Waiver), (IHBF-Homebound Instruction), (IHBHD On Line Courses and IHBHD-R Regulation on line courses), (IIB- Class Size), and (KEB and KBE-Exhibit-Public Concerns/Complaints about Personnel), (KEC and KEC Exhibit- Public Concerns and complaints about Instructional supplies), (KED and Ked Exhibit- Public Concerns and Complaints about Facilities)

**Motion: Move to approve the policies cited above effective June 1, 2020.**

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- 10. Approval for Summer School for June and Possibly July 2020** – We already have plans for summer school where we will be offering programs in English (Reading), mathematics and science for June 2020. This includes 16 days of instruction for four hours each day including breakfast and lunch. Assuming that we will have enough interest to extend summer school for July, utilizing ESSER Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Funds (CARES), we are requesting approval in the event that there is adequate interest and our ESSER application for funding is approved.

**Motion: Move to approve the summer school program for June and with adequate interest and ESSER funding for July 2020.**

- 11. Review of the Management Agreement with Rite of Passage** – At June 2019 Board meeting the Board approved a motion to appoint Mike Gantt and Mark Hendershot in consultation with Paula Signorelli and Barbara Ross to the Management Agreement Review Committee to provide recommended changes for the Board to consider at its March 17, 2020 regularly scheduled board meeting.

The committee has not yet met but the agreement term ends on June 30 2020 and will be renewed as is without any further action by the Board. The current agreement is attached.

- 12. Approval of Dual Enrollment Agreement for FY21** –Dr. Geiger met with representatives of the Maricopa County Community College District, which has determined that several of our teachers are qualified to teach dual enrollment classes to our students. Dr. Geiger said that it was the school’s intention to offer one course this semester, most likely a business course, which will be offered in a 7th period and that the school pay the full tuition of \$85 per credit hour plus \$15 registration.

**Motion: Move to approve the dual enrollment agreement with the Maricopa Community Colleges for the FY 21 school year and authorize the superintendent to execute this agreement on behalf of the Board and further to authorize the superintendent to enter into a subsequent agreement for the FY21 school year.**

- 13. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Vail Unified School District** – For the past two years, Southwest Leadership Academy has been

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using Beyond Textbooks developed by the Vail Unified School district for our curriculum, pacing guides, courses resources, lesson plans and assessment tools. We re requesting renewal of this program for FY21. The agreement is for all ROP schools in Arizona but the SLA Board and CSA board should approve the agreement and authorize ROP's CFO to execute the agreement on behalf of the schools The fees, based upon student enrollments, are: CSA \$4,900; SLA \$4,800 and Prestige Day School \$300. Dr. Geiger has now negotiated that regardless of increasing enrollments the fees will never rise above \$10,000 which is the Beyond Textbooks minimum annual charge.

**Motion: Move to authorize ROP's CFP, CJ Bower, to execute the IGA between the Vail Unified School District and Rite of Passage and specifically Southwest Leadership Academy for the FY21 school year.**

**Principal's Report** – Dr. Fowler will present information on the professional development (Elevate), current academic programs, student achievement, athletics, after school clubs, evening school, student behavior, personnel, Beyond Textbooks, Project Based Learning, Trauma Based Training, the new School Social Worker, the New Art Program, Rosetta Stone, Reading 180, Galileo, ACT and AZM2 Testing and plans for FY21.

### **14. Announcements**

**The next Board meeting is June 23, 2020** when the Board will conduct a public hearing on the budget followed by the adoption of the FY21 budget and other special meetings as called by the President

**THE PROM** – We plan on holding a Prom for the Class of 2020 when possible this fall or winter.

**GRADUATION OF THE CLASS OF 2020 – May 20th** -The largest graduating class from SLA ever will still get a chance for a real graduation but currently the plan is for a "Drive by graduation Moment" on May 21, 2020 where our graduates can drive through the SLA parking lot with teachers spaced 6 feet apart cheering the students on and giving them their diploma, graduation t-shirt, and school yearbook. We still plan on a formal graduation ceremony either August 20<sup>th</sup> or a later date depending upon the guidelines of the AZ Department of Health and the CDC.

### **15. Adjournment**