

# 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 17th day of June 2020.

By

Nancey Carter

Board Liaison/Compliance Manager

### AGENDA

Southwest Leadership Academy Governing Board Tuesday,

June 23, 2020  
10:30 AM (MST)

At

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

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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.
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)

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### **3. Approval of minutes of May 19, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes.**

**Motion: Move to approve the minutes of May 19, 2020 board meeting attached.**

### **4. Finance– Paula Signorelli or CJ Bower- Review May 2020 Financial Reports and present the proposed FY21 budget**

**Motion: Move to receive the May 2020 financial reports as submitted.**

### **5. Public Hearing on Proposed FY21 annual school budget –** At this time the Board will open the meeting to the public for comment on the proposed FY21 school budget. The Board members may also ask questions or make proposals regarding the budget as well. Following the budget hearing the Board will take a vote on the final recommended budget for FY21.

### **6. Approval of FY21 Annual School Budget –** The Board must approve an annual budget for FY21. A copy of the proposed budget is attached. This budget can be modified and adjusted throughout the upcoming school year by the Board.

**Motion Move to approve the FY21 Annual School Budget for Southwest Leadership Academy as presented.**

### **7. Appointment Drew Ainsworth to the Southwest Leadership Board of Education –** Information re Mr. Ainsworth will be sent for your review.

**Motion: Move to confirm the appointment of Drew Ainsworth to a three year term on the Southwest Leadership Board of Education effective July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023.**

### **8. Reappointment of Ruben Olivas and Brian Heath to the Southwest Leadership Board of Education**

**Motion: Move to approve the appointment of Messrs. Olivas and Mr. Heath to a three year term to the Southwest Leadership Board of Education effective July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023**

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9. **Election of Officers** – Nominations for officers were submitted to the secretary and the following nominees are proposed for election by the Board members. Nominations are for Mike Gantt as president, Brian Heath as secretary/treasurer but there were no nominees for vice president.

**Motion: Move to elect Mike Gantt as president for 2020-2021.**

**Motion: Move to elect Brian Heath as secretary/treasurer for 2020-2021**

10. **Update regarding Board Policies** – Additional policies are now available for review and approval by the Board. Policies will be placed on the agenda for the next public meeting of the Board. No action is required at this time.
11. **Plans for Opening School on August 3, 2020** – Drs. Geiger and Fowler will review the plan for safely opening school on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.
12. **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 without any further action by the Board.

13. **Approval of Prop 301 Pay for Performance** – When the school had to convert to on-line instruction for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the school year, we modified the pay for performance matrix to reflect modified expectations and we now need to do the same for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of FY21. That matrix is still being finalized and will be provided to the board ASAP but certainly before the board meets.

**Motion: Move to approve the Prop 301 Pay-for-Performance Matrix for FY21 (document to be provided prior to the Board meeting)**

14. **Scheduled Board Meetings for FY21** – The Board plans to meet quarterly but the president or multiple members of the Board may call special meetings as necessary. The dates provided below are recommended meeting dates but the Board can change them based upon the availability of the Board. The Board

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may also want to meet in between regularly scheduled Board meetings for budget adjustments if circumstances require.

**Motion: Move to establish the following dates for regularly scheduled board meetings at Southwest Leadership Academy on 4301 West Fillmore Street commencing 10:30 AM (MST) unless noted otherwise – September 22, 2020; December 15, 2020; March 23, 2021 (plus retreat) @ 5:30 PM at The University Clun, Phoenix; and June 29, 2021.**

- 15. Approval of Lease Agreement with the Isaac School District-** Although the agreement with the Isaac School District is with ROP and SLA is a subtenant, it is important that the Board understands and agrees to the terms of the agreement as these terms and conditions are passed through the SLA board.

**Motion: Move to approve the attached Facilities Use Agreement between Rite of Passage and the Isaac School District # 5.**

- 16. Principal's Report** – Dr. Fowler will present information on the professional development (teacher in-service), 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.

- 17. Gratitude for Service to the School and the Board** – Today is Mark Hendershot's last Board meeting as his term expires June 30, 2020 and he has indicated that he has retired and does not wish to continue to serve on the Board. During his three year term, Mr. Hendershot has been an invaluable member of the Board focused on student performance, financial responsibility, policy development, and support for the new initiatives that have enabled the school to move its ranking from a D school to B school. Mr. Hendershot has served the board admirably with total commitment, enthusiasm, and expertise.

**Motion: Move to extend the appreciation of the Board and the School Administration to Mark Hendershot for his incredible contributions to the Board of Education of Southwest Leadership Academy from 2017-2020.**

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### **18. Announcements**

**The next Board meeting is September 22, 2020 at Southwest Leadership Academy.**

**SCHOOL STARTS – August 3, 2020**

**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 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.

### **19. Adjournment**