

# 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 17th day of September 2020.

By

Nancey Carter

Board Liaison/Compliance Manager

### AGENDA

Southwest Leadership Academy Governing Board Tuesday,

September 22, 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, Brian Heath (Secretary/Treasurer), Ruben Olivas, Terry Hines, and Drew Ainsworth.
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), Nancey Carter (SLA compliance officer), and Priscilla Ayala Pacheco (school social worker).

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- 3. Welcome to and introduction of the public (on-line and in-person)**
- 4. Approval of minutes of May 19, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes.**

**Motion: Move to approve the minutes of June 23, 2020, August 10, 2020, and August 12, 2020 board meetings attached.**

- 5. Introduction of our new school social worker, Priscilla Ayala Pacheco MSW**, who will explain her role, the initiatives on which is working and goals for FY21. No board action necessary.
- 6. 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, Elevate training, Beyond Textbooks, Project Based Learning, Trauma Based Training, the New Art Program, Rosetta Stone, Reading 180, Galileo, ACT, AZM2 Testing and plans for FY21 and the implementation of the Danielson evaluation tool for teachers.
- 7. On-Line Instruction Approval by the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools** – With special thanks to Assistant Principals, Jessica Vensel and Meghan Miller, our proposal to the State Board for Charter Schools was approved September 14, 2020 to take effect immediately permitting SLA to provide on-line instruction to students funded by the State of Arizona.

**Motion: Move to approve the immediate implementation of the on-line education program as presented to and approved by the State Board for Charter Schools on September 14, 2020.**

- 8. Update regarding Board Policies** – The Board has been working on Board Policies for more than two years, but we are now approaching a time when this must be completed. As the Board knows I have reviewed and vetted more than 850 pages of recommended and required policies and have presented them to the Board for consideration. We have completed about 15% of the policies but truly need to finalize the policy book. The ASBA will not put the policy book into final form until we have approved all policies we intend to approve. Many policies that need approval are required by law. I recommend that the Board

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appoint a policy committee to review the remaining policies so they can be considered at the December board meeting.

The policies being considered today are required need approval to continue receiving federal funds. They were to be approved by 9/15/20 but since the Board was meeting just one week later, I did not attempt to schedule a special board meeting. The policies requiring approval are attached. They are: ACA-Sexual Harassment; ACAA-Title IX Sexual Harassment; and ACAA-R-Regulation on Title IX Sexual Harassment.

**Motion: Move to approve Policies ACA-Sexual Harassment; ACAA-Title IX Sexual Harassment and Policy Regulation - ACAA-R- Regulation on Title IX Sexual Harassment.**

- 9. Acknowledgement of State Approved Parental Rights-** Attached is the Arizona Department of Education Parental Rights Handbook that the school is required to publish on its website and include this information in the student handbook. (Senate Bill 1061, to take effect 8/25/2020)

**Motion: Move to acknowledge the AZ Department of Education Parental Rights Handbook and to direct the superintendent to place this information on the SLA website, in the next student handbook and in the next written communication to parents.**

- 10. 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 existing board for FY22 and authorization for Superintendent, Dr. Philp Geiger, to submit the required documents to open the new charter at the beginning of the FY22 school year.**

- 11. Report on FY21 Grants ESSER, DEMA funding and Federal Title Funding-** SLA compliance officer, Nancey Carter, will discuss and enumerate the various grants and special COVID funding programs available to SLA.
- 12. Finance– Paula Signorelli or CJ Bower- Review July and August 2020 Financial Reports (Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow) July financial Income statement attached**

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**Motion: Move to receive the July and August 2020 financial reports as submitted.**

- 13. 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 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.**

### **14. Announcements**

**The next Board meeting is December 15, 2020 at Southwest Leadership Academy.** Future scheduled board meetings include: March 23, 2021 (including board retreat – 5:30 PM), June 29, 2021

### **15. Adjournment**