

Board of Education Minutes- 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 be held via video conferencing.

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 25th day of May 2022.

By

Brian Heath, Executive Director

AGENDA

Southwest Leadership Academy Governing Board Thursday

May 26, 2022

1:00pm

Topic: May Board of Education Meeting.

Time: May 26, 2022 @ 10:30 am Arizona

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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 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 Brian Heath at (480) 987-9700. Also, you can attend the foregoing meeting by teleconference.

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Mike Gantt, Board President; Drew Ainsworth, Treasurer/Secretary; Brian Heath, Ex-Officio Member.

Meeting called to begin at 1:02 PM.

2. **Introduction of Visitors:** Valerie White, Assistant Principal; Paula Signorelli, National Director of Business Operations and Initiatives; Marty Grant, School Finance; Sylvia Alaniz, Office Manager; Dr. Molly Schloderback. Other visitors from the public present

Discussion: Also in attendance is Michelle Harris, Guidance Counselor for SLA.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** President Gantt led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Approval of Board Minutes:** Minutes for March 29th

Motion: Move to approve the Minutes of the March 29th, SLA Board Meetings as presented.

Discussion: A motion was made by Mr. Heath, seconded by Mr. Ainsworth to approve the minutes of the March 29th, SLA Board Meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Introduction to Board of Education Candidate, Dr. Molly Schloderback.** Review candidate's qualifications to serve on the Board.

Motion: Move to approve Dr. Molly Schloderback as a Member of the Southwest Leadership Academy Board of Education.

Discussion: A motion was made by Mr. Heath, to amend the motion to conditional approve Dr. Molly Schloderback, as a member of the Southwest Leadership Academy Board of Education upon completion of application. Amended motion was seconded by Mr. Ainsworth to approve.

The motion passed unanimously.

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- 6. Introduction to newly hired School Principal, Mr. Mark Yockus.** Mr. Yockus will share his professional background and discuss his planned transition for the 2022/23 school year.

Discussion: Mr. Heath introduced Mr. Yockus due to Mr. Yockus being unable to attend the board meeting.

7. School Report (Valerie White):

- a. Year-end summary and graduation
- b. Obama Presidential Scholarship recipient, Ivan Armenta
- c. Student Council trip to California
- d. Spring sports update
- e. Faculty Team Builder
- f. Teacher retention
- g. New programming for 2022/23:
 - i. Teen Parent Program
 - ii. Expansion of Reading Program
 - iii. New Elective Offerings
 - iv. Freshman Academy
- h. Signage Update
- i. Ongoing Recruitment Efforts:
 - i. Literacy Teacher
 - ii. Dean of Students
 - iii. Teen Parent Teacher
 - iv. Assistant Principal
 - v. Compliance

- 8. March and April Financial Reports:** Paula Signorelli will present the financial information March and April 2022.

Motion: Move to approve the March and April Southwest Leadership Academy financial reports as presented.

Discussion: A motion was made by Mr. Ainsworth to approve the March and April financial reports as presented, Second by Mr. Heath

The motion passed unanimously.

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9. **Presentation of Budget:** Paula Signorelli will present the proposed FY23 budget and review the timelines to submit to ADE.

Discussion: Board discussed the proposed FY23 budget. Paula Signorelli will ask the board to approve the finalized budget when ADE finalizes their budget and funding.

10. **Removal and Assignment of Charter Representative:** Consideration for Assistant Principal, Valerie White, to serve as Charter Representative for the purpose of the school's ability to communicate with the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools. Removal of former Principal, Dr. Gregory Fowler.

Motion: Move to approve Valerie White as a Charter Representative for Southwest Leadership Academy and remove Dr. Gregory Fowler as a Charter Representative.

Discussion: A motion was made by Mr. Ainsworth, seconded by Mr. Heath to approve Valerie White as Charter Representative for Southwest Leadership Academy and remove Dr. Gregory Fowler as a Charter representative.

The motion passed unanimously

11. **Schedule Remaining 2022 Board of Education Meetings:** Discuss dates and times that work for the BOE. Suggested dates are: June 28th, September 28th and December 14th

Motion: Move to approve the dates for the remaining SLA Board Meetings.

Discussion: Drew Ainsworth asked to have the date of September 28th moved to September 21st. All agreed. Motion to approve June 28th, September 21st, and December 14th as future board meetings was motioned by Mr. Heath and Seconded by Mr. Ainsworth.

The motion passed unanimously

12. **Announcements:** Mr. Health discussed an agenda item being on the next board meeting to a motion to allow the engagement of the personnel for the audit to start to occur to be placed on the next agenda.

13. **Adjournment:** Mr. Gantt adjourned the meeting at 2:36 PM.