

Board of Education Meeting 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 23rd day of January 2024.

By

Miqala Salinas, Compliance Coordinator

AGENDA

Southwest Leadership Academy Governing Board

January 24th, 2024

3:30 PM

Topic: SLA December Board Meeting

Time: Jan 24, 2024 03:30 PM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

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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

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 Bridget Carrington at (480) 987-9700 ext 5898. Also, you can attend the foregoing meeting by teleconference.

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (President Gantt):** Mike Gantt, Board President; Drew Ainsworth, Treasurer/Secretary; Brian Heath, Ex-Officio Member, Dr. Molly Schloderback, Member; Emily Beard, Member.

Called meeting to order at 3:32PM by Mike Gantt

Attendance: Mike Gantt, Board President; Brian Heath, Ex-Officio Member; Drew Ainsworth, Board Member; Emily Beard, Board Member Molly Schloderback

2. **Introduction of Visitors (President Gantt):** Bridget Carrington, Superintendent; Christae Spivey, SLA Principal; Miqala Salinas, SLA Compliance Coordinator; Jennifer Gentle, Assistant Principal; Cheryl Myers, School Accountant; Alicia Sullivan, Staff Accountant

Attendance: Cheryl Myers, School Accountant; Miqala Salinas, Compliance Coordinator; Christae Spivey, Principal; Keith Chilton, Director of Business Operations; Alicia Sullivan, Staff Accountant

3. **Pledge of Allegiance (President Gantt):**

Mike Gantt presented Pledge of Allegiance

4. **Approval of Agenda (President Gantt):**

Motion: Move to approve the January 24th agenda as submitted.

Discussion: A motion was made by Brian Heath, seconded by Drew Ainsworth to approve the January 24th agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Approval of Board Minutes (President Gantt):** Minutes for December 22nd, 2023

Motion: Move to approve the SLA Board Meeting Minutes for December 22nd as presented.

Discussion: A motion was made by Brian Heath, seconded by Emily Beard. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Approval of Budget Revision (Cheryl Myers):** Proposed budget revision

Motion: Move to approve the SLA Budget Revision as presented.

Discussion: Cheryl Myers presented updated budget. Explained that we were able to fit some costs into grants to prevent large loss. Projected loss of \$48,909. Christae Spivey explained that we had grant (CLSD – Comprehensive Literacy State Development) that had a large rollover in funds, which allowed us to use that for salaries. This will meet the needs of both the grant and the school finances. Also mentioned that we are still ramping up efforts to increase enrollment & attendance to increase our state funding.

Drew Ainsworth asked if since we are working with grants, will this need to be re-evaluated each year. Christae Spivey explained we will need to revisit each year. Bridget Carrington explained that the long-term solution is the increase of the enrollment year by year. This will alleviate the reliance on grants.

A motion was made by Mike Gantt, seconded by Molly Schloderback. The motion passed unanimously.

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7. Announcements:

Christae Spivey or Alicia Sullivan will submit our revised budget to Arizona Department of Education.

Christae Spivey provided testimonial from ADE Employee (Becca) expressing congratulations for the improvements to school after on-site visit to SLA. Testimony includes: five graduates in December, new internship program, math benchmarks met, student recognitions, withdrawal meetings for insight on why, and on-track to graduate system developed.

Mike Gantt presented the question about our library, and if we are ever questioned on our inventory and subject of books. Brian Heath explained that on a larger scale from books to curriculum, we ensure we are aligned with any state guidelines, and have submitted our curriculum under said guidelines as well.

Will need to plan out next board meetings & dates. Miqala Salinas will send out March 26th, 2024 Board Meeting invite.

8. Adjournment:

Mike Gantt adjourned meeting at 4:00PM