



**ALLEGIANCE STEAM ACADEMY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**December 9th, 2019
Minutes**

I. Preliminary

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair at 6:30 pm.

B. Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Samantha Odo, Chairperson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Jason Liso, Treasurer	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Marcilyn Jones, Secretary	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Troy Stevens, Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Claudia Reynolds, Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

C. Public Comments- Items not on the Agenda

Superintendent Dr. Enfield with Chino Valley Unified School District spoke. He wanted the board members to know that they made the right decision when they hired Dr. Cогnetta. He has been working with Dr. Cогnetta for some time now and it is obvious to him that the kids are Dr. Cогnetta's top priority and wants what's best for them. He said Dr. Cогnetta has worked hard to create a collaborative and positive relationship with CVUSD. Dr. Enfield and Dr. Cогnetta have been working closely together, going back and forth, to be sure the charter renewal is ready to be submitted to their board. When he presents it to their board he plans on recommending that they vote yes to approve the renewal.

D. Approval of Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting for December 9, 2019

Motion (Stevens), second (Liso), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting for December 9, 2019.

II. Public Announcement of Reason for Closed Session:

A. Public Comments on Closed Session Items

There were no public comments on Closed Session Items.

B. Closed Session- For Discussion/ Possible Action

Samantha Odo, Board Chair, announced closed session at 6:36 pm so The Board of Directors could discuss Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code 54957). CEO/Principal Dr. Cognetta joined the board.

Samantha Odo, Board Chair, announced the meeting was back in session at 7:04 pm. No comments regarding closed session were made by Board Members.

III. Open Session:

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

1. Governance Training Presentation

Attorney Merrick Wadsworth with Procopio gave a presentation regarding Governance Training.

2. Update from Parents and Community for Kids

PACK member Jennifer Stevens gave the following report:

- *This past Friday was the Polar Express with two showings (free event).*
- *Last Thursday was Restaurant of the Month (Ono Hawaiian Barbecue).*
- *For the recent Ultra Fun Run, close to \$33,000 was raised (last year was \$20,000). This year we used the Ultra Fun Run company and they offered the students incentive prizes. They are waiting to hear back from teachers and staff members to see what they'd like the money spent on.*
- *Recent purchases:*
 - *8th Grade Area - the PACK provided the area with tarp and tables.*
 - *Four picnic tables with umbrellas were also purchased for the campus.*
 - *PACK will contribute money for students to go on the upcoming 5th, 6th, and 8th grade trips.*
 - *Pins were purchased for the awards ceremonies for the remainder of the year.*
 - *Speakers for Mr. Raven's classroom were also purchased.*
- *The Holiday Boutique is coming up. This allows vendors to sell items for \$5 or less to students.*
- *The recent See's Candies fundraiser was a success; around \$6,000 was made.*
- *Every Friday is Flavored Water Friday; students may bring their water bottles and fill them up.*
- *Every Friday is Spirit Wear and Ice Cream sales.*
- *The next PACK meeting will be on December 18th.*
- *The PACK provided all board members with a gift.*

3. CEO's Report

Dr. Cognetta gave an update on the following:

- *He thanked the PACK and parents for all their work on the recent fundraisers and what they've provided the school with.*

- *He commended the staff on the report cards and how much work was put into them so that parents would get precise and detailed information. He also said for parents to be sure to check the Parent Portal and stay connected with SeeSaw so they could stay in the loop in regards to the happenings with their children.*
- *We're currently fully enrolled at 660 students.*
- *Attendance is at 97.5% (we're above budget). He gave kudos to the front office and teachers for staying on top of the Short-term Independent Study arrangement as this helps keep our attendance above budget.*
- *Professional Development:*
 - *Last week, Director of Business Services Sara Lopez, Teacher Tammy Lohoff, and Director of Educational Programs Callie Moreno attended the Charter School Development Center Conference which is one of the top conferences in the state and brought back informative information which will be given to staff.*
 - *Our Teacher Leaders are continuing to drive the Professional Development. Mrs. Calvert and Mrs. Dizon gave an overview to teachers recently about student led celebrations which will take place during National School Choice Week at the end of January.*
- *Due to a technical glitch which caused the first several minutes of the meeting to not record, Dr. Cognetta spoke about what Dr. Enfield said during the public comments:*
 - *Dr. Cognetta said it was a unique moment to have our authorizer's Superintendent speak during public comments at a charter school's board meeting. He said Dr. Enfield wanted to reassure our board about the renewal process and to acknowledge that it's somewhat unprecedented to collaborate at the extent that we have. The renewal petition has gone back and forth between Laurie Warner, Dr. Cognetta, our staff, and Dr. Enfield and his staff as well. Our community is to be assured that we are working collaboratively with CVUSD on our renewal. It was also shared that we're entering into a Prop 39 5 year agreement and their motivation as our authorizer is to go over everything thoroughly now so we won't need to make corrections during mid-authorization.*
- *Open Enrollment for next year has started. The office was able to move up the date to begin the process earlier than last year. Within a day we had around 100 applications, and we are now a week into it and have over 230 applications. Being that we are growing to 150 more students next year, we've already surpassed that number, so we're going in the right direction. We've advertised on social media, the Chino Champion, as well as flyers being sent out to all families with children within the boundaries of ASA.*
- *Tomorrow is the third Superintendent Student Advisory Council in which he'll be attending with three of our students.*

4. Staff Report

- *Teacher Stacey Lazo:*
 - *Track practice for TK-8th grades will be starting soon, meetings were held last week. Around 30 people have signed up.*
 - *Coach Cox is starting boys and girls basketball for 6th to 8th grade students.*

- *Last week we had our awards which was exciting. Teachers selected between 4 to 6 students to receive awards in the areas of Academics, Growth, Wolves Ways, PE, World Language, Music, and STEAM Lab. 28 Mileage club certificates were also given out for students who have ran 25 or more miles so far.*
- *Mr. Raven is busy getting the Jingle Jam performances ready.*
- *The teachers are busy with Benchmark testing and getting the data in to make plans for the second trimester.*
- *Teacher Deanna Campagna:*
 - *This past Polar Express was the first one she's ever been to and she expressed how much fun everything was.*
 - *She's happy about changes made to the report cards and how they enter information into their gradebooks.*
 - *She's looking forward to Student Led Celebrations.*

5. PAL Report

Teacher Tammy Lohoff gave the following update:

- *They'll be working with the PACK to provide Polar Grams this week. The students will be able to send a message to someone on campus for \$1. They'll be delivered before the break starts along with a pencil.*
- *Next week we'll have an Ugly Sweater fashion show. Teachers will pick four students in their classrooms to be entered into the contest.*

C. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSENT:

- 1. Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors November 4, 2019**
- 2. Check Register for the month of October, 2019**

Motion (Jones), second (Reynolds), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Minutes for Regular Board Meeting for November 4, 2019 and the Check Register for the month of October, 2019.

D. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

1. Financial Update for October, 2019

Jim Weber with Charter Impact gave a presentation on the October 2019 Financial Update.

Motion (Stevens), second (Odo), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Financial Update for the month of October, 2019.

2. Updated FY20 ASA Budget

Jim Weber with Charter Impact gave a presentation on the Updated FY20 ASA Budget.

Motion (Liso), second (Jones), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to adopt and approve the Updated FY 20 ASA Budget.

3. 2019-20 1st Interim Report

Jim Weber with Charter Impact provided information in regards to the 2019-2020 1st Interim Report.

Motion (Jones), second (Reynolds), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to adopt and approve the 2019-2020 1st Interim Report.

4. ASA Board Resolution Credit Card Parameters

Motion (Stevens), second (Liso), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to adopt and approve the ASA Board Resolution Credit Card Parameters.

E. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Comments from Board of Directors

- *Jason Liso said he had the opportunity to attend the Ultra Fun Run and it was fun watching the kids. He also said that Home Depot has a program where they reach out to veterans and they reached out to him so they could provide our school with donated items. On the same day as the Ultra Fun Run, he was also here when the Home Depot delivered the items. He was able to speak to the manager that runs the local Home Depot and he was told that they have a lot of funds to provide items but they don't always have veterans that reach out to get the funds. Next year they'll have more in their budget and will reach out to us. He gave a shout out to Home Depot for their generosity. He's looking forward to Jingle Jam. He thanked the PACK for the nice gift.*
- *Claudia Reynolds said she was able to witness when Home Depot came. It was nice to see how excited the kids were and how they were into what they were building. She's happy that they have a place to learn and be creative. She thanked the PACK for the gift as well and to everyone for allowing her to be here.*
- *Marcilyn Jones said that last week she was at the Charter School Conference and was happy to see ASA's staff. She also said that in the 15 plus years she's been involved with charter schools she has never seen a superintendent come to a board meeting and speak on behalf of their school, so this speaks volumes. She gave kudos to Dr. Cognetta for creating the relationship with the superintendent and our authorizer. She also thanked the PACK for the gift.*
- *Troy Stevens said next year he'd like some of the board members to be invited to the Charter School Development Center Conference. He thanked the PACK for the gifts along with all of their hard work. He knows all the money they've raised will go to a good cause for the kids. He said that it is unprecedented that Dr. Enfield came to speak. He doesn't believe he would have come if he didn't have a close relationship with Dr. Cognetta; it's obvious they are working hand and hand and he thanked Dr. Cognetta for this. He also thanked the entire staff and volunteers. He feels the school is an amazing place to be. He enjoys seeing how happy the kids are with all of the activities going on (sports, Odyssey, Robotics, etc.). He encouraged parents to help out as much as they can. He also thanked*


the board members and all they've done and their decisions; he thanked them for their passion and commitment.

- *Samantha Odo thanked the teachers for overhauling the report cards. She was pleased to read her kid's report cards and appreciated the comments. She also thanked the PACK for all they've done and continue to do and said they're amazing. She thanked Lynnsey Okada for coaching Snap the Gap. She thanked Lori Cunningham as she spearheaded the eSTEAM room and all she's done to get electronics, supplies, etc. in there for the kids (gaming systems, tablets, etc). She thanked the PACK for the gifts. She thanked the staff for being amazing. She also thanked Dr. Cognetta for the relationship he's built with CVUSD and hearing what Dr. Enfield had to say put her mind at ease.*

F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Jones), second (Stevens), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors for December 9, 2019.

Samantha Odo, Board Chair, adjourned the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors for December 9, 2019 at 8:39 pm.



Samantha Odo, Board Chair



Marcylin Jones, Board Secretary