



ALLEGIANCE STEAM ACADEMY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

July 6, 2020
Minutes

I. Preliminary

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Board Chair at 7:31 pm.

B. Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Samantha Odo, Chairperson	__X__	_____
Jason Liso, Treasurer	__X__	_____
Marcilyn Jones, Secretary	__X__	_____
Troy Stevens, Member	__X__	_____
Claudia Reynolds, Member	__X__	_____

C. Public Comments- Items not on the Agenda

There were no public comments for Items not on the Agenda.

D. Approval of Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting for July 6, 2020

Motion (Jones), second (Liso), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Regular Board Meeting for July 6, 2020.

II. Open Session:

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

1. Update from Parents and Community for Kids

PACK Member Melissa Solomon gave the following report.

- *They are working on the decorating Dr. Cogenetta's new office (former Workroom). They will also decorate the new Workroom (room 28) as well as the staff lounge.*
- *All of PACK's items have been moved to their new container and it has been painted.*

- *At a recent PACK meeting it was announced that Joanna Salmon would be president, Katie Vera, secretary, and Jennifer Stevens, Treasurer.*

2. CEO's Report

Dr. Cognetta gave an update on the following:

- *He gave an update on the recent parent/guardian survey which addressed reopening and their interest in home-based model or hybrid. This will allow us to allocate resources accordingly. If Distance Learning is decided, all students will be included.*
- *The next survey we send out will ask for commitment from families on the model they choose to go with if/when home-based and hybrid are the only options available.*
- *Distance Learning this school year will be more comprehensive than what we had available last spring.*
- *We will continue to work with Charter Impact and Illuminate to transition over to our new Student Information System.*

3. Senate Bill 98 - Potential Implications to ASA's Budget

Dr. Cognetta gave an overview & Jim Weber with Charter Impact provided feedback as well.

4. PTO for Full-Time Classified Employees

Dr. Cognetta addressed that we need a way to compensate PTO not used for full time classified employees.

5. Staff

Teacher Tammy Lohoff gave an update on the following:

- *Mrs. Lohoff discussed the educational plan for the 20-21 school year.*
- *For the past few weeks the teaching staff have been discussing the possible stages we'll be in, how we'll open, how the learning models will look, etc.*
- *She thanked the teachers for their work and all the hours they've given of their own time on this even though they should be taking the summer off. She specifically thanked: Mrs. Campagna, Mrs. Valenta, Mrs. Ranel, Mrs. Lazo, Ms. Torsak, Mrs. Weinstock, Mr. McCorkle, Mrs. Dizon, Mr. Shipes, Mr. Cox, Ms. Matusik, Dr. Moreno, and Dr. Cognetta.*
- *We'll offer our school program in its entirety, no matter which learning model we decide on. All students will be able to take advantage of all enrichment opportunities.*
- *Considerable attention is being given to the social and emotional effects for students and families.*
- *Mrs. Campagna has given several hours of her time preparing the different schedules.*
- *We've discussed physical movement and student supply lists, making sure students have what they need to be successful from home.*
- *We are looking at having a Cohort A (meeting Mon & Weds on campus) and B (meeting Tues & Thurs on campus) with Fridays scheduled for intervention, and social-emotional learning with teachers also helping small groups as well.*
- *We've been trying to acquire the appropriate quantity of the PPE. A lot of items are backordered. We're relying on Gina Willocks in the Health Office to keep track of what we have and what is still needed.*
- *We will continue to set the ASA educational program above the rest.*
- *Many teachers have engaged in lengthy training for a reading and fluency program. This will prepare them to screen students TK - 8 to identify areas of need.*

- We will continue providing updates to the board and parents/guardians.
- Alex Arellano (Lead Custodian) is working on sanitation protocol, attending training meetings, being sure to keep us in compliance.
- Mr. Liso said that if we are having trouble getting our PPE he might have a source for it. He is aware of the idea of self-dealing as a board member and wanted to clarify that it would be purely a referral and he would receive nothing in return for it.
- Mr. Stevens wanted to make sure that the SELPA piece with the SPED services are going and what we plan on offering for these students. Dr. Moreno said she's been in contact with their SELPA program manager and reading up on their updates. She is putting together the schedules to manage support for students based on what learning model we go with. We're looking to see what makes the most sense for each student. We have an additional SPED teacher this year which will allow us room to train and grow our team so we'll be able to fully support our students.
- Mr. Stevens asked if CVUSD would be able to open additional classes to us to be able to social distance efficiently. Dr. Cогnetta said that we'd use other rooms on campus if needed.
- Mr. Stevens asked about requirements on cleaning classrooms in which Dr. Cогnetta answered that we have an additional custodian this year and that we'll have staff do their part and help as well.

6. Reopening Report

See CEO's report.

C. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSENT:

1. **Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors for June 1, 2020**
Motion (Stevens), second (Odo), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting for June 1, 2020.

D. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

1. **Board Consideration of CEO Contract**
Motion (Jones), second (Reynolds), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to adopt and approve the contract for the position of CEO.
2. **CharterSafe Proposal**
Motion (Liso), second (Stevens), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to adopt approve CharterSafe Proposal.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Comments from Board of Director

- Claudia Reynolds thanked all for actively working this summer (Dr. Moreno and Dr. Cогnetta) and for communicating with families and everyone. She thanked Mrs. Lohoff for jumping into her new position. She is confident that what is being worked on is going to work well.
- Troy Steven thanked Dr. Cpgmetta for leading by example. He chose to freeze his salary and is setting a good precedence. He said that the school year will be difficult but we're a strong team and will get through it. He said to continue to work hard. He's anxious

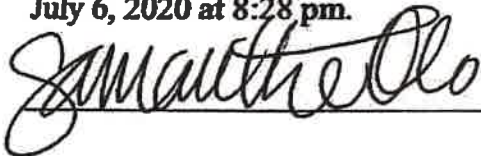
for the next special board meeting. He told the staff that they've done great planning, to keep up the good work and that the board members have their backs 100%

- *Marcilyn Jone thanked all for working during their summer. Stick it out. She said that this is the hardest it'll ever be and if you can make it through this you can make it through anything as we can only go up higher. She said to be sure to reach out if anyone needs them or help.*
- *Jason Liso thanked the staff for all the work everyone's been doing. He said these are unprecedented times which have created an unprecedented amount of work. Everyone's hard work is appreciated. He keeps hearing we'll be ok with the budget and that we won't have as much as we'd like to have but at this point we have a rainy day fund, so we should be ok. We need to adjust with whatever the state is going to do and make the best of it. He has hope that we'll make it all work.*
- *Samantha Odo thanked everyone for being conservative the last couple of years in building the reserves. She hears from parents outside of ASA that have gotten into charters but then have received notification that they won't be able to attend the school after all; so our incoming students are fortunate to be in the position they are in. She thanked staff, Dr. Cognetta and Sara Lopez, for being conservative and Jim Weber for building the reserve to have the additional students we are able to have at our school.*

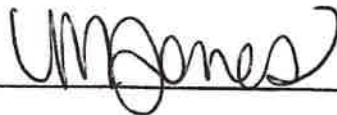
F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Reynolds), second (Liso), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors for July 6, 2020.

Samantha Odo, Board Chair, adjourned the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors for July 6, 2020 at 8:28 pm.



Samantha Odo, Board Chair



Marcilyn Jones, Board Secretary