



ALLEGIANCE STEAM ACADEMY

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 4, 2020
Minutes

I. Preliminary

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Board Chair at 7:35 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

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

D. Approval of Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting for May 4, 2020

Motion (Jones), second (Liso), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting for May 4, 2020.

II. Open Session:

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

1. Update from Parents and Community for Kids

PACK member Laura Vestey gave the following report:

- *This week starts off Parent Appreciation Week. Surprise packages were sent out to all teachers. Students were given ideas for what to do for teachers throughout the week.*
- *Yard signs were purchased for all 8th grade students.*

- *Marquee update: contract is signed and has been sent to CVUSD; they will do the electrical before the installation is complete.*
- *PACK Board Member, Ann Berkessel, will be retiring from the board as her son is promoting. An online form went out to all families recently seeking a replacement for her.*

2. CEO's Report: COVID-19 Update

- *Thanked the PACK for putting together Teacher Appreciation Week.*
- *Thanked teachers for doing a good job with distance learning.*
- *17 school days left. Will organize a day for families to drop devices off once school is over, as well as pick up personal materials.*
- *At the last board meeting we pushed out our do no harm grading policy; we didn't get many questions; teachers have high expectations but are being balanced, supportive, and empathetic to families.*
- *Second round of CARES Act payment protection program: We are likely eligible for \$640,00 in which the bank is reserving for us. It is a forgivable loan if we maintain our payroll/staffing. Since we are going to grow, we should be considered low risk. As of right now it looks promising as we are a strong candidate for it. This will leave around a million dollars at the end of the year in reserve, which is considered strong, but it's not much money when you look at deferrals going into the new year.*
- *HR - Teacher candidates have been screened and we have promising internal and external candidates. We announced the Attendance Clerk position as Raquel Diaz (current Attendance Clerk) is pursuing new goals in her life; he wished her well. We will try to overlap and get the person trained soon. Interviews will be conducted this week. This week we will announce the new Principal to staff then to the community.*
- *Facilities: Within the board packet, information is included which responds to CVUSD's prop 39 offer. This is a process that goes back and forth as we substantiate the space with the district. They recognize that we need the space and they have provided it. Our custodians and CVUSD are preparing the campus for next year. He tips his hat off to them.*
- *LCAP: At this time of year we would normally be finishing it up and then asking for the board's approval at the next meeting but due to COVID-19 it has been extended to mid December. We will have a report at next month's meeting due to requirements but it will not be complete.*
- *He gave a shout out to our kids for being resilient during this time and he knows it has been a challenge.*

3. Form 700

- *Sara asked if the board can take a minute and fill them out and send them back to her this coming week.*

4. Student Information System

- *Dr. Cognetta said we would like to phase out of using our current SIS, Illuminate, since they will not be supporting SIS's as of 2021. We put an RFP out, got contacts, but the close came and we set it aside. We are currently waiting for a 3rd proposal. CVUSD uses Aeries and we reached out to them to see if we could add to their account and pay our portion as it would be easy due to reports we run for them. It would be effective cost-wise as well. Dr. Park and Edfield didn't have a problem with this, but we have some unique features that we need which are different from what CVUSD uses, so we are still looking at other quotes and waiting for more information from Aeries.*

5. Staff Report

- *Teacher Deanna Campagna:*
 - *Staff are starting to settle in.*
 - *All staff meet every Friday with Dr. Cognetta and Dr. Moreno. She commended their leadership.*
 - *It's been a rough journey but feels we are finally settling in.*
- *Teacher Stacey Lazo:*
 - *She is thankful to the PACK for organizing teacher appreciation week, it was very meaningful to her.*

6. PAL Report

- *Teacher Tammy Lofhoff:*
 - *PAL continues to meet and is being as consistent as can be expected.*
 - *They've been contributing to some morning assemblies.*
 - *It's been a huge endeavor and the kids and Mr. Shipes rose to the occasion at the recent assembly.*
 - *They are getting anxious, worried about if there's time to do anything else.*
 - *She wrote several letters of leadership recommendation for their highschool and it's nice that you can definitively say they have been active (tutoring, assistant in adaptive PE during the year, etc.). They gave so much from 7 am 3 days a week, from helping with almost every event; the volunteer hours will go far for them, she was privileged to write them for the students.*

C. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSENT:

1. **Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors for April 6, 2020**
2. **Check Register for the month of March, 2020**

Motion (Stevens), second (Jones), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors for April 6, 2020 and the Check Register for the month of March, 2020.

D. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

1. **Financial Update for March, 2020**

Jim Weber with Charter Impact gave a Financial Update for March, 2020

Motion (Liso), second (Odo), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Financial Update for March, 2020.

2. **Updated FY20 ASA Budget**

Jim Weber with Charter Impact gave a update on the FY20 ASA Budget

Motion (Stevens), second (Reynolds), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve and adopt the Updated FY20 ASA Budget.

3. **Board Calendar 2020-21**

Motion (Jones), second (Liso), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve and approve the Board Calendar 2020-21

4. ASA Organizational Chart 2020-2021

Dr. Cagnetta gave an overview of it, had a discussion with the Board Members, and answered questions from them. The recommended changes, changes were made, then it was approved with the changes.

Motion (Liso), second (Stevens), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve and adopt the ASA Organizational Chart 2020-2021

5. Instructional Technology (Chromebooks) Quote

Motion (Jones), second (Stevens), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve and adopt the CDW-G quote.

6. Speech Language Pathologist Job Description

Motion (Reynolds), second (Jones), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Speech Language Pathologist Job Description.

7. Nomination and Election of Board Member Allegiance STEAM Academy

Motion (Odo), second (Stevens), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to nominate Mrs. Marcilyn Jones and approve her as Director for the Allegiance STEAM Academy Board of Directors.

8. Nomination and Election of Board Member Allegiance STEAM Academy

Motion (Jones), second (Odo), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to nominate Mrs. Claudia Reynolds and approve her as Director for the Allegiance STEAM Academy Board of Directors.

9. Nomination and Election of Board Member Allegiance STEAM Academy

Motion (Stevens), second (Odo), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to nominate Mr. Jason Liso and approve him as Director for the Allegiance STEAM Academy Board of Directors.

10. Facilities Memorandum of Understanding between CVUSD and ASA

Motion (Liso), second (Jones), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve and adopt the Facilities Memorandum of Understanding between CVUSD and ASA.

E. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Comments from Board of Directors

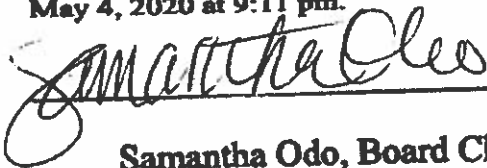
- *Claudia Reynolds thanked Dr. Cagnetta and Dr. Moreno for their commitment and guidance and for being committed to our kids; it's nice to have peace of mind, she knows everything is being done in a caring way. She said they've dealt with everything in a smooth way and she appreciates it. Everything has been handled well. She also thanked the teachers and said they are here for them and to reach out if they need anything.*

- *Troy Stevens thanked the teachers for all they've done. He also thanked the kids for getting their work done and seeing their attendance is awesome. He also thanked Alex Arellano and Simon Zarazua for their hard work. He told Dr. Cognition continues doing a great job and he is looking forward to seeing new teachers and a new principal next year. It'll be an exciting year with challenges but we are strong and we will get through it.*
- *Marcilyn Jones wished teachers a Happy Teacher Appreciation Week. She thanked the staff and Dr. Cognition for constant communication.*
- *Jason Liso thanked the teachers and said he can't imagine how difficult it must have been to adapt to a situation like this. They've done it with grace; and it's been quite impressive. His two kids go to the school and haven't missed out on a whole lot education wise due to the program they created. The quality and quantity doesn't compare to what others are putting on. Parents are having an opportunity to see how difficult the teacher's job is day to day and they are appreciated. He commended Dr. Cognition and Dr. Moreno and all those working behind the scenes to make the school a success. He can't wait to get the school back open. He is excited to be back on the board, and thanked them.*
- *Samantha Odo thanked Dr. Moreno for such a wonderful job she's done since we've opened and said we would have not gotten this far without her knowledge and guidance. She thanked the teachers and other staff members for doing an amazing job to engage the kid and is happy to know that the attendance and live learning is very highly attended. She thanked all those helping with the meals. She thanked the students for being resilient and figuring out the technology; it's been amazing to see the things they are able to do and still learning during this situation; they are strong, smart, innovative, and she is proud of them. She said she is proud of the 8th graders and knows it's a hard situation and she will be celebrating with them, maybe not together, in person. She thanked them for being amazing kids.*

F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Reynolds), second (Jones), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors for May 4, 2020.

Samantha Odo, Board Chair, adjourned the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors for May 4, 2020 at 9:11 pm.



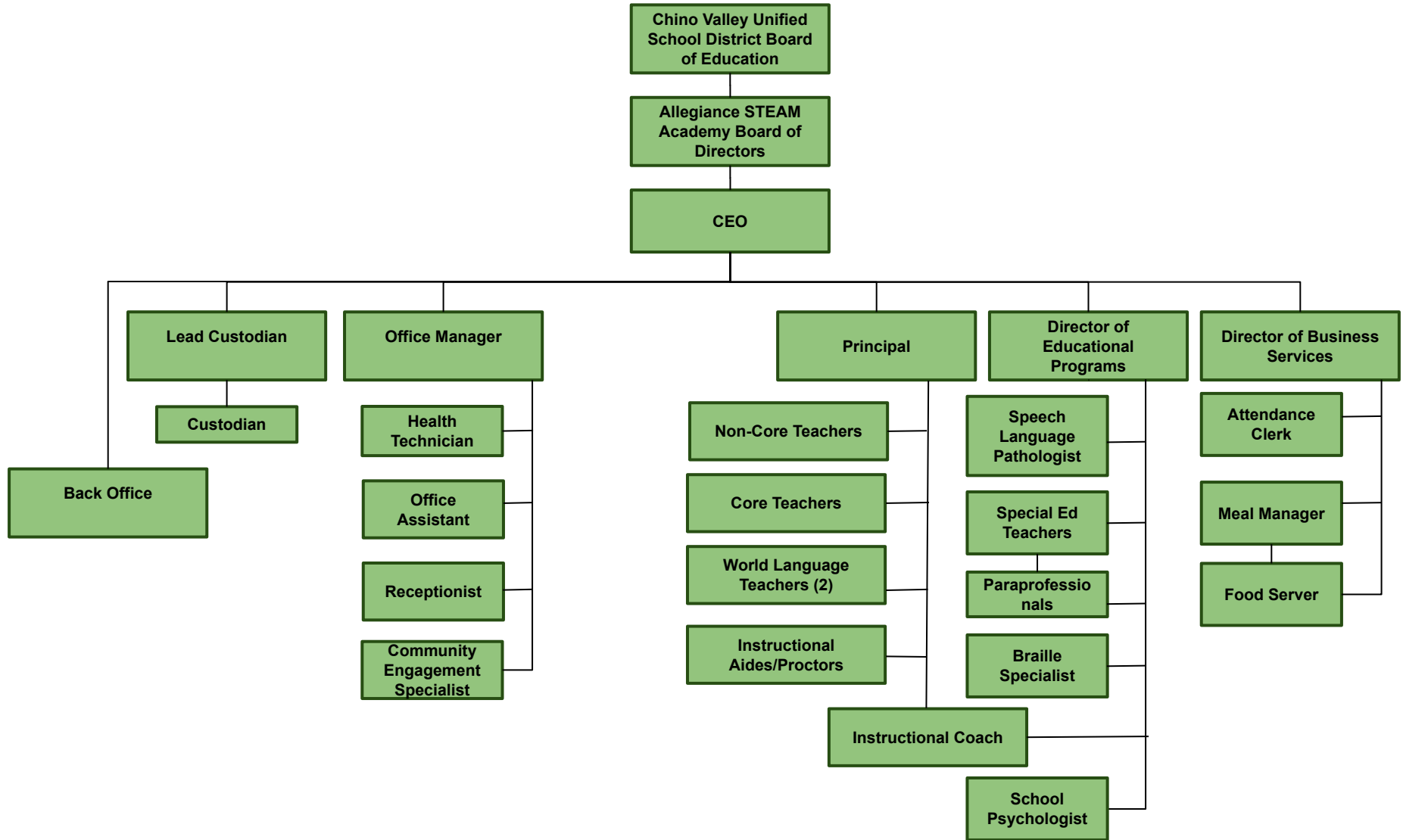
Samantha Odo, Board Chair



Marcilyn Jones, Board Secretary



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