



ALLEGIANCE STEAM ACADEMY

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

November 02, 2020

Board Minutes

I. PRELIMINARY

A. Call to Order

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

B. Roll Call

| | Present | Absent |
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| Samantha Odo, Board Chair | <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

John Kerns, Laura Kerns, Andrew Vestey, Cyndi Valenta, Diana DeSousa, Melissa Dye, Jennifer Stevens, and Miranda Keck spoke in favor of applying for the CDHP waiver.

Carmen Lopez, Crystalinda Gonzalez, Two anonymous staff emails, Margarita Cosio, Kristen Valdez, and Steve Holderman spoke against applying for the CDHP waiver.

D. Approval of agenda for Regular Board Meeting on November 02, 2020

Motion (Claudia Reynolds), second (Marcilyn Jones), motion carried by a vote 5-0 to approve the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on November 02, 2020.

II. OPEN SESSION

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION

1. Update from The PACK (Parents And Community for Kids)

- *Melissa Solomon shared that the Scholastic Book Fair was recently held as well as the Literature Day Parade. She thanked the staff for helping.*
- *The PACK is currently participating in a See's Candy Fundraiser*
- *They are looking into purchasing portable hand washing stations.*

2. Staff Report

- *Deanna Campagna thanked the PACK for all they do for our students. She also thanked Laura Vestey for all of the work she did to make Literature Day such a success.*
- *The end of the trimester is upon staff and they are working tirelessly during this time.*

3. CEO's Report

- *Sebastian attended a session with Senator Connie Leyva and schools were the number one topic at this conference.*
- *Open Enrollment began on October 1st and they currently have 270 applicants, 90 on the first day alone. Open Enrollment will remain open until the end of January/ beginning of February.*
- *Prop 39 was submitted to CVUSD on November 1st, 2020*
- *Think Tank started a small cohort yesterday. Sebastian thanked Think Tank staff along with Callie and Tammy for putting it together and making the first day on campus a good one for them.*

C. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSENT

1. *Check Register for September, 2020*

Motion to approve (Troy Stevens), Second (Samantha Odo), Motion passes with a vote of 5-0.

D. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION

1. **Financial Update for September 2020**

- *Marisol from Charter Impact gave a financial update for September 2020*

Motion to approve Financial Update for September 2020. Motion (Jason Liso), Second (Claudia Reynolds), Motion passes by a vote of 5-0.

2. Revised FY 21 Budget

- *Jim Weber from Charter Impact presented the Revised FY21 Budget.*

Motion to approve the Revised FY21 Budget. Motion (Claudia Reynolds), Second (Marcilyn Jones), Motion carries by a vote of 5-0.

3. Quote for ViewSonic ViewBoards

Dr. Cognetta presented a quote for ViewSonic Viewboards in the amount of \$126,524.94. The board motioned to table the agenda item and asked that 2 additional quotes be presented.

Motion to table agenda item 3 (Samantha Odo), Second (Troy Stevens), Motion passes by a vote of 5-0.

4. CDHP Waiver Application

Vanessa Okamoto spoke about the importance of putting students first. There is too much uncertainty if our school could reopen, even with the waiver.

Paige Vestey shared that many students are having a hard time with distance learning and that she hopes the board will vote to apply for the waiver.

Caity Martinez shared that she hopes that the board will vote to submit the waiver and put kids first. She believes that students can safely return to campus. Her son is suffering through distance learning.

Dr. Cognetta presented and shared that he recommends that the Board apply for the waiver.

Applying for the waiver doesn't mean that the current covid data is being dismissed. It also doesn't mean that we open immediately. What it does mean is that we are interested in opening with the current health guidelines. The county health department decides if we meet the requirements to be granted the waiver. If the waiver is obtained, there is a possibility that rosters can change.

Troy Stevens shared that applying for the waiver will satisfy 100% of the school population. Those that wish to keep their children at home can do that and those that wish to send their children to school will also have that option. He cares about staff tremendously but is on the board to serve the children.

Samantha Odo asked what we are doing for student's that are having a tough time with distance learning. Sebastian shared that we are providing small group instruction, 1:1 meetings, and interventions.

Jason Liso agrees with what Troy said.

Sebastian shared the Jr. High is not included in the waiver but there is a possibility a few may be able to attend in very small cohorts.

Motion to approve the CDHP Waiver Application. Motion to adopt and approve the CDHP Waiver Application (Troy Stevens), Second (Jason Liso). Motion passes by a vote of 5-0.

E. COMMUNICATIONS

- **Claudia Reynolds:** *Claudia shared that she is thankful for this community and is proud to be a part of it. She wants to thank teachers for all their hard work. She appreciates the love and commitment from them. She also thanked each of the speakers tonight for sharing their opinions.*
- **Troy Stevens:** *Troy thanked Think Tank and Dr. Moreno for getting kids back on campus. He wants to see kids on campus 5 days a week. He also thanked the PACK for an amazing Literature Day. He also wants to make sure the waiver is submitted by the end of the week.*
- **Marcilyn Jones:** *Marcy shared that she is an advocate for having options and she really considered what the waiver meant and understands that things change constantly. She is trusting the leadership of the school to provide direction on moving forward. She wants to make sure that people's choice does not come at*

the expense of someone else, meaning the staff. Teacher burnout is real and will affect students. She loves kids, but also lives and breathes for teachers.

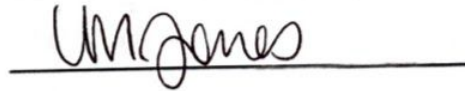
- **Jason Liso:** *Jason shared that he greatly appreciated all of those that reached out to him. The decision to apply for the waiver was difficult to make. He did read and listen to all who reached out to him. He shared that he believes all of this may be moot due to county numbers. He also reminded everyone to exercise their right to vote.*
- **Samantha Odo:** *Sam thanked everyone for being passionate about our students and fighting for what is best for them physically and emotionally. This was probably one of the hardest decisions that she has had to make. Her decision was made by looking at all sides and she knows the waiver does not mean that we are going to open tomorrow. If today was a vote to open, she would have voted to not reopen given the current data. She wants to make it clear that the vote to submit the waiver is not a vote to reopen the school.*

F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the November 2, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors at 9:18pm. Motion (Jason Liso), Second (), Motion carries by a vote of 5-0.



Samantha Odo, Board Chair



Marcilyn Jones, Board Secretary