



**APPROVED 8/23/2022**

**California Online Public Schools (CalOPS)**  
A California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation  
**ANNUAL BOARD MEETING**

**GOVERNING BOARD for:**  
**CalCA Central Coast**  
**CalCA Central Valley**  
**CalCA Monterey Bay**  
**CalCA North Bay**  
**CalCA NorCal**  
**CalCA Southern California**

**Date and Time:**  
Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. PT

**Telephone Conference Call Locations:**  
CalCA NorCal: 580 N. Wilma Avenue, Suite G, Ripon, CA 95366  
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**I. Call to Order**

Ms. Pavlich called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m. when all participants were present and able to hear each other. It was noted that both the SoCal and NorCal offices were open for in person attendance by members of the public.

**II. Roll Call**

Board Members Present at Roll Call: Elaine Pavlich (in person at the SoCal Office); Diana Rivas and Adam Pulsipher;

Board Members Absent: Mike Henjum and Paul Hedrick;

Guests Present: Richie Romero, Interim Executive Director; Franci Sassin, Lachelle Carter, Leslie Dombek, Tara Mannix, Heather Tamayo and Marcus White, School staff; Alfonso Gamino, Central Coast CA Authorizer Representative; Susan Monaghan, Members of the Public; Laura Johnson, Melissa Brown, Donna Kozub,

Tanya Snyder and Megann Arthur, Pearson Virtual Schools staff (all via phone).

### III. Public Comment

There were no public comments at this time.

### IV. Routine Business

#### a. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Pavlich asked the Board to review the Agenda distributed prior to the meeting, and posted by June 24, 2022 in compliance with the Brown Act requirements. There being no changes noted, the following motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the June 28, 2022 Board Meeting, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion was approved unanimously via a roll call vote.

### V. Oral Reports

#### a. Interim Executive Director's Report

Dr. Romero provided the Board with an update from school leadership.

##### i. Graduation and End of Year Activities Update

Dr. Romero reviewed the recent graduation ceremony. He detailed the day's events, the number who participated, and thanked the staff who were involved in all the planning and preparations.

##### ii. BTS: New School Staff Event

Dr. Romero provided the Board with an update on the new school staff plans during the Back to School planning process. He advised that the school plans to extend the event by one (1) day to allow all new staff to have an orientation and a day together before all the returning staff join the group; the additional day will be open to all staff hired after June 2020 to also include those who may not have met the team during the pandemic.

##### iii. Capturing Kids' Hearts

Dr. Romero presented to the Board on the Capturing Kids' Hearts program. He discussed leadership components to the program, advantages to both teachers and students, and some great aspects of the model.

b. Principals' Reports

Ms. Pavlich referred Board members to the reports included in the Board materials.

i. Elementary School

Mr. White asked the Board whether they had any questions or comments on the written report received by the Elementary School Principal, Mr. White. There were no questions from the Board at this time.

ii. Middle School

Ms. Tamayo asked the Board whether they had any questions or comments on the written report received by the Middle School Principal, Ms. Tamayo. There were no questions from the Board at this time.

iii. High School

Ms. Mannix asked the Board whether they had any questions or comments on the written report received by the High School Principal, Ms. Mannix. There were no questions from the Board at this time.

[Mr. Gamino joined the meeting at 3:44 p.m.]

c. CalCA Financial Report

Ms. Carter reviewed the financial report with the Board, as included within the Board meeting materials. She specifically highlighted changes in the financials and forecasted expenses since the last meeting's review. Ms. Carter further discussed details of recent bank account transactions, and set up recently completed for school leadership changes.

i. Consolidated Financial Report

Ms. Carter provided the Board with an update on all the CalCA School's financials. Ms. Pavlich asked the Board whether they had any questions or comments on the consolidated financial report, as included in the Board meeting materials. There were no questions from the Board at this time.

ii. CalCA Central Coast Financial Report

Ms. Carter asked the Board whether they had any questions or comments on the written CalCA Central Coast financial report, as included in the Board meeting materials. There were no questions from the Board at this time.

iii. CalCA Central Valley Financial Report

Ms. Carter asked the Board whether they had any questions or comments on the written CalCA Central Valley financial report, as included in the Board meeting materials. There were no questions from the Board at this time.

iv. CalCA Monterey Bay Financial Report

Ms. Carter asked the Board whether they had any questions or comments on the written CalCA Monterey Bay financial report, as included in the Board meeting materials. There were no questions from the Board at this time.

v. CalCA North Bay Financial Report

Ms. Carter asked the Board whether they had any questions or comments on the written CalCA North Bay financial report, as included in the Board meeting materials. There were no questions from the Board at this time.

vi. CalCA NorCal Financial Report

Ms. Carter asked the Board whether they had any questions or comments on the written CalCA North California financial report, as included in the Board meeting materials. There were no questions from the Board at this time.

vii. CalCA SoCal Financial Report

Dr. Sassin provided a high level overview of the consolidated and individual schools' financial reports, as included in the Board materials. She asked the Board if there were any questions on the reports or forecast. Board member indicated there were no questions at this time.

viii. Special Education Service Contracts Update

There was no update on this item.

d. Policy and Compliance Report

Dr. Sassin reviewed with the Board significant policy and compliance items of interest to the Board and school.

i. Funding Determination Update

Dr. Sassin reviewed the impact of the pandemic on the funding determination for the schools. She discussed the automatic 2-year extension of each schools' current determination.

Dr. Sassin provided an update on the recent progress on the NorCal office renovation.

**VI. Consent Items**

Ms. Pavlich asked Board Members whether there were any items from the Consent Items that they wished to have moved to Action Items for discussion. There being no changes noted, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, the Consent Items:

- a. Approval of Minutes from the May 24, 2022 Board Meeting;
- b. Approval of Staffing Report;
- c. Approval of Pearson Invoice(s);
- d. Approval of Board Meeting Schedule for the 2022-2023 School Year; and
- e. Approval of Granting High School Diplomas to Students who meet the Requirements of AB 104; are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously via a roll call vote.

## **VII. Action Items**

- a. Approval of the Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAPs), Associated Budget Overview for Parents, and CSI Plan for Northern California and Central Valley

Ms. Dombek reviewed the school's LCAP goals, highlighting specific action steps within the goals, noting the consistent focus on student achievement and growth. She outlined key aspects of each Plan, noting that SoCal exited CSI status. She also reviewed the reports included for both NorCal and Central Valley.

Dr. Sassin added some details to the budget, including the parent portion of the documentation; Ms. Carter also advised of the efficiencies the school has added to the process. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAPs) and Budget Overview for Parents, and CSI Plan for Northern California and Central Valley, as presented, are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Approval of Universal Prekindergarten/ Transitional Kindergarten Grant Plan

Ms. Dombek reviewed the proposal regarding Universal Prekindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten, included in the Board materials with all participants. - She outlined the overall plan to roll-out the pre-k and t-k options at the school. Board members inquired about the interest in this program thus far. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Universal Prekindergarten/ Transitional Kindergarten Grant Plan, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion was approved unanimously.

c. Approval of 2022-2023 School Year Preliminary Budgets and Fee Schedule for CalCA Schools

Ms. Carter reminded the Board of the review of the draft at the last meeting, as well as the budget included in the Board materials. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Budgets and Fee Schedule for the 2022-2023 school year for CalCA Schools, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

d. Approval of Officers for the 2022-2023 School Year

Ms. Arthur reviewed with the Board each Officer position as set out in the Board-adopted Bylaws, and advised the Board that all positions would be for a term until the Annual Meeting 2023. Nominations were opened for each position. Following the closure of nominations, and there being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the appointment of:

Elaine Pavlich, Board President;  
Diana Rivas, Board Vice President;  
Mike Henjum, Board Treasurer; and  
Adam Pulsipher, Board Secretary, as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion was approved unanimously.

**VIII. Information Items**

a. Board Recruitment Update

Dr. Romero provided the Board with a brief update on the ongoing recruitment efforts for Board candidates.

b. State Accountability Update

Ms. Dombek provided the Board with an update on various state accountability measures.

i. Local Indicator Report

Ms. Dombek reviewed with the Board the Local Indicator report in detail, as included in the Board materials.

Dr. Sassin reviewed additional accountability standards and requirements with the Board.

c. Legislative Update

Dr. Sassin updated the Board on legislative activities in the state and directed the Board to the State Policy Support Information, as included in the Board meeting materials. She discussed the state budget process, and the anticipated timing of steps in the process.

d. School Success Partner (SSP) Update

Ms. Johnson presented to the Board on behalf of the School Success Partner (SSP) team. She reviewed specific areas of focus at PVS for the upcoming school year.

e. Academic Success Partner (ASP) Update

Ms. Brown presented on behalf of the Academic Success Partner (ASP) team.

i. Pearson Virtual Schools Products, Services and Initiatives Update

Ms. Brown reviewed details within the 2022-2023 Products, Services and Initiatives memo, as included in the Board meeting materials. She reviewed the upcoming programmatic focus on curriculum, learner experience, and technology, as well as specific initiatives that are high on Pearson's priority list for deployment to the school both within the next school year, and beyond. She further detailed curriculum changes and alignment initiatives, including a focus on diversity and inclusion in course content. Board members expressed satisfaction with Pearson's ongoing dedication to the school's success, and thanked Ms. Brown for the detailed update.

f. Sponsoring District(s) Update

Dr. Romero provided a brief update on authorizing district communications.

i. Update on MOU with Middletown Unified School District

Dr. Sassin provided the Board with a brief update on the MOU process with Middletown Unified School District.

**IX. CLOSED SESSION – Brown Act; Cal. Gov't Code §54957(b) – to consider appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, discipline of an employee, Title: Executive Director of California Connections Academies**

The Board entered into closed session at 4:32 p.m. upon a motion being made, seconded and confirmed via a roll call vote of all Board members present pursuant to Brown Act; Cal. Gov't Code §54957(b) to consider appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, discipline of an employee; Title: Executive Director of California Connections Academies. Board members in attendance were: Elaine Pavlich, Diana Rivas and Adam Pulsipher. The Board invited the following guests into closed session: Melissa Brown and Megann Arthur, Pearson Virtual Schools staff. All others left the meeting at this time.

After the Board concluded their discussion, the Board resumed their open session at 4:48 p.m. upon a motion being made, seconded and confirmed via roll call vote of all Board members present. No action was taken during closed session.

**X. Approval of Action(s) Necessary Based on Closed Session**

a. Approval of Interim Executive Director Compensation for the 2022-2023 School Year

Ms. Pavlich reviewed the recommended compensation for the 2022-2023 school year as discussed during closed session, noting that the 6% recommended increase for the next school year was the same percentage as other returning staff members. Board members also noted the monthly stipend awarded to Dr. Romero for his interim role. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Interim Executive Director compensation for the 2022-2023 school year, in the amount of \$169,454.25, as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

**XI. Adjournment and Confirmation of the Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. PT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. PT.



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