



## California Online Public Schools

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## Minutes

### California Online Public Schools (CalOPS) Board Meeting

**Approved by CalOPS Board of Directors April 03, 2024**

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#### **Date and Time**

Tuesday March 5, 2024 at 3:30 PM

#### **Location**

CalCA NorCal: 580 N. Wilma Avenue, Suite G, Ripon, CA 95366

CalCA SoCal: 33272 Valle Road, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

23091 Arden Street, Lake Forest, CA 92630

1201 Cara Road, Dinuba, CA 93618

8422 Madison Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628

3753 W. Norberry Street, Lancaster, CA 93536

32946 Calle San Marcos San Juan Capistrano, 92675

9423 Reseda Blvd. Apt#230, Northridge, CA 91324

1608 Lake Street, Calistoga, CA 94515

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**Directors Present**

A. Pulsipher, B. Hartelt (remote), D. Rivas, E. Pavlich, E. Wickliffe (remote), M. Henjum (remote), P. Hedrick (remote)

**Directors Absent**

*None*

**Directors who arrived after the meeting opened**

D. Rivas

**Guests Present**

A. Larsen (remote), C. Sanchez Reyes (remote), D. Hertzler (remote), E. McGahey, H. Roney (remote), H. Tamayo (remote), J. Colombero (remote), J. Sitomer (remote), Kara Mannix, Kate Eng (remote), L. Carter (remote), L. Dombek (remote), Lili Huang (remote), M. Percin (remote), M. White (remote), R. Dreifus, R. Savage (remote), Robert Arredondo (remote), S. Ford (remote), V. Acosta

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**I. Opening Items**

**A. Call the Meeting to Order**

E. Pavlich called a meeting of the board of directors of California Online Public Schools to order on Tuesday Mar 5, 2024 at 3:38 PM.

**B. Roll Call**

**CalOPS Staff**

Ashley Larsen - CalOPS Administrative Assistant

Dan Hertzler - CalOPS Director of Business Services

Eva McGahey - CalOPS Administrative Assistant - SoCal Office

Harold Roney - CalOPS Director of Student Services

Heather Tamayo - CalOPS Middle School Principal

Julie Colombero - CalOPS Director of California Family Outreach

Kara Mannix - CalOPS High School Principal

LaChelle Carter - CalOPS Director of Financial Services

Leslie Dombek - CalOPS Director of Student Achievement

Marcus White - CalOPS Elementary School Principal

Richard Savage - CalOPS Superintendent

Ryan Dreifus - CalOPS Assistant Director of Human Resources - SoCal Office

Stephen Ford - CalOPS Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

NorCal Office

### **Contracted Staff**

Chandre Sanchez Reyes - PVS Academic Success Partner

Jason Sitomer - Charter Impact Managing Director

Kate Eng - Charter Impact Director of Client Finance

Lili Huang - CLA

Matt Percin - Charter Impact Director of Client Finance

Robert Arredondo - CLA Senior

### **C. Approval of Agenda**

B. Hartelt made a motion to Approve the Agenda.

M. Henjum seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### **Roll Call**

P. Hedrick Aye

M. Henjum Aye

A. Pulsipher Absent

E. Wickliffe Aye

D. Rivas Absent

E. Pavlich Aye

B. Hartelt Aye

## **II. Public Comment**

### **A. Open for public comment**

The Board welcomes participation by the members of the public telephonically. To address an item on the agenda, before the scheduled start of the meeting, an individual must write their name and a short description of the agenda item on which they wish to comment on the card provided and submit this to the Chair, along with any materials they want to have distributed to Board. Individuals who wish to address the Board telephonically must contact the School Leader by phone or by email at least twenty four (24) hours before the scheduled start of the Board meeting. If the individual wants to provide any written materials to the Board, these should be emailed to the School Leader at least twenty-four (24) hours before the scheduled start of the meeting.

The total time for any individual to present, either in person or via telephone, on an item on the agenda shall not exceed three (3) minutes, or six (6) minutes if the individual requesting to comment is a non English speaker and requires a translator, unless the Board grants additional time. However, in compliance with Board policy and the Brown Act, the Board is not permitted to discuss or take action on non-agenda items.

Individuals desiring to make a formal presentation to the Board on an item not on the agenda but desiring it be placed on the agenda must provide notice and written submissions detailing the subject of the presentation to the School Leader at least

fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. Any such presentations shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes in duration, unless otherwise permitted by the Chair.

To view the Board Public Comment Policy, visit the school's "Governance" page at <https://www.connectionsacademy.com/california-online-school/about/school-board>.

D. Rivas arrived at 3:40 PM.

### **III. Oral Reports**

#### **A. Annual Audit Update**

L. Huang goes over requirements for Audit and Financial Statements. Begins with required governance letter and notes the clean opinion and a couple of findings. Change to accounting policies for this year to be in compliance. Nothing to note in accounting statement. Financial statements are clean, concise and consistent with prior years. No unusual significant transactions or difficulties encountered in performing the audit. One uncorrected misstatement, recommended by CLA, not material to financial statements. A few corrective statements.

Findings:

1. Related to revenue, AR, and accounts payable.
2. State compliance finding, 1/25 students included in error range, included in the report.
3. Federal funds over 750k.

R. Arredondo offers highlights on the financials. There was a change in accounting principle. This will apply to both school office leases. School is using a risk free rate for both leases.

Key highlight moving forward is that we need to disclose operating lease costs and cash flows from lease costs are disclosed.

State compliance finding for independent study is being resolved with an additional column in the attached documentation.

SEFA shows the audited programs for this school year.

#### **B. Superintendent's Report**

R. Savage updates on the transition, stating that we are almost fully operating on our own. PVS is supporting in a few ways. HR is working through new hiring practices. It has been decided to put teacher hiring on pause for the 23-24 school year. Focus is shifting to hiring for next school year at the end of April. L. Dombek and R. Romero are doing an incredible job with the training on new platforms. Shout out to J. Colombero and team for incredible development of marketing, brand, and identity of CalOPS. Transition is going well and we are basically operating as if we were on our own.

Kudos to S. Parker, a CalOPS SPED teacher, who was celebrated by the El Dorado SELPA educator of the year. This is a huge accomplishment with how large the SELPA is.

Kudos to Project Success for 98% pass rate for Q2. 179/191 passed ALL of their courses, 11 passed 3 courses, 0 passed no courses. In total, only 17 courses failed and 884 PASSED. K. Mannix and M. Rushing have been huge contributors.

Kudos to all for all grade band levels for being at or above 95% iReady and MAP diagnostic test participation. Hoping for CAASPP participation increase due to this. Kudos regarding the launch of CalOPS website and social media platforms to the entire leadership team, and D. Hertzler's team, E. McGahey and J. Condon, for contribution to the website development.

### **C. Principals' Report (attached)**

K. Mannix starts with notes of training on Canvas and curriculum trainings. A few bumps, but going very smoothly. Staff are doing a great job with absorbing the training while still prioritizing the current platforms and students' current curriculum. Very relieved to have strong team that can make next year run smoothly. Transition is getting very real!

H. Tamayo notes positive change to work through the next few weeks. Deep into prepping students for state testing and emphasizing the importance of participation. Serving families and prioritizing family relationships as we present with new name and structure.

M. White echos HS and MS regarding training and staff excitement. Well over 90% registering students for CAASPP! Team is very focused on supporting struggling students and maintaining close engagement with these families. Excited for the Mid-Year festivals this week!

### **D. Charter Impact Financial Reports for CalOPS**

M. Percin mentions that 6 reports were consolidated to one presentation this month. This touches on Second Interim financial reports being voted on later in this agenda.

CalOPS Highlights:

- Total enrollment forecasted at 8,491 students
- Total attendance forecasted at 8,324
- Revenue forecasted at \$122.4M; no major changes
- Expenses forecasted at \$111.4M; down 1%
- Surplus forecasted at \$10.9M with an ending fund balance forecasted at \$34M.
- Cash balance of \$52.5M

Summary Financials:

- Enrollment: strong; no changes
- Revenues: stable at \$122M
- Expenses: \$1.1M reduction in total (-1%); Jan savings
- Surplus: \$1.5M increase

- Fund balance: \$2.6M decrease; due to audit adjustments
- Cash: \$52.5M; up from \$47M

4 schools above original budget from enrollment and ADA balance standpoint: Monterey Bay, North Bay, Central Valley and Central Coast. NorCal is on track and SoCal is slightly below. With revenue, SoCal has a minor decrease and Central Valley has significant increase. For revenue, all most schools have ADA up versus budget, so things look good revenue wise. Expenses are driven by ADA shift. No cash flow issues.

Gov updates include \$38B shortfall instead of \$68B expected. COLA is projected at .76% which is a drastic reduction from this year's 8.22%.

## **E. Policy, Compliance, and State Accountability Report**

D. Hertzler thanks M. Percin for notes on the government budget right now, it is up in the air so keeping an eye to update the board soon.

Legislative cycle in full action so there are now updates. SB 1380 discusses establishment of Charter Schools, little impact on us. AB 3038 would require armed school officer - question for in school events. CCSA sponsored a bill AB 2254 ensures renewal standards. Really focused on spot bills. LAO and FCMAT non classroom based funding determination review. Expect followup email with more thorough summary. 3 findings in this report extension on moratorium for non classroom based schools. Legislators should take this info and use it in legislation. Currently important to note that non classroom based is not representative of most non classroom based schools in schools with in person can still be 'non classroom based schools.' Paying close attention to 2 of the current recommendations, one being to narrow this definition and the second being a proposed fixed funding percentage to lower funding for non classroom based schools due to a lower overhead cost than brick and mortar.

## **F. Student Achievement Update**

L. Dombek presents on SET for Q2/first semester.

Goal Updates:

### **Academics**

- Schoolwide PLCs: 57% of SMART goals were met.
- Math PLCs: 54% of SMART goals were met.

### **Engagement**

- School wide: 99.3%
- Elementary: 99.6%
- Middle: 98.2%
- High: 99.5%

- i-Ready Reading: 98%
- i-Ready Math: 98%
- MAP Reading: 96%
- MAP Math: 96%
- Making changes this year to encourage testing
- Opening up Saturday Sites for weekend testing to enable families to attend without work conflicts

### **Grad Rate**

- SoCal 78.4%
- NorCal 73.2%
- Central Valley 77.3%
- North Bay 64.5%
- Central Coast 100%
- Monterey Bay 72.4%

### **Project Success**

- # of STs Enrolled: 191
- # of STs Passed All Courses: 179
- # of STs Passed No Courses: 0
- # of Courses Passed: 884
- # of Courses Failed: 17
- Pass Rate: 98%

CHAMPS & Pre-CHAMPS pay attention to students that don't do lessons right away or are lacking in engagement. This team supports students with great results in 81% pass rate of CHAMPS and 88% pass rate for Pre-CHAMPS.

## **IV. Consent Items**

- A. Approval of Minutes from the February 06, 2024 Board Meeting (attached)**
- B. Approval of Staffing Report (attached)**
- C. Approval of Expenditures over \$20k (attached)**
- D. Approval of Check Registry (attached)**
- E. Ratification of Special Education Service Contracts (attached)**
- F. Approval of Time and Effort Policy (attached)**

P. Hedrick made a motion to Approve Consent Agenda, Consent Items A-F.

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

P. Hedrick Aye  
E. Wickliffe Aye  
M. Henjum Aye  
D. Rivas Aye  
B. Hartelt Aye  
A. Pulsipher Absent  
E. Pavlich Aye

**V. Action Items**

**A. Approval of Second Interims (attached)**

M. Henjum made a motion to Approve Action Item A, Approval of Second Interims.

P. Hedrick seconded the motion.

M. Percin notes everything looks good, above budget,

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

P. Hedrick Aye  
E. Wickliffe Aye  
E. Pavlich Aye  
M. Henjum Aye  
A. Pulsipher Absent  
D. Rivas Aye  
B. Hartelt Aye

**B. Review and Acceptance of 2022-2023 School Year Audit (attached)**

B. Hartelt made a motion to Approve Action Item B, Review and Acceptance of 2022-2023 School Year Audit.

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

D. Rivas Aye  
B. Hartelt Aye  
M. Henjum Aye  
E. Pavlich Aye  
E. Wickliffe Aye  
P. Hedrick Aye  
A. Pulsipher Absent

**VI. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**



Motion to Adjourn Meeting and Confirm next CalOPS Board Meeting on April 02, 2024.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

M. Henjum Aye

E. Wickliffe Aye

B. Hartelt Aye

E. Pavlich Aye

A. Pulsipher Absent

D. Rivas Aye

P. Hedrick Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. Pavlich