



Alpha Public Schools: Meeting of the Board of Directors

Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 8:00 A.M – 1:00 P.M

Location:

Alpha: Cindy Avitia High School
1881 Cunningham Ave.
San José, CA 95122

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7. If you have any questions or need any assistance in participating in the Alpha Board meeting, please contact Maria Arechiga at marechiga@alphapublicschools.org or (408) 780-0831 x 103

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Agenda

I. Call to Order

Meeting Called to order at 8:13 by Elliott

II. Roll Call – 8:00-8:02

- ❖ Tim Ranzetta: Present ☒ Not Present ☐
- ❖ Jaqui Guzman: Present ☒ Not Present ☐ (joined at 8:21)
- ❖ Alison Elliott: Present ☒ Not Present ☐
- ❖ Dick Garrett: Present ☒ Not Present ☐
- ❖ Valerie Faillace: Present ☒ Not Present ☐
- ❖ Dan Fishman: Present ☒ Not Present ☐ (joined at 9:05)
- ❖ Guests: Shara Hegde, Damone Jordan, Adriana Garcia, Emmanuel Barrera, Farah Charania, Kristoffer Haines, Katy Venskus, Christa Roth

III. Approval of Minutes

a. September 2, 2015

DISCUSSION: No discussion

ACTION: Motion to approve September 2, 2015 minutes by Garrett, seconded by Faillace motion passes 4-0. (YAYS: Elliott, Garrett, Faillace, Ranzetta. NAYS: 0. ABSTENTIONS: Guzman, Fishman)

b. October 15, 2015

DISCUSSION: No discussion

ACTION: Motion to approve October 15, 2015 minutes by Garrett, seconded by Faillace motion passes 4-0. (YAYS: Elliott, Garrett, Faillace, Ranzetta. NAYS: 0. ABSTENTIONS: Guzman, Fishman)

IV. Public Comment

V. Closed Session – Board Business: Discussion/Action Items

Board moves to closed session at 8:17 a.m.

- a. Public Employee Performance Evaluation. Title: CEO.
(Government Code Section 54957)

VI. Reconvene Open Session

Meeting Called to Order at 9:01 by Elliott

VII. Board Business: Discussion/Action Items – 9:17-9:37

- a. View from the schools – Shara Hegde

DISCUSSION: Hegde introduced herself and presented on the work that she has done at Cornerstone. Hedge then provided an overview of Cornerstone. Elliott asked what Hegde has found to be the most successful for supporting teachers. Faillace asked Hedge what she is the most excited to bring to Alpha from Cornerstone.

ACTION: No Action

- b. Consent Calendar [SPED Income Re-allocation Resolution, Santa Clara University, Teach for America]

DISCUSSION: No Discussion

ACTION: Motion to approve Consent Calendar by Guzman, seconded by Garrett, motion passes 6-0. (YAYS: Ranzetta, Elliott, Garrett, Faillace, Guzman, Fishman. NAYS: 0).

Break

VIII. Board Business: Discussion Items

- a. Revised Budget – 9:45-10:05

DISCUSSION: Jordan reviewed the revised budget and walked through the graphs that show variances and described the reason for the differences.

ACTION: Motion to approve revised budget by Garrett, seconded by Fishman, Motion passes 6-0. (YAYS: Ranzetta, Elliott, Garrett, Faillace, Guzman, Fishman. NAYS: 0).

- b. FY 2015 Audit

DISCUSSION: Jordan presented the audit and explained that it was a clean audit. Garrett commented that everything looks like it is in order.

ACTION: Motion to approve FY 2015 Audit by Garrett, seconded by Ranzetta Motion passes 6-0. (YAYS: Ranzetta, Elliott, Garrett, Faillace, Guzman, Fishman. NAYS: 0).

- c. Market Analysis

DISCUSSION: Haines and Venskus presented on the market analysis work they have begun with aims to analyze the landscape of East San Jose and the things that will impact enrollment in the next few years. Faillace asked what the number of children under 5 has been in the past and what has been the growth. Fishman asked about the number of quality seats currently available in San Jose schools.

ACTION: No Action

d. Strategic Planning

DISCUSSION: Roth presented the proposed timeline and milestones for the strategic planning process. Elliott asked if Roth has worked with the proposed time frame in the past. Ranzetta asked how the board should sequence strategic planning in relation to the integration work.

ACTION: No Action

e. Cornerstone Partnership

DISCUSSION: Elliott provided an overview of the process that the negotiations committee has been involved in and offered insight into the highlights and concerns in regards to moving forward with the intent to merge. Faillace asked about the communication to parents regarding the proposed partnership.

Guzman asked about the retirement plans at Alpha and Cornerstone

ACTION: Motion to approve the recommendation of the Joint Partnership Committee for the proposed merger by Garrett, seconded by Fishman, Motion passes 6-0. (YAYS: Ranzetta, Elliott, Garrett, Faillace, Guzman, Fishman. NAYS: 0).

IX. Review and Next Meeting

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 1:06 p.m. by Elliott, seconded by Garrett, motion passes 6-0. (YAYS: Elliott, Garrett, Ranzetta, Faillace, Guzman, Fishman. NAYS: 0.)