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Palisades Charter High School

Minutes

Special Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday February 25, 2025 at 4:30 PM

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Trustees Present
Amir Ebtehadj (remote), Andrew Paris (remote), Kiumars Arzani (remote), Kristina Irwin (remote), Maggie Nance (remote), Martha Monahan (remote), Minh Ha Ngo (remote), Nicholas Albonico (remote), Sara Margiotta (remote)

Trustees Absent
Jessica Recinos, Roger Crystal

Ex Officio Members Present
Dr. Pam Magee (remote)

Guests Present
Charlie Speiser (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Sara Margiotta called a meeting of the board of trustees of Palisades Charter High School to order on Tuesday Feb 25, 2025 at 4:38 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

C. Public Comment

Michael Friedman: Mr. Friedman addressed the board to inform them of his Career Technical Education (CTE) credential in hospitality and food service. He noted that he has access to a food truck and believes this resource could be leveraged to develop a capstone CTE class or establish a student-run business enterprise. Mr. Friedman indicated that he would only need to renew his credential to facilitate such a program.

II. Academic Excellence

A. CAASPP Waiver Due to Palisades Fire Related Conditions

Assistant Principal Diana Kim requested board approval for a California Department Education (CDE) waiver regarding standardized testing. The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) exams are currently scheduled for the week of March 17th. However, due to the impact of the fire, the administration is requesting a waiver to postpone testing.

Rationale for Waiver Request:

- The significant loss of instructional time and the current remote learning format via Zoom would make it difficult for students to perform accurately on the assessments.
- The administration emphasized the importance of providing testing conditions that allow students to demonstrate their true academic capabilities and perform in a way that accurately reflects their knowledge and skills.
- The waiver would specifically apply to junior-level Mathematics, English Language Arts, and Science examinations.
- The online testing environment presents numerous challenges including technical difficulties, Wi-Fi reliability, and testing integrity concerns.

Additional Information:

- If granted, the waiver would not result in any penalties or negative consequences for the school.
- The NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) assessments are still planned to proceed after AP examinations are completed.
- The waiver application requires additional approval from both the Academic Accountability Committee and the United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA) representative council.

Nicholas Albonico made a motion to approve the CAASPP Waiver Due to Palisades Fire Related Conditions.

Kiumars Arzani seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Maggie Nance	Aye
Roger Crystal	Absent
Minh Ha Ngo	Aye
Nicholas Albonico	Aye
Martha Monahan	Aye
Kristina Irwin	Aye
Jessica Recinos	Absent
Kiumars Arzani	Aye
Sara Margiotta	Aye
Andrew Paris	Aye
Amir Ebtehadj	Aye

III. Finance

A. CARS 2024-25 Winter Release

The board reviewed the Consolidated Application Reporting System (CARS) 2024-25 Winter Release documentation:

Federal Funding Compliance:

- The report addresses Title I through Title IV funding, providing required documentation to demonstrate that these federal funds are being appropriately utilized for instructional and educational purposes.
- It was clarified that these federal allocations are not specifically earmarked for particular programs or expenses.
- The primary purpose of this reporting is to verify proper fund utilization, which is essential for ensuring continued eligibility for these federal resources in subsequent academic years.

Kiumars Arzani made a motion to approve the CARS 2024-25 Winter Release.
Sara Margiotta seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Roger Crystal	Absent
Kristina Irwin	Aye
Andrew Paris	Aye
Nicholas Albonico	Aye
Kiumars Arzani	Aye
Martha Monahan	Aye
Jessica Recinos	Absent
Minh Ha Ngo	Aye

Roll Call

Amir Ebtehadj	Aye
Maggie Nance	Aye

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amir Ebtehadj