



# Amethod Public Schools

## Minutes

### Regular Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors

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#### **Date and Time**

Wednesday March 10, 2021 at 6:00 PM

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This meeting will be by teleconference pursuant to Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20.

The Board of Directors (Board) and employees of Amethod Public Schools shall meet via the Zoom meeting platform. Members of the public who wish to access this Board meeting may do so at:

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**Directors Present**

E. Quiroz (remote), G. Lopez Jr. (remote), M. Gonzalez (remote), N. Driver (remote), P. Hanley (remote)

**Directors Absent**

*None*

**Guests Present**

E. Villa (remote), L. Romo (remote)

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**I. Opening Items**

**A. Call the Meeting to Order**

P. Hanley called a meeting of the board of directors of Amethod Public Schools to order on Wednesday Mar 10, 2021 at 6:06 PM.

**B. Roll Call**

**C. Announcements**

Public disclosure form 700s are due by April 1. The Board will pull the two policies (items C and D) from the consent agenda and they will be brought back at a future meeting. The Board will also pull item J from the business section of the agenda. This item requires more time to come to a resolution to finance the construction project. The contract will be considered for approval tonight.

**II. Closed Session (Government Code 5457.7)**

**A. Disclosure of Items to be Discussed**

The Board has a closed session concerning the public employee appointment; Chief Executive Officer.

**B. Public Comment on Closed Session**

There were no public comments on closed session.

**C.**

## **Recess to Closed Session**

### **D. Public Employee Appointment / Discussion, Position: Chief Executive Officer (Government Code Section 54957)**

### **E. Reconvene from Closed Session**

The Board would like to announce that Evelia Villa was selected as the CEO for Amethod Public Schools. Formal announcement to follow in the next 48 hours. We will have a contract for Mrs. Villa ready for the next regular Board meeting.

Board Comments; Nick Driver congratulates Evelia.

General Public Comment; Ken Kusactay makes an invitation to the John Henry High School Career Day on April 23, 2021.

General Public Comment; Gabriela Gutierrez congratulates Evelia Villa on her appointment and disappointment in learning about the CEO appointment prior to an AMPS announcement.

## **III. Consent Agenda**

### **A. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes (February 17-20, 2021)**

E. Quiroz made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors on 02-17-21.

N. Driver seconded the motion.

Motion made to approve the consent agenda as presented including Board meeting minutes from 2/17, 2/18, 2/19, & 2/20 and the 2021-2022 Academic Calendars

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

### **B. Approval of 2021-2022 Academic Calendars**

### **C. Approval of Amended Attendance Policy**

### **D. Approval of Amended Distance Learning Policy**

## **IV. Business**

### **A. Review of Comparable Compensation Data for Charter School CEO's/Superintendents/Executive Directors**

This item will be postponed until the April 21, 2021 meeting.

### **B. Oral Report of Executive Compensation Paid to the CEO**

This item will be postponed until the April 21, 2021 meeting.

### **C. Approval of Employment Agreement for CEO**

This item will be postponed until the April 21, 2021 meeting.

**D. CEO Report**

Evelia Villa makes her report.

**E. Approval of Second Interim Financial Report**

Kelly Ellis makes presentation on second interim financial report and combines it with the state budget update.

N. Driver made a motion to approve the second interim financial report.

M. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

**F. State Budget Update**

Kelly Ellis makes her presentation.

**G. Winter NWEA Data**

Anjelica Zermeno presents NWEA data for the elementary school, Esther Prokopienko presents for middle schools and Eric Becker presents for the high schools.

**H. Network Infrastructure Upgrade via E-Rate**

Dennis Clark makes his presentation.

N. Driver made a motion to approve the contract with approval to spend up to \$70k if necessary.

E. Quiroz seconded the motion.

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

**I. Approval of Construction Contract for 1450 Marina Way South Richmond CA 94804**

Mike Barr presents this item to the Board alongside JoAnn Koplin.

N. Driver made a motion to approve this construction contract.

E. Quiroz seconded the motion.

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

**J. Approval of Financing for Construction Contract for 1450 Marina Way South Richmond CA 94804 and possible Working Capital**

This item will be brought back at a special Board meeting soon.

**K. COVID Taskforce Update**

Anjelica Zermeno presents the taskforce update.

**L. Approval of Amended Board Bylaws**

E. Quiroz made a motion to approve the amended Board bylaws as presented.

G. Lopez Jr. seconded the motion.

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

#### **M. Approval of Amended FERPA Policy**

E. Quiroz made a motion to approve the amended FERPA policy as presented.

G. Lopez Jr. seconded the motion.

The actual FERPA Policy document is titled "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act"

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

#### **V. 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 9:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

P. Hanley

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