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Minutes

Regular Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors

Date and Time
Wednesday January 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM

This meeting will be by teleconference pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e).

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Directors Present
E. Gallegos (remote), E. Quiroz (remote), G. Lopez Jr. (remote), J. Azubuike (remote), N. Driver (remote)

Directors Absent
M. Obaid

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
N. Driver

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

G. Lopez Jr. called a meeting of the board of directors of Amethod Public Schools to order on Wednesday Jan 18, 2023 at 6:05 PM.

B. Record Attendance

N. Driver arrived at 6:07 PM.

C. Announcements

No announcements were made.

D. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

No public comments were made.

II. Preliminary Matters

A. Approval of Findings Regarding Virtual Board Meetings Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code Section 54953

J. Azubuike made a motion to Approve of Findings Regarding Virtual Board Meetings Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code Section 54953.
E. Gallegos seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Obaid	Absent
G. Lopez Jr.	Aye
J. Azubuike	Aye
E. Gallegos	Aye
E. Quiroz	Aye
N. Driver	Aye

III. Business

A. Board Nomination Committee to Discuss Board Member Candidate

Board Chair Gilbert Lopez Jr. moved from Closed Session Item C to Business Item A.

Board Chair Gilbert Lopez Jr and Board Member Edgar Quiroz met with Father Andres Emmanuelli who is a Catholic Priest of 15+ years, with multiple Masters Degree, a leader of Cristo Rey High School, and have done many fundraising efforts for schools.

The Board Nomination Committee conducted an interview and recommends to appoint Andres Emmanuelli to the Board of Directors.
E. Gallegos made a motion to Approve the recommendation of Andres Emmanuelli to the Board of Directors.
J. Azubuike seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

N. Driver	Aye
J. Azubuike	Aye
M. Obaid	Absent
E. Quiroz	Aye
E. Gallegos	Aye
G. Lopez Jr.	Aye

B. Approval of Recommendation of the Nominating Committee to Appoint Edgar Quiroz to the Board of Directors

N. Driver made a motion to Approve of Recommendation of the Nominating Committee to Appoint Edgar Quiroz to the Board of Directors.
J. Azubuike seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

E. Quiroz	Abstain
J. Azubuike	Aye
E. Gallegos	Aye
M. Obaid	Absent
G. Lopez Jr.	Aye

Roll Call

N. Driver	Aye

C. Approval of First Interim Financial Budget Report for 2022-2023

Financial Analyst Michele Walton presents First Interim Budget.

Board Member John Azubuike asks why OCHS surplus went down and more clarification of cost incerase.

Board Member Elisa Gallegos asks about low enrollment and it's current percentages compared to prior enrollment reports.

Board Member Edgar Quiroz asks likelihood of students transferring from other schools to AMPS and what the potential benefits would be.
E. Gallegos made a motion to Approve First Interim Financial Budget Report for 2022-2023.
J. Azubuike seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

E. Quiroz	Aye
N. Driver	Aye
G. Lopez Jr.	Aye
J. Azubuike	Aye
M. Obaid	Absent
E. Gallegos	Aye

IV. Closed Session

A. ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (1 Case)

No reportable action taken.

B. CEO Public Employee Evaluation and Compensation

The Board of Directors voted to increase CEO compensation by 8%

C. Board Nomination Committee to Discuss Board Member Candidate

Board Chair Gilbert Lopez Jr amends the agenda and pulls this Closed Session item to Business.

V. Consent

A. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: 11/16/2022

E. Quiroz made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors on 11-16-22.
J. Azubuike seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

G. Lopez Jr.	Aye
E. Quiroz	Aye
E. Gallegos	Aye
N. Driver	Aye
J. Azubuike	Aye
M. Obaid	Absent

B. Approval to Amend Bylaws of Amethod Public Schools

J. Azubuike made a motion to Approve to Amend Bylaws of Amethod Public Schools.
N. Driver seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

N. Driver	Aye
E. Gallegos	Aye
M. Obaid	Absent
G. Lopez Jr.	Aye
J. Azubuike	Aye
E. Quiroz	Aye

C. Approval of Academic Calendar 2023-2024

E. Gallegos made a motion to Approve Academic Calendar 2023-2024.
J. Azubuike seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

G. Lopez Jr.	Aye
N. Driver	Aye
E. Quiroz	Aye
M. Obaid	Absent
J. Azubuike	Aye
E. Gallegos	Aye

D. Approval of Resolution for Notice of Intent to Withdraw from CharterSafe

E. Quiroz made a motion to Approve Resolution for Notice of Intent to Withdraw from CharterSafe.
E. Gallegos seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Obaid	Absent
J. Azubuike	Aye
N. Driver	Aye
E. Quiroz	Aye
G. Lopez Jr.	Aye
E. Gallegos	Aye

E. Approval of School Accountability Report Card (SARC): Benito Juarez Elementary, Richmond Charter Academy, John Henry High School, Oakland Charter Academy, Downtown Charter Academy, and Oakland Charter High School

E. Quiroz made a motion to Approve School Accountability Report Card (SARC): Benito Juarez Elementary, Richmond Charter Academy, John Henry High School, Oakland Charter Academy, Downtown Charter Academy, and Oakland Charter High School.
J. Azubuike seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

E. Quiroz	Aye
N. Driver	Aye
G. Lopez Jr.	Aye
J. Azubuike	Aye
E. Gallegos	Aye
M. Obaid	Absent

F. Approval to Revise Board Policies Based on the Recommendations of 2023 Legal Updates (8 Items)

J. Azubuike made a motion to Approve Revised Board Policies Based on the Recommendations of 2023 Legal Updates (8 Items).
E. Quiroz seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

J. Azubuike	Aye
E. Quiroz	Aye
M. Obaid	Absent
G. Lopez Jr.	Aye
E. Gallegos	Aye
N. Driver	Aye

VI. Discussion

A. CEO Report

CEO makes her update with topics discussed about JHHS CDE site visit, security camera upgrades, upcoming Pahara Cohort, Professional Development week, DCA: The Century

Foundation Visit, Lunar New Year recruitment booth, staff recruitment, OCHS, JHHS, and attendance update.

B. Director of Finance Update

Financial Analyst Michele Walton makes her presentation with topics on 2021-2022 Financial Audit extension, 2022-2023 Budget Monitoring, CharterSafe insurance, and ESSERs.

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Gilbert Lopez Jr, Nick Driver, and Evelia Villa thanks John Azubuike for serving on the AMPS board in the last few years.

John Azubuike says his farewells and thanks the organization for the opportunities and all he has learned.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. Lopez Jr.

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