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Minutes

Regular Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors

Date and Time
Wednesday January 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Location
1450 Marina Way South, Richmond CA 94804

The Board of Directors (Board) and employees of Amethod Public Schools will be holding this meeting in person at **1450 Marina Way South, Richmond, CA 94804.**

Members of the public who wish to attend in person can join us at Richmond Charter Academy (RCA) at 1450 Marina Way South, Richmond, CA 94804. Or members of the public may meet via the Zoom meeting platform at:
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Oakland Charter High School- 2365 Coolidge Ave, Oakland, CA 94601
Downtown Charter Academy- 2000 Dennison St, Oakland, CA 94606
Oakland Charter Academy- 4215 Foothill Blvd, Oakland, CA 94601

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Directors Present
E. Gallegos, E. Quiroz, G. Lopez Jr.

Directors Absent
A. Emmanuelli

Guests Present
J. Mata, S. Li

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 17, 2024 at 6:01 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Announcements

No announcements were made.

D. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Chris, senior from John Henry High School says he has been a student with Amethod Public Schools since the 8th grade. He shares gratitude to the administrators and teachers for their dedication to the students.

II. Business

A. Approval of Recommendation of the Nominating Committee to Appoint Gilbert Lopez Jr. for a Second Four Year Board Term

Board Chair Gilbert Lopez Jr. amends the agenda to bring Business item A before the Consent items.
E. Gallegos made a motion to approve the Recommendation of the Nominating Committee to Appoint Gilbert Lopez Jr. for a Second Four Year Board Term.
E. Quiroz seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

E. Gallegos	Aye
G. Lopez Jr.	Aye
A. Emmanuelli	Absent
E. Quiroz	Aye

III. Consent

A. Approval of 12/13/2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

E. Quiroz made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors on 12-13-23.
E. Gallegos seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

A. Emmanuelli	Absent
G. Lopez Jr.	Aye
E. Gallegos	Aye
E. Quiroz	Aye

B. 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. Gallegos 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.
E. Quiroz seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

G. Lopez Jr.	Aye
E. Quiroz	Aye

Roll Call

A. Emmanuelli Absent

E. Gallegos Aye

IV. Discussion

A. Instructional Update: Benito Juarez Elementary, Richmond Charter Academy, John Henry High School, Oakland Charter Academy, Downtown Charter Academy, and Oakland Charter High School

Mrs. Coleman, Site Director from Richmond Charter Academy presents her ELA and math data with comparisons to West Contra Costa Unified School District and the State of California. She compares data for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years. She shares iReady assessments for 2023-2024 throughout all grade levels in math and ELA. She is proud of how her data is trending and how well, especially her 8th grade students are improving.

Board Member Elisa Gallegos asks Mrs. Coleman how often Richmond Charter Academy is testing.

Mrs. Coleman says there are 3 tests a year.

Dr. Walker, Site Director from Benito Juarez Elementary presents her academic achievements, priorities, goals, and action plans. Dr. Walker shares her iReady 2022 assessments in ELA, math, and writing.

Board Member Elisa Gallegos asks if there is a guide that goes home with the students that can help the parents out.

Dr. Walker says the students go home with a letter weekly. The letter covers areas where the student need areas of improvement in.

Jaime Mata, CEO asks what does adaptive technology mean.

Dr. Walker says adaptive technology means, for an example, if a child is in 5th grade and tests in a 3rd grade level, there is no way for a teacher to know what area the student does not understand. iReady can pinpoint the area that needs improvement and can work on that over and over until the student excels.

Mrs. Crocker, Site Director from John Henry High School says she will present NWEA data at the next board meeting as the school is still testing. She shares the staff have been meeting with students to ensure they are on track to graduate and the school has resumed college tours for the students.

Osirus Polachart, college advisor at John Henry High School shares graduation data and 97% of students are on track to graduate. He shares that 450 students have applied for college and the types of colleges they applied to. He mentions that more than half of the seniors have received their early acceptance letters. He mentions aside from college tours, there have been a military recruit visit on campus, and there will be upcoming vocational school recruit visits.

Mrs. Nash, Site Director from Oakland Charter High School, shares her SBAC data on ELA and math for 2022-2023 school year and the data comparison to neighboring charter schools. She shares her goals and priorities that are set in place to improve student learning.

Mrs. Lee, Site Director from Downtown Charter Academy shares her presentation covering Fall NWEA data on english, math, and science. She shares that Downtown Charter Academy reviews SBAC, ELPAC, NWEA data with all staff and conduct teacher PD to align assessment with priority standards, support and monitor use of Lexia PowerUP and Lexia English. She shares the school is also doing school culture assemblies to ensure sense of safety and belonging. Mrs. Lee shares what the school have been implementing to improve areas for english learners, hispanic/ latin students, students with IEP/ 504, and tier 2 students.

B. Chief Executive Officer Report

Mr. Mata, CEO shares that this is the first night he is reporting as the AMPS CEO. He is excited to be a part of a large network of charters. He presents enrollment data and ADA across all 6 school sites. He shares an overview of what he has been doing, such as listen and learning sessions with home office staff, 4 school site visits, and recruitment and hiring of CFO position. He shares staffing, budget preparation, upcoming LCAP update in February, leadership development, and Saturday school. There have been several leaders who are interested in Saturday school but there is still much to consider before a decision can be made. He says Saturday school can be beneficial for those who missed class, need more time to review subjects, and for us to recapture ADA. He gives a summary of the 2024-2025 state budget proposal that was given last week. He highlights the good news that the Governor shares, such as improving student supports. He says there is a concern that there is a 38 billion dollar shortfall but the Governor's budget does not declare a fiscal emergency or revenue deferrals. Community schools, universal meals, expanded learning opportunities, and educational workforces will still be maintained.

Board Member Elisa Gallegos asks if covid is still affecting attendance.

Maria Arechinga, Senior Director of Operations and Compliance says there has been a general sickness that has been contributing to attendance. During the holidays, there is

trend where attendance dips due to students traveling. She says reporting is done 3 times a year.

V. Closed Session

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

The Board of Directors reconvenes from closed session at 9:12pm and there were no reportable actions.

VI. 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 9:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. Lopez Jr.

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