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Minutes

Special Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors

Date and Time
Tuesday June 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Location
1450 Marina Way South, Richmond CA, 94804

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Downtown Charter Academy- 2000 Dennison St, Oakland, CA 94606
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ORDER OF BUSINESS MAY BE CHANGED WITHOUT NOTICE

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

Directors Absent
A. Emmanuelli

Guests Present
G. Barriga, S. Flores, S. Li

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Board President Gilbert has made an announcement at 7:04 that quorum is not established, as per best practice we will wait until 7:15 for additional Board Member to arrive.
A follow up announcement was made from Gilbert stating a board member is running 30 minutes late, we will wait until Board Member arrives to begin meeting.
Board Vice Chair Edgar has arrived at 7:38.
G. Lopez Jr. called a meeting of the board of directors of Amethod Public Schools to order on Tuesday Jun 18, 2024 at 7:38 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Announcements

No Announcements.

D. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

No public comments.

II. Consent

A. Approval of 06/12/2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

E. Quiroz made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors on 06-12-24.
E. Gallegos seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Approval of AMPS Employee Handbook 2024-2025

E. Quiroz made a motion to Approve of AMPS Employee Handbook 2024-2025.
E. Gallegos seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Approval of Math Placement Policy 2024- John Henry High School

E. Quiroz made a motion to Approve of Math Placement Policy 2024- John Henry High School.
E. Gallegos seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Approval of Math Placement Policy 2024- Oakland Charter High School

E. Quiroz made a motion to Approve of Math Placement Policy 2024- Oakland Charter High School.
E. Gallegos seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

E. Approval of Harassment, Intimidation, Discrimination and Bullying Policy

E. Quiroz made a motion to Approve of Harassment, Intimidation, Discrimination and Bullying Policy.
E. Gallegos seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

F. Approval of Title IX Policy

E. Quiroz made a motion to Approve of Title IX Policy.
E. Gallegos seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

III. Business

A. Approval of Rojas Building Solutions Janitorial Services Contract 2024-2025

E. Gallegos made a motion to Approval of Rojas Building Solutions Janitorial Services Contract 2024-2025.
E. Quiroz seconded the motion.
Dave Pearson presents Rojas Building Solutions Janitorial Services Contract 2024-2025.
He mentions 11 month contract is good to go. No public comments.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Approval of ESSER III Spending Plans for BJE, RCA, JHHS, DCA, OCA, OCHS

E. Quiroz made a motion to Approve of ESSER III Spending Plans for BJE, RCA, JHHS, DCA, OCA, OCHS.
E. Gallegos seconded the motion.
Chief Academic Officer Maurice Williams Presents ESSER III Spending Plans for BJE, RCA, JHHS, DCA, OCA, OCHS. Curriculum is the biggest cost, as well as classroom furniture. Spending will also include Professional Development and teacher incentives to attract and retain good teachers. No public comments.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Approval of Classroom Furniture Quote- Benito Juarez Elementary

E. Gallegos made a motion to Approve of Classroom Furniture Quote- Benito Juarez Elementary.
E. Quiroz seconded the motion.
Maurice presents a furniture quote for BJE. BJE has set aside 200K for furniture. This covers the cost for the expanded learning portion. $175k was also set aside to cover differences. Total cost should be about $250k. Board Vice Chair questions when the furniture will be here, Furniture should arrive before the beginning of the new school year.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Approval of Music & Arts Instruments Quote- Benito Juarez Elementary

E. Quiroz made a motion to Approval of Music & Arts Instruments Quote- Benito Juarez Elementary.
E. Gallegos seconded the motion.
Maurice presents Approval of Music & Arts Instruments Quote- Benito Juarez Elementary. There is $80 k set aside for student instruments, instruments are to become available to all kids so that they can be used. Prices comes out to about $64k for instruments, the remainder portion will be used for instrument closets to ensure that there is a storage space. Board member Elisa asks about the teachers available to teach, Maurice states that we will gather the instruments first and then look for the right individual to teach. Maurice feels that instruments should be included in the curriculum.

Board Vice Chair asks about access to instruments and whether other schools would have access to them, Maurice states they would just be for BJE. No public comments.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

E. Approval of iReady 2024-2025

E. Quiroz made a motion to Approve of Music & Arts Instruments Quote- Benito Juarez Elementary.
E. Gallegos seconded the motion.
Maurice presents Contract for iReady for BJE. BJE has the most resources and they have decided to invest heavily in multiple resources. The cost is $155k for a 3 year contract which includes resource books for all K-5 students. No public comments.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

F. Approval of John Henry's TCI History Curriculum

E. Gallegos made a motion to Approve of John Henry's TCI History Curriculum.
E. Quiroz seconded the motion.
Maurice presents a 6 year license quote for JHHS Book Curriculum for all 4 History books needed. Includes physical text books and online access. No public comments.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

G. Approval of Worthington Direct Furniture Quote- Oakland Charter Academy

E. Quiroz made a motion to Approve of Worthington Direct Furniture Quote- Oakland Charter Academy.
E. Gallegos seconded the motion.
Maurice presents Furniture Quote from Worthington for OCA. Money has been set aside from ESSER and would like to invest in lunch tables, classroom furniture, and classroom

seating. Board member Elisa asks if we are getting a good deal, Maurice states that we are. No public comments.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

H. Approval of Worthington Direct Furniture Quote- Oakland Charter High School

E. Gallegos made a motion to Approve of Worthington Direct Furniture Quote- Oakland Charter High School.
E. Quiroz seconded the motion.
OCHS has needs for updating furniture and its spaces. Parents are making the decision as to where to send their kids based on how a school look, this would give the school a much needed face lift. No Board Member comments. No public Comments.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

I. Approval of Character Programs (Mental Health / Bullying PDs)

E. Quiroz made a motion to Approve of Character Programs (Mental Health / Bullying PDs).
E. Gallegos seconded the motion.
Maurice presents Tom Thelen who presents a slideshow titled Character Programs, Three Solutions for Schools. He mentions he has worked with Maurice for about 7 years at his previous school, AIMS. He mentions he has spoken all over the world, and mentions benefits to having his program on campus. He talks about his book, Mental Health 101 for Teens which has digital curriculum and a teachers guide. There is an app available which has the availability to report Bullying. Mr. Thelen goes over the reporting software. He mentions the scope of services he provides. He will do 6 school assemblies on Bullying Prevention, 5 school assemblies on Mental Health Skills, 2 professional development Trainings for Educators, 1 parent and community program. This also includes a 3 year curriculum subscription for Nobullyingschools.com and mentalhealth101.org. As well as 1800 Mental Health 101 Books for students. Board member Elisa asks about how the program is doing in a foreign language as Mr. Thelen has mentioned that the program has been translated into other languages. Mr. Thelen says that he has been working with translator professionals to try to ensure that all ideas come through for students and parents. Elisa asks about what language the parent program will be in, and feels that more than 1 class is possibly needed. Mr. Thelen states

that the book has a family resource page to share with the family. The webpage is able to be translated into multiple languages so that parents from a diverse background can access. Board member Edgar asks about peer assistance, or a leadership club for students who may be interested in being a peer leader. Mr. Thelen mentions that while there is no separate component for that, the chapters of the book allow for the individual student to assess their own mental health and well being. Maurice shares a personal story about an 8th grade student who was a victim of bullying who took her own life. He mentions that this curriculum offers students resources and allows them to know they are not alone. Maurice mentions that this works well in our diverse community, and that the book is an easy read. He mentions parents were very happy about this program. This is a one of a kind program, given that there are no other programs like this in the nation. Elisa asks about adding more parent trainings. No public comments.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

J. Approval of Ed Sped Solutions Contract 2024-2025

E. Gallegos made a motion to Approval of Ed Sped Solutions Contract 2024-2025.
E. Quiroz seconded the motion.
Chief Executive Officer presents Ed Sped Solutions Contract 2024-2025, wants to continue partnership with them to contract behavior aides. They are trained specifically for providing behavior support to students. They would help us with vision and hearing screenings as well. Functional behavior assessment is done every 3 years, or if a student shows a need. Estimated cost for all 6 school sites $242,000. Last year we spend $745,000. We have done a lot of hiring internally and have been able to cut that cost. No public comments.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

K. Approval of 2024-2025 CharterSafe Insurance Contract

E. Quiroz made a motion to Approve of 2024-2025 CharterSafe Insurance Contract.
E. Gallegos seconded the motion.
Maria recommends we approve the 2024-2025 CharterSafe Insurance Contract. Maria has been shopping the market and the quotes that have been received have been just as high or higher. Recommends that we stay with them given our options and the benefits that they provide. No public comments.

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

Roll Call

A. Emmanuelli	Absent
G. Lopez Jr.	Aye
E. Gallegos	Aye
E. Quiroz	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 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. Lopez Jr.

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