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Minutes

Regular Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors

Date and Time
Wednesday August 14, 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.**

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Downtown Charter Academy- 2000 Dennison St, Oakland, CA 94606
Oakland Charter Academy- 4215 Foothill Blvd, Oakland, CA 94601

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

Directors Absent
None

Guests Present
G. Barriga, S. Flores

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 Aug 14, 2024 at 6:04 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Announcements

No Announcements.

D. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

No Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

II. Consent

A. Approval of 07/31/2024 AMPS Board Retreat Minutes

E. Quiroz made a motion to approve the minutes from AMPS Board Retreat on 07-31-24.
A. Emmanuelli seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Approval of 07/31/2024 Special Board Meeting Minutes

E. Quiroz made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors on 07-31-24.
A. Emmanuelli seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Approval of 07/31/2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

E. Quiroz made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors on 07-31-24.
A. Emmanuelli seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Approval of Updated Organizational Chart

E. Quiroz made a motion to Approve Updated Organizational Chart.
A. Emmanuelli seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

III. Business

A. Approval of Updated Employee Handbook

Motion to Approval of Updated Employee Handbook.
Adrienne goes over the Employee Handbook, Item L, Children in the Workplace and Paid Sick Leave which are the only changes made to the Employee Handbook for the 24-25 year.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Approval of List of Authorized Bank Account Signers

A. Emmanuelli made a motion to Approval of List of Authorized Bank Account Signers.
E. Quiroz seconded the motion.
Adrienne Presents a list of Authorized Account Signers for applicable banks and authorized signers. No public comment.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. CEO Report

Chief Executive Officer, Sylvia Flores begins by going over Staffing Details. She states Home Office is almost fully staffed and. A chart with ELA Preliminary Data for each school is shown and Maurice goes over test scores between 2021 and 2024. After, Maurice presents the Math Preliminary Data Chart for each school for the years 2021 - 2024. Board Member Andres Emmanuelli is concerned with low scores. Maurice agrees and states that new curriculum has been purchased and is hopeful that we can improve. Sylvia agrees and states that there is work to do and feels that we are investing in appropriate resources to help support.
Sylvia then presents our current enrollment status. BJE has 483. RCA has 293. JHHS has 348. DCA has 300. OCA has 214. OCHS has 335. Total is 1,973. Board Member Edgar is wondering if we are still accepting students at JHHS since we seem to be full, Sylvia states only 11th grade is full and a few students can still be accepted for 9th, 10th, and 12th grade. Board President Gilbert asks about the waitlist. Chief of Staff Maria Arechiga states BJE has about 300, the rest of the schools have about 100 or less.

Oakland Charter High School Site Director, Jasmine Nash and Sylvia present school data and highlights from the past 17 years at Oakland Charter High School. She shows that students are mostly of color and come from low socioeconomic background. She shows a chart that shows that OCHS has outperformed the district and all neighborhood schools in Math Distance from Standard. In response to a higher need student population, OCHS has taken many steps to actively grow population. Ms. Nash states that Students are achieving at a high level, they are growing at higher than average rates. English language learners also improved by last years scores. She is actively working on the school culture and adding multiple multicultural events for inclusivity. Throughout its charter term, OCHS has outperformed the district, state, and all neighborhood schools. OCHS is considered a "High Poverty School" yet has maintained lower rates of chronic absenteeism compares to the district. OCHA emphasizes its key values such as Character Development, Leadership, Civic Engagement. As a Middle Track school under AB 1505, Oakland Charter High meets the criteria for renewal. The Board gives their feedback on the presentation, and congratulates Ms. Nash.

D. Approval of appointment of CEO as authorized designee to submit the OCHS charter renewal petition to OUSD

A. Emmanuelli made a motion to Approval of appointment of CEO as authorized designee to submit the OCHS charter renewal petition to OUSD.
E. Quiroz seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

E. Approval of Recommendation of the Nominating Committee to Appoint Monica Moncada to the Board of Directors

A. Emmanuelli made a motion to Approval of Recommendation of the Nominating Committee to Appoint Monica Moncada to the Board of Directors.
E. Quiroz seconded the motion.
The Nominating Committee which is made up of Gilbert and Edgar both strongly agree that she should be a part of the board. Ms. Moncada introduces herself and states she has plenty of experience in the Management sector and is excited to give back to students and staff.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

IV. Closed Session

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

No reportable actions.

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 8:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. Lopez Jr.

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