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# Amethod Public Schools

## Minutes

### Regular Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors

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#### Date and Time

Wednesday September 11, 2024 at 6:00 PM

#### Location

1450 Marina Way South, Richmond CA 94804

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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 in the Home Office's Board Room 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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**Directors Present**

E. Gallegos, E. Quiroz, G. Lopez Jr., M. Moncada

**Directors Absent**

A. Emmanuelli

**Guests Present**

G. Barriga

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**I. Opening Items**

**A. Call the Meeting to Order**

G. Barriga called a meeting of the board of directors of Amethod Public Schools to order on Wednesday Sep 11, 2024 at 6:05 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 08/28/2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

E. Gallegos made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors on 08-28-24.

E. Quiroz seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

G. Lopez Jr. Aye

A. Emmanuelli Absent

E. Quiroz Aye

M. Moncada Aye

E. Gallegos Aye

**III. Business**

**A. Approval of Updated Tuition Reimbursement Policy**

E. Gallegos made a motion to Approval of Updated Tuition Reimbursement Policy.

M. Moncada seconded the motion.

Chief Executive Officer, Sylvia Flores, presents a tuition Reimbursement Policy. This will give opportunity to those who wish to further their education through a Preliminary Credential Program or the Induction Program. This new proposal would double the amount of reimbursement allotted. Ms. Flores proposes \$8,000 Preliminary Credential Program or the \$4,000 Induction Program. The new language would specify that teacher's must continue to work for AMPS for at least 60 days following reimbursement. Ms. Flores is looking into grants to help alleviate this cost.

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

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**Roll Call**

A. Emmanuelli Absent

E. Gallegos Aye

E. Quiroz Aye

M. Moncada Aye

G. Lopez Jr. Aye

**B. Approval of 2023-24 Education Protection Account Report**

E. Quiroz made a motion to Approval of 2023-24 Education Protection Account Report.

E. Gallegos seconded the motion.

Chief Operating Officer Adrienne Barnes is seeking approval for the Education Protection Account Report for the 2023-2024 school year. This is brought to the board for review twice a year. This is confirming that we received funds, and they were spent on instruction.

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

### Roll Call

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

### C. CEO Report

Ms. Flores presents her report. She begins with depicting the actual current enrollment and budgeted enrollment for all six schools. Some schools are overcapacity, while others have spaces for less than 20 students. Overall, Current enrollment is at 1,968 and Budgeted Total is 1,993 leaving us with a difference of 25 students. Ms. Flores goes over Average Daily Attendance for all schools. Most schools have at least 95% attendance. Ms. Flores discusses the Williams Visit and reports that DCA, OCA, RCA, BJE, and JHHS have completed both facilities and instructional materials visits. There were no major findings during the visits. The OCHS and RCA petition will be submitted by the end of September, which means that Petition Hearings will be held in October and November, and Decision Hearings will be held in December. Back to School nights have been underway and successful. September 20th kicks off the first day of our Extended Learning Program which allows students to engage in activities during non-instructional days.

## 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 6:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
G. Lopez Jr.

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