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Minutes

Regular Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors

Date and Time
Wednesday October 16, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Location
1450 Marina Way South Richmond CA 94804

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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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ORDER OF BUSINESS MAY BE CHANGED WITHOUT NOTICE

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

Directors Absent
M. Moncada

Guests Present
A. Barnes, D. Clark, G. Barriga, M. Arechiga, 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 Oct 16, 2024 at 6:11 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 09/11/2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

E. Gallegos made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors on 09-11-24.
E. Quiroz seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Approval of 09/11/2024 Special Board Meeting Minutes

E. Gallegos made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors on 09-11-24.
E. Quiroz seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Approval of Updated Student Retention Policy

E. Quiroz made a motion to Approval of Updated Student Retention Policy.
E. Gallegos seconded the motion.
This policy is dated for June 18 2024
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Approval of Updated Math Placement Policy

E. Gallegos made a motion to Approval of Updated Math Placement Policy.
E. Quiroz seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

III. Business

A. 2023-2024 CAASPP and ELPAC Data Presentation for School Sites

Mary Busby, Interim Chief Academic Officer, presents the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress and English Language Proficiency Assessments for California Data Presentation for School Sites. She introduces all Site Directors and a few Deans that have came to the Board Meeting to show support of the data being presented. For Benito Juarez Elementary, Dr. LaSonya Walker and Janice Galindo was here. For Richmond Charter Academy, Dean, Sarah Carloni was here. For John Henry High School, Stacy Drakeford and Rose Azor were here. For Oakland Charter Academy Jocelyn Brooks was here. For Downtown Charter Academy, Kelly Le was here. For Oakland Charter High School, Jasmine Nash tuned in virtually. Mary begins a slideshow presentation. For Richmond Charter Academy, The English Language Arts/Literacy Slide shows growth and the standard exceeded, the Mathematics slide also demonstrate growth and wins. For John Henry High School, we can also see 10-30% growth for English Language Arts/Literacy from the last school year to this school year, Mathematics has also improved. Downtown Charter Academy shows a growth of up to 50% for the Standards required in Mathematics. Oakland Charter Academy shows improvement in mathematics especially showing an increase of over 58%. Mary also wants to point out that our students are overall doing better than Oakland Unified School District Students, and they show a bigger growth in academics. Mary goes over English Language Proficiency Assessments for California next which is testing for academic proficiency and we can see growth in all areas. Elisa Gallegos, Board Member, asks the Site Leaders about California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress Data and if they have seen this data previously, Kelly Le, Site Director of Downtown Charter Academy, states that they do receive this data beforehand, but this is new data that came out in late September. Elisa asks how the sites go about test taking, and how they deal with students having testing anxiety. Dr. Walker states that they plan their curriculum to end in March/April so that the instructional staff can focus on preparing students for the testing instead of trying to finish teaching curriculum. Stacy states that they encourage students to try their best so that they do not have to revisit material. Kelly states that they collaborate with families, and helping them understand what testing looks like. Carloni states that they get the students involved in the data, and that they celebrate all growth. She also says that they get into the routine of testing prior so that it is not new and scary. Mary continues with presenting the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California data. She shows Oakland Charter High School with significant gains across the

board on every level. John Henry High School Students also moved up a level. The Board takes a moment to thank the Site Directors for all their work. Kelly, invites the Board to visit her school so they can see students in action.

B. CEO Report

Sylvia Flores, Chief Operating Officer, presents her CEO Report to the Board. She begins by telling the board that from the last time she presented our Attendance and Enrollment Numbers we have gained 10 students, but we are still down 15 students based on June meeting's projection. She shares an image that shows the the difference in students from budgeted enrollment to current enrollment. The difference in numbers show the current standings: Benito Juarez Elementary -8 students, Richmond Charter Academy -2 students, John Henry High School +13 students, Downtown Charter Academy +5 students, Oakland Charter Academy -3 students, Oakland Charter High School -20 students. Sylvia and team are working on a strategy plan for 2025-2026 school year to avoid this gap. The scheduled date to open enrollment is November 1st, Lottery is held around mid January. Amethod Public Schools is also connecting with "Oakland Enrolls" to ensure participation in Oakland recruiting events. Currently, the team is brainstorming new ideas to ensure we are attracting families and students to our schools. The Average Daily Attendance for all schools is presented; a slight change happened in Oakland Charter Academy that went down just one point, although historically there are lower attendance numbers around this time of the school year. Sylvia is ensuring the schools are staying on top of that data and contacting families for chronic absences. She presents the date for the Oakland Charter High School Renewal Townhall on October 29th at 5pm which will be held at Oakland Charter High School. Sylvia proceeds with the next topic and states she will have Northwest Evaluation Association and iReady benchmark assessments data presentations at the November Board Meeting. Elisa Gallegos, Board Member, asks what kind of communication has been established regarding the Oakland Charter High School Petition Renewal. Ms. Nash, Site Director of Oakland Charter High School, has also been sending out messages through parent square to alert them. At school, there are daily announcements to alert the students there is a Petition Renewal and their presence is requested. Next, the Site Directors share different school events. John Henry High School states that senior night was last Friday. They made it to Volleyball Finals, and the Soccer Team is on its way to being Champions again this year. Richmond Charter Academy shares that they have parent teacher conferences coming up, and they have a holiday event in November, and a Trunk or Treat happening in the parking lot. Dr. Walker, Site Director of Benito Juarez Elementary states they had a wonderful Hispanic heritage night. They had a grandparents day celebration which was great. They will also host a reading night for the parents soon. Kelly Le, Site Director at Downtown Charter Academy has a fall festival on November 1st, to celebrate the Halloween holiday and also include even those who do not celebrate Halloween. Oakland Charter High School is going to Downtown Charter Academy to talk about enrollment. They are launching their Family Staff and Teachers meetings as potluck meetings to get everyone involved. Jocelyn Brooks from Oakland Charter Academy states they had a

successful back to school night, Midterms were last week, and they went well. Teachers are happy about the scores. Parent Teacher Conferences were successful and teachers and parents felt heard and supported. They started an 8th grade committee where members were voted in. Ms. Brooks is doing the work to ensure the students feel valued and heard, and that the staff and families feel supported. Oakland Charter High School is having a Admission night for its seniors in late October, as well as their Homecoming Dance. They also have scheduled meetings with Downtown Charter Academy and Oakland Charter Academy to help with enrollment for next year. Sylvia thanks the site directors for being here and their dedication.

C. Approval of Amended FST Bylaws

E. Gallegos made a motion to Approval of Amended FST Bylaws.
A. Emmanuelli seconded the motion.
Maria Arechiga, Chief Strategy and Compliance Director presents the Amended FST Bylaws. The office has heard that the nomination process was confusing, but hoping that once by laws are approved, there are nomination meetings. There is better, clearer information on this document.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Approval of Annual JHHS Certification of Compliance Review

E. Quiroz made a motion to Approval of Annual JHHS Certification of Compliance Review.
E. Gallegos seconded the motion.
Maria Arechiga, Chief Strategy and Compliance Director, begins by letting the Board know that John Henry High School is a part of the state, which means that there is a list of requirements needed to submit in order to stay current. She presents an almost 700 page packet that has been compiled with the help of the office staff. Both Maria and CEO Sylvia have reviewed documents, and are asking for board approval to be able to submit documents.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

E.

Approval of Provisional Internship Permits

E. Quiroz made a motion to Approve Provisional Internship Permits.
E. Gallegos seconded the motion.
Wendy Villalobos, Human Resources Manager informs the board that John Henry High School is a state approved agency, this means that Provisional Internship Permits are needed in order to meet state requirement. We currently need 3 permits, two for social science Teachers, and 1 special education Teacher. The teachers being considered meet requirements for this permit, as they are working towards their teacher credential.
No public comment.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

F. Approval of Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators (CL-500) for John Henry High School

A. Emmanuelli made a motion to Approve Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators (CL-500) for John Henry High School.
E. Quiroz seconded the motion.
Wendy Villalobos, Human Resources Manger, states that John Henry High School is requesting 5 emergency permits, they need 2 right now, but three are reserved for potential out of state staff members that may need this. This is for teachers with credentials, but may be working toward a credential towards a specific subject. No public comment.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

G. Approval of Appointment of CEO as Authorized Designee to Submit the RCA Charter Renewal Petition to WCCUSD

E. Quiroz made a motion to Approve Appointment of CEO as Authorized Designee to Submit the RCA Charter Renewal Petition to WCCUSD.
E. Gallegos seconded the motion.
Sylvia Flores, Chief Executive Officer, begins by stating that the Board has already approved the resolution for Oakland Charter High School, Sylvia states she will submit

RCA Petition by end of month. In order to deem it complete, giving permission to Sylvia to look through it to make sure everything is complete. No public comments.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

IV. Closed Session

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

No reportable actions.

B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

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 9:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. Lopez Jr.

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