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# Amethod Public Schools

## Minutes

### Special Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors

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#### Date and Time

Monday December 2, 2024 at 6:00 PM

#### Location

1450 Marina Way S, 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:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83187954557>

We also offer two-way teleconference locations for the public to attend in our Oakland school sites:

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

**Participating by Telephone:** 669-900-9128 Meeting ID: 831 8795 4557

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the time allowed for public comment, depending upon the topic and number of persons wishing to be heard.

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**Directors Present**

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

**Directors Absent**

*None*

**Guests Present**

G. Barriga

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**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 Monday Dec 2, 2024 at 6:08 PM.

**B. Record Attendance**

**C. Announcements**

No Announcements

**D. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

Joyce Montgomery introduces herself. She has been unpacking the financials of AMPS for the last few months. She is a retired Chief Financial Officer of public charter schools and has plenty previous experience.

## II. Consent

### A. Approval of 10/16/2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

E. Quiroz made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors on 10-16-24.

M. Moncada seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

M. Moncada Aye

G. Lopez Jr. Aye

E. Gallegos Aye

E. Quiroz Aye

### B. Approval of Public Records Act Policy

E. Quiroz made a motion to Approve Public Records Act Policy.

M. Moncada seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

G. Lopez Jr. Aye

M. Moncada Aye

E. Gallegos Aye

E. Quiroz Aye

## III. Business

### A. 1st Interim Financial Reports - Oakland Charter Academy

E. Gallegos made a motion to Approve 1st Interim Financial Reports - Oakland Charter Academy.

E. Quiroz seconded the motion.

Josephine Quach, the representative from Charter Impact presents the 1st Interim Financial Reports for Oakland Charter Academy. Elisa Gallegos, Board Member, states she is happy to see that we are strong fiscally, and is wondering if she has any recommendations, Josephine said that we will continue to make tweaks, but as far as recommendations just staying as strong as we have been staying. Josephine begins to explain page 5 of 11 which is the revenue and expenditures.

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

#### Roll Call

E. Gallegos Aye

G. Lopez Jr. Aye

M. Moncada Aye

E. Quiroz Aye

### B.

### **1st Interim Financial Reports - Downtown Charter Academy**

E. Quiroz made a motion to Approve 1st Interim Financial Reports - Downtown Charter Academy.

E. Gallegos seconded the motion.

Josephine begins to breakdown the Financial Reports of Downtown Charter Academy. She states that these are very sound and stable fiscal reports. She goes over page 10 and breaks down the spreadsheet shared. Josephine then goes over page 2 which includes revenues and expenditures. Sylvia Flores, Chief Executive Officer, states that page 2 also shows the restricted funds and how they were spent. Adrienne Barnes, Chief Operating Officer, states that tracking has been established so that we can save money moving forward. Josephine states that overall we will continue to monitor and she will present updates on 2nd Interim. Elisa Gallegos, Board Member has a follow up question regarding highlighted areas on page 4. Josephine clarifies.

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

#### **Roll Call**

E. Gallegos Aye

G. Lopez Jr. Aye

E. Quiroz Aye

M. Moncada Aye

### **C. 1st Interim Financial Reports - Benito Juarez Elementary**

E. Quiroz made a motion to Approve 1st Interim Financial Reports - Benito Juarez Elementary.

M. Moncada seconded the motion.

Josephine states that we are very strong fiscally for Benito Juarez Elementary. The Board Members take a moment to review the documents. Total Expenditures is discussed, overall we spent less than our revenue which is great. Gilbert, the Board President asks a question that is located on page 3 of 9, Josephine and Adrienne clarify. Restricted funds are always spent first as shown on the spreadsheets shared.

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

#### **Roll Call**

E. Quiroz Aye

M. Moncada Aye

G. Lopez Jr. Aye

E. Gallegos Aye

### **D. 1st Interim Financial Reports - Oakland Charter High School**

E. Quiroz made a motion to Approve 1st Interim Financial Reports - Oakland Charter High School.

E. Gallegos seconded the motion.

Josephine states that this is very fiscally sound and stable, and that overall we will continue to make updates based on actuals. Right now there is nothing to worry about in

terms of this budget. She brings our attention to total expenditures on page 4, she confirms that revenue exceeded expenses. She goes over total expenditures and revenue. Gilbert asks about page 7, the difference in change on page 5. Josephine clarifies that it is revenues and reserves amount.

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

**Roll Call**

G. Lopez Jr. Aye

E. Quiroz Aye

E. Gallegos Aye

M. Moncada Aye

**E. 1st Interim Financial Reports - Richmond Charter Academy**

E. Gallegos made a motion to Approve 1st Interim Financial Reports - Richmond Charter Academy.

E. Quiroz seconded the motion.

Josephine begins to show page 2 out of 9, and describes total revenue and expenditures. We do have a deficit because our balance carried from last year. Adrienne states that they are working with the auditors to determine best course of action. Josephine states that these numbers are projections right now, but that they are closely working with Auditors to ensure they are on the right track.

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

**Roll Call**

M. Moncada Aye

E. Quiroz Aye

E. Gallegos Aye

G. Lopez Jr. Aye

**F. 1st Interim Financial Reports - John Henry High School**

E. Quiroz made a motion to Approve 1st Interim Financial Reports - John Henry High School.

E. Gallegos seconded the motion.

Josephine begins to explain expenditures on page 4 out of 10. She states that is is higher than revenues but it is okay because we are still in the positives. Gil is wondering the discrepancy on Line F on Page 4, Josephine agrees. She will take this back to her office and report back during 2nd interim.

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

**Roll Call**

G. Lopez Jr. Aye

M. Moncada Aye

E. Quiroz Aye

E. Gallegos Aye

**G.**

### **Approval of Grad Night Proposal for OCHS**

E. Quiroz made a motion to Approve Grad Night Proposal for OCHS.

E. Gallegos seconded the motion.

Mary Busby, Interim Chief Academic Officer presents the Grad Night Proposal for Oakland Charter High School. She states that this is an overnight trip. The trip has a few options, Option 1 cost beterrn \$239 - \$259, and the cheaper alternative is Universal Studios for \$133 per student. Students have been fundraising for this specific trip. No student will be turned away due to financial inability to pay. This does not include transportation or housing fees for the drivers. The goal for them is to go to Disneyland for Gradnight, The students will cover the cost of the tickets, but the school will pay for the transportation, housing for the drivers, and meal vouchers for the themepark.

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

#### **Roll Call**

E. Quiroz Aye

E. Gallegos Aye

M. Moncada Aye

G. Lopez Jr. 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 10:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. Lopez Jr.

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