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Minutes

Special Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors

Date and Time
Tuesday April 29, 2025 at 6:15 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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Directors Present
J. Lerma, P. Hanley, R. Ornelas

Directors Absent
None

Guests Present
A. Barnes, S. Li

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

R. Ornelas called a meeting of the board of directors of Amethod Public Schools to order on Tuesday Apr 29, 2025 at 6:16 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Announcements

Board member Peter expressed his gratitude to Interim CAO Mary Busby and the site directors for coordinating his visits to all Oakland school campuses. He appreciated the opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations with school leaders and teachers and was pleased to witness a strong focus on student learning. He noted that site leaders are working diligently to enhance instructional practices across the schools.

D.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

No public comments.

II. Consent

A. Board Member Resignation Acceptance

J. Lerma made a motion to approve Board Member Resignation Acceptance.
P. Hanley seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

J. Lerma	Aye
P. Hanley	Aye
R. Ornelas	Aye

B. Approval of 4/16/2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

J. Lerma made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors on 04-16-25.
P. Hanley seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

J. Lerma	Aye
P. Hanley	Aye
R. Ornelas	Aye

III. Business

A. Interview and Consideration of Approval of New Board Member(s)

Board Chair Rodolfo amended the agenda and removed Item A from the agenda, noting that it must be approved during a regular board meeting.

No objections.

B. Review and Consideration of Revised AMPS Regular Board Meeting Calendar

Adrienne recommended adding a second regular board meeting each month to provide additional opportunities for onboarding new board members.

Rodolfo proposed scheduling an additional regular board meeting on either Thursday, May 8 or May 22 to support the active recruitment and nomination of new board members, as well as to address upcoming charter renewals and potential appeals.

Board member Hanley requested clarification regarding the agenda for the proposed May 8 meeting. He noted he would be unavailable for the June retreat and suggested rescheduling it to early July.

Adrienne responded that, if the May 8 meeting is approved, the agenda would likely include the approval of new board members, discussion of charter renewals, and a closed session. She also noted that all staff would be off during the first week of July and that she would be attending a leadership training from July 7–15. She proposed moving the two June meetings to June 12 and June 26 to accommodate schedules and revisiting these dates when there is a full board membership.

Rodolfo suggested formally approving May 8, May 22, June 12, and June 26 as regular board meetings, and postponing the board retreat until more members have been added to accommodate for everyone's schedule.

R. Ornelas made a motion to approve May 8, May 22, June 12, and June 26 as regular board meetings, and postponing the board retreat until more members are added.
P. Hanley seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

P. Hanley	Aye
J. Lerma	Aye
R. Ornelas	Aye

C. California Community Schools Partnership Program

Adrienne, Interim CEO, reported that approximately $7.5 million in CCSPP grant funding is currently administered through Oakland Charter High School. If OCHS were to close, the grant would need to be reapplied for, with revisions to reflect both the current work being done and future planned initiatives.
She also noted a coding error from the 2023–2024 fiscal year involving the J&V Integrated contract. Although the contract was board-approved under the CCSPP grant, it should have been classified under general expenses. To correct this, she proposed reclassifying approximately $72,000 across two schools from CCSPP grant funds to general expense. This adjustment aligns with guidance from both the California Department of Education (CDE) and auditors, and is expected to be a straightforward process. AMPS will submit a revised expenditure report to the CDE clarifying that these costs were not funded by the CCSPP grant, and its auditors will review during the 2024-25 audit.
Adrienne shared this update for transparency, noting that the issue may come up during RCA’s upcoming renewal hearing.

IV. Closed Session

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL— ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

The board resumes from closed session at 7:14pm. No reportable actions.

B. Public Employment (Gov. Code § 54957)

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 7:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Ornelas

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