APPROVED

The Academy of Alameda Charter School Board

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday December 18, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Location
The Academy of Alameda
401 Pacific Ave
Alameda, CA 94501
Room 203

Directors Present
A. Price, C. Robie, D. Forbes, J. Laird, K. McCoy, W. Schaff

Directors Absent
M. Payne, R. Rentschler

Guests Present
C. Chilcott, D. Espinosa

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

W. Schaff called a meeting of the board of directors of The Academy of Alameda Charter School Board to order on Wednesday Dec 18, 2024 at 6:33 PM.

B. Record Attendance

II. Open Session

A. Public Comment

A father came to speak about concerns about the dyslexia evaluations about his son a 5th grader.

III. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Draft Meeting Minutes

D. Forbes made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 11-21-24.
K. McCoy seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

K. McCoy	Aye
W. Schaff	Aye
A. Price	Abstain
D. Forbes	Aye
M. Payne	Absent
R. Rentschler	Absent
J. Laird	Aye
C. Robie	Aye

B. Check Registers

C. Credit Card Statements

D. Vote on Consent Agenda

E. Special Board Meeting Minutes

D. Forbes made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Board Meeting on 12-09-24.
K. McCoy seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

K. McCoy	Aye
M. Payne	Absent
W. Schaff	Aye
R. Rentschler	Absent
C. Robie	Aye
A. Price	Abstain
D. Forbes	Aye
J. Laird	Aye

IV. Board Communication

A. Special Education Presentation

T. Levine Hall advised there are a very high percent of students who have IEP's here in the school however most schools do have high percentages. He advised at the end of the 22-23 school year there were 68 students with IEP's and this year there will be 106.

AoA has held or scheduled all 504 meetings.

J. Hughley advised that the case managers are very accessible to them.

D. Forbes asked how does the SELPA support AoA now? T. Levine advised that there are new staff members and it is less helpful than before. When discussing current support services being provided, A. Price asked how the 20 mins of support per month helps a student, and T. Levine Hall advised that recommendation came from the prior school. T. Levine advised parents felt they had more advocacy in their services and requests and are coming here more often. A. Price asked if any of the funding comes from the county. C. Chilcott advised that the "A Better Way" counseling is funded by a county grant. D. Forbes asked how many student with IEP's have siblings and how many are from Alameda. T. Levine Hall said he will have to look it up. C. Robie said at one point in time we used to could advise what services would could and could not support here and asked if we can still do that. T. Levine Hall advised we now advised what we do offer to them instead of saying what we cannot do. C. Robie asked if we can reject a child with an IEP. C. Chilcott advised we cannot skip anyone in the enrollment and waitlist process, so if we stop one then we cannot accept any after them either. C. Chilcott also reminded everyone that right now sibling enrollment (Alameda siblings first, out of district siblings second) have priority over individual Alameda students.

B. Vote on Student Support Stipend

C. Chilcott advised that even though it is required that for TK students to be potty trained more and more are needing to be supported due to accidents, and staff needs to be trained to provide diaper duty. C. Chilcott used that as an example of a $500 stipend she would like created for extraordinary duties that fall outside the staff job description. The board wanted to know who approves it, if it is ED or supervisor. C. Chilcott said the ED approves these stipends. The board agreed to the stipend with the stipulation that the purposes of the stipends are annually reviewed by the board.

D. Forbes made a motion to Approve a $500/semester Student Support stipend as recommended by supervisor and approved by ED. ED will report on an annual basis the list and reason for stipends.
A. Price seconded the motion.

Definition: Additional student support outside of job description as deemed necessary and outside job description by supervisor
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
D. Forbes	Aye
R. Rentschler	Absent
C. Robie	Aye
A. Price	Aye
J. Laird	Aye
K. McCoy	Aye
M. Payne	Absent
W. Schaff	Aye

C. Vote on New Salary Scales

Deferred until next board meeting.

D. Board Committee Reports

Finance- D. Forbes advised they continued to discuss next years budget.

Student Success Committee- no meeting, no comment.

Governance Committee- revised 2 policies which will come to the board in January. Focus will be on board recruitment. K. McCoy asked if students will be on the board and A. Price advised that is on the table as a possibility.

V. Closing Items

A. Individual Board Member Reports

B. Executive Director Report

PTSA work group met on Monday and having a hard time filing officer positions, which are 3.

C. Upcoming Board Meetings

D. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. Schaff