APPROVED

The Academy of Alameda Charter School Board

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday February 27, 2025 at 6:30 PM

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

Directors Present
D. Forbes, J. Laird, K. McCoy, R. Rentschler, W. Schaff

Directors Absent
A. Price, C. Robie, M. Payne

Guests Present
A. McGeorge, 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 Thursday Feb 27, 2025 at 6:31 PM.

B. Record Attendance

II. Open Session

A. Public Comment

B. Schaff called for public comment and there was none.

III. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Draft Meeting Minutes

B. Approve on Board Retreat Minutes

D. Forbes made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 01-25-25.
K. McCoy seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Check Registers

D. Credit Card Statements

E. Vote on Consent Agenda

D. Forbes made a motion to Approve the consent agenda with the exception and pulling the first minutes as were added incorrectly.
K. McCoy seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

IV. Board Communication

A. Financial Updates

N. Stewart provided the financial update. For the current FY 24-25, she did advise that we did get a small increase in our arts and music fundraising and an additional $3000 in savings. AoA also had an increase of $78k expected expenses with the bulk of about 40k being due to increase of internet expenses from the district.

For FY 25-26, AoA is adding an additional TK class to increase revenue. COLA is now about .5% less than what was projected but it is higher than projected originally. FTE is reduced by about 3. Overall growth of about 72 students predicted for next year. N. Stewart advised extended care can possibly be getting additional funding but it is not confirmed yet by the state. It will depend if it is confirmed in the governor's budget and if AoA is eligible for it by having at least 55% unduplicated.

D. Forbes asked how much we get per student. N. Stewart advised about $10k per student and about an additional $1k for TK.

R. Rentschler asked if the 6-8th grade increase (bubble) curve is normal or what we would expect per slide 11. C. Chilcott advised we do get some movement since we are a coast guard school but we try to build and matriculate a core group of students in 6th grade. J. Laird asked if we are also trying to build up in grades 2-5. C. Chilcott advised that in elementary is where we normally have waitlists so we are still building up on this. K. McCoy asked if this projection is optimistic or realistic. C. Chilcott advised in elementary it is very realistic and for middle school it is more so unpredictable but it is looking cautiously realistic since we have been growing in middle school the last two years and we are currently over-enrolling leaving room for attrition.
D. Forbes made a motion to approve the 2nd Interim as presented.
J. Laird seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

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

B. Presentation on LCAP (Local Control Accountability Plan)

A. McGeorge and C. Chilcott provided an LCAP update which has academic, social-emotional, and family engagement components. They advised that as of the end of October with the revised budget we are projected to overspend in quite a few areas but we had not spent the funds yet as of the end of October.

A. McGeorge advised that we have highly qualified teachers and trying to keep students engaged. All is research based curriculum and is planned to also help build community and partnerships with families. They advised of all of the different social emotional programs used and what helps it provides at the school. They advised of the updates to family engagement.

A. Schlenk asked if the LCAP is supposed to be a group of family members, staff, admin etc. that works together to create the LCAP?

J. Laird asked the difference between fully implemented and partially implemented. C. Chilcott advised of differences.

R. Rentschler asked if there was any reason you can think of that TK is absent more than any other grade. A. McGeorge advised they just get sick more. C. Chilcott agreed and said this group may see school as more optional.

D. Forbes asked to join ParentSquare notifications. C. Chilcott said she will follow up and see how to add the board again. D. Forbes asked how is this presentation getting to the families. C. Chilcott advised we emailed it to the families via ParentSqaure but if preferred we can also add the mid year presentation to the website.

C. Vote on the Administration of Medication Policy

K. McCoy made a motion to approve the Administration of Medication Policy as presented.
J. Laird seconded the motion.
K. McCoy asked if Legal reviews the policies. C. Chilcott advised they all come from legal.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D.

Vote on the Limitations on Restraint and Seclusion of Students Policy

J. Laird made a motion to approve the Limitations on Restraint and Seclusion of Students Policy as presented.
R. Rentschler seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

E. Vote on the Suicide Prevention Policy

K. McCoy made a motion to votes to approve the revised Suicide Prevention Policy as presented.
J. Laird seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

F. Vote on the Suspension and Expulsion Policy

D. Forbes made a motion to approve the Suspension and Expulsion Policy as presented.
R. Rentschler seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

G. Board Committee Reports

Finance Committee- Nothing to report

Student Success Committee- Met and spoke about what to update the board on and how AoA students are doing. Also getting update from SIPPS intervention.

Governance Committee- was not able to meet.

V. Closing Items

A. Individual Board Member Reports

B. Executive Director Report

C. Chilcott advised to please submit their 700 forms. She also advised the construction on Central has impacted the school and there is a bus that has not picked up our students so will need to follow up on that.

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 7:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. Schaff