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Da Vinci Schools

Minutes

Da Vinci Schools: L.A. County Special Board Meeting

Date and Time
Friday March 27, 2020 at 9:30 AM

Location
Zoom

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Trustees Present
A. Montes-Rodriguez (remote), J. Morgan (remote), L. Jennings (remote), P. Escala (remote), T. Johnstone (remote)

Trustees Absent
None

Guests Present
A. Wohlwerth (remote), J. Hawn (remote), M. Ring (remote), M. Wunder (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

L. Jennings called a meeting of the board of trustees of Da Vinci Schools to order on Friday Mar 27, 2020 at 9:39 AM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

C. Approval of Agenda

T. Johnstone made a motion to approve the agenda.
P. Escala seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

A. Montes-Rodriguez	Aye
P. Escala	Aye
L. Jennings	Aye
T. Johnstone	Aye
J. Morgan	Aye

D.

Public Comments

None

II. Action Items

A. Approve Contract for Executive Director for Da Vinci Schools: L.A. County (Da Vinci RISE High) for the 2020-21 School Year

Dr. Johnstone spoke of having known Dr. Ring for 20 years, when she worked as the Director of Psychological Services at Wiseburn before she worked at the Southwest SELPA. She has a wide range of experience, wraparound services, and would be a huge blessing to have her in place.

Dr. Wunder shared that Ms. Kari Croft has been working hard at RISE High for the last 5 years. She would like to work on the material charter revision, open the third RISE High site, and then take some time off beginning in October 2020. Dr. Ring's experience includes Director of the Southwest SELPA, and Chief of Staff at Inglewood School District, among other positions. Dr. Wunder knows of no one more qualified than Dr. Ring to manage RISE High this upcoming year. Mr. Erin Whalen will assume Ms. Croft's role at RISE High while she is on hiatus, and when Ms. Croft returns, she will be mentored by Dr. Ring in the Executive Director role.

Dr. Wunder introduced Dr. Jennifer Hawn, who as Chief Administrative Officer of Human Resources for Da Vinci Schools, spoke of the contract for the Executive Director position. Dr. Ring has an existing contract as Assistant Superintendent with Wiseburn Unified School District, so the while the contract for RISE High is a fairly standard contract for Dr. Ring's level; it took into account the Wiseburn contract and Dr. Ring's current position as Chief of Student Services at Da Vinci Schools. The Executive Director salary scale starts at the Principal salary scale and goes beyond that. The scale allows for growth for the next person in the position. It is commensurate for the work involved in growing to three sites.

Dr. Ring spoke of her work for the last 30 years. She was a LACOE employee while she was at the Southwest SELPA. She is excited about the opportunity to strengthen the leadership team at RISE High, having worked over the last few years in supporting the leadership team there. She is grateful for the opportunity to work with special needs.

Dr. Jennings spoke of having learned much from Dr. Ring, and is looking forward to working more closely with her in this position.

Dr. Johnstone spoke of the contract standard work year is 247 days. He has found a discrepancy between the stipulated work year and the stated vacation days. Dr. Hawn commented that she will make the adjustment to 227 work days.

Ms. Morgan commented that it is a win-win for everyone, and that she looks forward to Dr. Ring's work at RISE High.
T. Johnstone made a motion to approve contract with the amendment/correction of aligning the number of work days and the number of vacation days to result in 227 work days.
L. Jennings seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
P. Escala	Aye
L. Jennings	Aye
A. Montes-Rodriguez	Aye
T. Johnstone	Aye
J. Morgan	Aye

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

J. Morgan made a motion to adjourn.
T. Johnstone seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
L. Jennings	Aye
A. Montes-Rodriguez	Aye
J. Morgan	Aye
T. Johnstone	Aye
P. Escala	Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Wohlwerth