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Da Vinci Schools

Minutes

Da Vinci Schools Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday June 18, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Location
201 N. Douglas Street, El Segundo, CA 90245

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Trustees Present
B. Meath (remote), D. Boston (remote), J. Webber, L. Heimov, R. Ochoa, R. Santiago

Trustees Absent
None

Guests Present
A. Wohlwerth, C. Levenson (remote), E. D'Souza, G. Long, K. Toon, L. Rodriguez (remote), M. Amato, M. Denniston (remote), M. Rainey, M. Wunder, V. Bravo, V. Rodriguez

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I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Webber called a meeting of the board of trustees of Da Vinci Schools to order on Tuesday Jun 18, 2024 at 5:41 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Approve Trustee's Remote Attendance Under AB 2449

R. Santiago made a motion to approve.
R. Ochoa seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

J. Webber	Aye
R. Santiago	Aye
R. Ochoa	Aye
L. Heimov	Aye

D. Adjourn to Closed Session

Closed session entered at 5:43 p.m.

E. Reconvene for Public Session & Closed Session Reporting

Public session reconvened at 6:41 p.m.
Dr. Webber stated that no action was taken in Closed session.

F. Approve the Agenda

L. Heimov made a motion to approve.
R. Santiago seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
R. Santiago	Aye
J. Webber	Aye
B. Meath	Aye
R. Ochoa	Aye
L. Heimov	Aye

G. Public Comments

Grace Bader, Connect parent, gave a public comment thanking the Board and Dr. Wunder for the performing arts program. She thanked Diane Feldman and Alexi Paraschos for their work,

II. Information

A. Public Hearing for 2024-25 Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAPs) and 2024-25 LCFF Budget Overview for Parents for Da Vinci Communications, Design, Science, and Connect

Kaitlin Toon, Connect TK-8 Principal, introduced the administrators speaking about the highlights, areas of focus, and changes for the coming years. She and Tami Christopher, Da Vinci Connect High School Principal, gave the Connect update. Connect students scored a CA Dashboard green rating for their ELA CAASPP scores. The K8's goals for the LCAP coincide with WASC goals, and the team will focus on improving Multi-Tiered Student Supports (MTSS), increasing cohesive math instruction and curriculum, and will bring back a Parent Center on campus, and add a second counselor. The high school will hold Back to School Night earlier in the year, and collect classroom data on student engagement to provide targeted professional development to staff.

Erin D'Souza, Communications Principal, gave the update, sharing that 90% of their students have an unweighted GPA of 2.0 or higher, and 72.4% have completed a college and career pathway upon graduation. The team will focus on increasing student voice in decision-making around the academic program, and parent/guardian connectedness not to the school, which is already strong, but to each other. They will also create a student cohesion team to give feedback, host a family social event, and offer more staff professional development in Literacy and Math instructional coaching.

Michelle Rainey spoke on behalf of Da Vinci Design, sharing excellent graduation, a-g completion, and CTE pathway completion rates, and significant growth in ELA and Math proficiency. The team will focus on further reducing suspensions and increasing attendance. The team will also continue to focus on MTSS supports and participate in a WASC self-study cycle in 2024-25.

Grace Long, Science Principal, shared that the Collegewise Partnership brought college resources to parents and students and 97.8% of graduating students completed a College and Career readiness pathway. The team noticed some socio-economic discrepancies that they are working to close with MTSS and socio-emotional learning (SEL) programs. The team will offer additional targeted support classes and math interventions and courses.

Dr. Wunder thanked the administrators.
Dr. Webber thanked the team.

B. From the Board

Ms. Heimov acknowledged the Federal Juneteenth holiday, and quoted Pulitzer prize-winning historian and Harvard law professor Annette Gordon-Reed who said the holiday "commemorates an advancement in human rights, but it also represents the hope that the country can strive to be better and work to perfect the union." Ms. Heimov commented that Da Vinci is a great example of how we all work, and how the school, students, staff, and families work to perfect that union.

Mr. Santiago thanked all of the staff for the graduation ceremonies, acknowledging the work it took. His daughter graduated, and he attended most of the ceremonies. He thanked everyone for the care they took of the students and families on those special days.

Mr. Ochoa, parent of a rising 10th grade student at Science, thanked the staff, acknowledging the demands of high school and his son's successful transition from middle school.

Mr. Meath echoed the comments of Mr. Santiago and Mr. Ochoa.

Dr. Webber shared that she and Mr. Santiago attended each ceremony, and she was gratified to see the connections between the students and Da Vinci staff. She thanked the staff for their care of all the students every day.

C. From the CEO/Superintendent

Dr. Wunder shared that he feels a large part of Da Vinci's success is the work of the principals. He thanked the Board for their support of the Central Office restructuring to support the site administrators.

He also noted that the State and Federal governments are giving public schools significantly less, and the administration is looking to be more thoughtful about decreasing expenses and increasing revenue.

He thanked the large number of people who have been working on the summer camps and summer programs.

D. From the Chief People Officer

Ms. Rodriguez gave a hiring update, speaking of only four open positions across the school sites, one of which is a new position. She thanked the administrations at each school for building a culture that attracts staff.

Ms. Heimov inquired about the percentage of returning teachers.
Mr. Rodriguez responded that of the nine open positions, two were positions that had been filled by long term substitutes, one person moved out of state, and two moved out of the country. Dr. Wunder pointed out that one of the people leaving the country is Da Vinci's first teacher retiree. Ms. Heimov congratulated the team on the high number of teacher retentions.

E. WDV Athletics Update

Mr. Nick (AD) Davidson, Athletic Director, gave the update on the 2023-24 sports season. 615 student athletes participated in the program this year. There are three seasons in the school year. Fall sports are co-ed Cross Country, Girls' Volleyball, and Boys' Beach Volleyball. Winter sports are Boys' and Girls' Basketball and Boys' and Girls' Soccer. Spring sports are Boys' Baseball, Girls' Softball, co-ed Swimming, Boys' Volleyball and Girls' Beach Volleyball.

Archery, cheer, and eSports are year-round.

The Pioneer League is very competitive. Approximately 19 of our student athletes placed first, second, or MVP in the league, which is very good for a school that is relatively new to sports, and in a very competitive league.

Mr. Davidson gave the factors that are taken under consideration when adding new sports. With the 2024-25 budget decreases, the athletic program will not expand but will maintain its current structure. The school considers the program to be an extension to our academic programming, or educational athletics.

Staff and community have come together to create an amazing summer program.

We are adding parent athletic surveys which will help increase communication and collaboration with families and help make informed decisions. The Positive Coaching Alliance will continue to train students and new this year, work with parents/guardians as well. Parent surveys will afford more feedback opportunities.

The organization sees opportunities for growth in continuing to reach out to the professional teams in the area for sports activities and collaboration.

Dr. Wunder commented that Mr. Boston was unable to attend due to a family matter, but that this information will be shared with him.

Dr. Wunder spoke of a few parents who have expressed unhappiness with the program. He acknowledged watching your child play high school athletics can be an emotional experience and some conflict between a coach's assessment of a player and a parent's perception of his/her child's skill level and subsequent play time is fairly common. He thanked Mr. Davidson and Mr. Vicente Bravo for their leadership. He defined the process of escalating issues up the ladder step by step, beginning with the coaches, moving to the athletic director, then Mr. Bravo, then Dr. Wunder, etc. Families should not go to the Board first.

Dr. Webber commented that in areas that are more subjective than academics, like athletics and performing arts, some conflict is expected. She appreciated the escalation plan, saying that the Board would like to be notified when an issue gets to Mr. Bravo's level.

Dr. Wunder noted that at Da Vinci, a norm exists to assume positive intentions, so one of the strategies will be to deepen relationships between families and coaches.

Ms. Heimov thanked the team for their transparency, noting that performing arts can also face disappointment, hurt feelings, and competition. However, when it becomes a personnel matter, there are legal considerations and legal counsel that she trusts the leadership will ensure are followed for compliance with employment laws, etc.

F. Financial Update

Mr. Amato shared the consolidated 2024-25 budget in his financial update, noting the healthy enrollment and ADA in light of the fact that many schools are having trouble maintaining their enrollment. The Governor's May revise numbers are expected to hold, including a 1.07% COLA, so Mr. Amato is budgeting accordingly.

One-time State funds are still being spent; no further one-time funding programs have been announced. Health insurance costs are rising, so Mr. Amato's budget allows for the expected increased expenses.

Mr. Amato went on to give the figures for cash reserves and budgeted designated funds (deferred maintenance, economic uncertainty, etc.). Unrestricted net cash reserves are a healthy 31.3%.

Mr. Amato commented about the Golden State Pathway award; Da Vinci was awarded $6.255M in June for its 15 CTE pathways, the highest amount of any school in the state. With the funds, Da Vinci will start up four new pathways across four schools. This will also help the current budget by supporting new pathway growth and supporting existing pathways.

Dr. Webber commented that it is exciting to see the growth of the CTE pathways.

Mr. Amato spoke briefly about some of the items up for approval, the CharterSafe insurance renewal, and the Fiscal Policies and Procedures update (no material changes, just clarifying roles and responsibilities with the addition of new assistant superintendent positions).

G. Operations Update

Mr. Vicente Bravo shared that the soccer field's completion date of October is still on track. The construction located buried power and communications boxes that will facilitate installation of data and technology equipment.

The Kitchen and Cafe permit is being assessed by the Health Department.

The summer camps and programs are a great opportunity to showcase Da Vinci's programs.

The vans are being fully utilized, transporting students to athletics, field trips, and being pressed into service as shuttles for offsite parking during the graduation ceremonies.

III. Special Board Action

A. Approve Extension of Board Term

L. Heimov made a motion to approve the Extension of Dr. Webber's Board Term.
R. Ochoa seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

L. Heimov	Aye
B. Meath	Aye
D. Boston	Absent
J. Webber	Abstain
R. Ochoa	Aye
R. Santiago	Aye

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes of the May 22, 2024 Regular Da Vinci Schools Board Meeting

R. Santiago made a motion to approve the minutes from Da Vinci Schools Regular Board Meeting on 05-22-24.
R. Ochoa seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

B. Meath	Aye
R. Ochoa	Aye
D. Boston	Absent
L. Heimov	Aye
R. Santiago	Aye
J. Webber	Aye

B. Approval of Minutes of the May 28, 2024 Special Joint Wiseburn + Da Vinci Board Meeting

R. Santiago made a motion to approve the minutes from Wiseburn + Da Vinci Special Joint Board Meeting on 05-28-24.
R. Ochoa seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

D. Boston	Absent
B. Meath	Aye
R. Santiago	Aye
J. Webber	Aye
R. Ochoa	Aye
L. Heimov	Aye

V. Consent Agenda

A. Accept the Da Vinci Schools Transaction Register - May, 2024

L. Heimov made a motion to accept the Da Vinci Schools May, 2024 Transaction Register.
R. Santiago seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

B. Meath	Aye
R. Santiago	Aye
J. Webber	Aye
D. Boston	Absent
R. Ochoa	Aye
L. Heimov	Aye

B. Approve the FY2024-25 Annual Budget

L. Heimov made a motion to approve the FY2024-25 Annual Budget.
R. Santiago seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

J. Webber	Aye
R. Ochoa	Aye
L. Heimov	Aye
R. Santiago	Aye
D. Boston	Absent
B. Meath	Aye

C. Approve 2024-25 Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAP), 2024-25 LCFF Budget Overview for Parents, and the Annual Update for 2023-24 for Da Vinci Communications, Design, Science, and Connect

L. Heimov made a motion to approve the 2024-25 Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAP), 2024-25 LCFF Budget Overview for Parents, and the Annual Update for 2023-24 for Da Vinci Communications, Design, Science, and Connect.
R. Santiago seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

B. Meath	Aye
D. Boston	Absent
J. Webber	Aye
R. Santiago	Aye
R. Ochoa	Aye
L. Heimov	Aye

D. Approve the 2023-24 California Dashboard Local Indicators for Da Vinci Communications, Design, Science, and Connect

L. Heimov made a motion to approve the 2023-24 California Dashboard Local Indicators for Da Vinci Communications, Design, Science, and Connect.
R. Santiago seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

J. Webber	Aye
R. Ochoa	Aye
D. Boston	Absent
R. Santiago	Aye
B. Meath	Aye
L. Heimov	Aye

E. Approve the Pursuit of Federal Title I, II, and IV Funding for 2024-25 via the Consolidated Application for Da Vinci Communications, Design, Science, and Connect

L. Heimov made a motion to approve the Pursuit of Federal Title I, II, and IV Funding for 2024-25 via the Consolidated Application for Da Vinci Communications, Design, Science, and Connect.
R. Santiago seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

D. Boston	Absent

F. Approve Prop 28 Performing Arts Funding Annual Report for Da Vinci Communications, Design, Science, and Connect

L. Heimov made a motion to approve the Prop 28 Performing Arts Funding Annual Report for Da Vinci Communications, Design, Science, and Connect.
R. Santiago seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

R. Ochoa	Aye
D. Boston	Absent
R. Santiago	Aye
B. Meath	Aye
J. Webber	Aye
L. Heimov	Aye

G. Approve Updated Da Vinci Schools Fiscal Policies and Procedures Manual

L. Heimov made a motion to approve the Updated Da Vinci Schools Fiscal Policies and Procedures Manual.
R. Santiago seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

B. Meath	Aye
R. Santiago	Aye
R. Ochoa	Aye
L. Heimov	Aye
D. Boston	Absent
J. Webber	Aye

H. Approve Pay Scale for Assistant Director of Experiential Career Programs

L. Heimov made a motion to approve the Pay Scale for the Assistant Director of Experiential Career Programs.
R. Santiago seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

L. Heimov	Aye
R. Santiago	Aye
J. Webber	Aye
D. Boston	Absent
B. Meath	Aye
R. Ochoa	Aye

I. Approve Proposed Amendments to the Da Vinci Schools Conflict of Interest Code

L. Heimov made a motion to approve the Proposed Amendments to the Da Vinci Schools Conflict of Interest Code.
R. Santiago seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

R. Santiago	Aye
D. Boston	Absent
J. Webber	Aye
R. Ochoa	Aye
B. Meath	Aye
L. Heimov	Aye

J. Approve Renewal of CharterSafe Insurance Proposal

L. Heimov made a motion to approve the Renewal of the CharterSafe Insurance Proposal.
R. Santiago seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

R. Santiago	Aye
R. Ochoa	Aye

Roll Call

J. Webber Aye
D. Boston Absent
L. Heimov Aye
B. Meath Aye

K. Approve Agreement between Da Vinci Schools, Hazel Health Inc., and Telehealth Services USA for Telehealth-based Healthcare, Therapy, and Counseling Services for Da Vinci Schools Students

L. Heimov made a motion to approve the Agreement between Da Vinci Schools, Hazel Health Inc., and Telehealth Services USA for Telehealth-based Healthcare, Therapy, and Counseling Services for Da Vinci Schools Students.
R. Santiago seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

L. Heimov Aye
B. Meath Aye
R. Santiago Aye
D. Boston Absent
J. Webber Aye
R. Ochoa Aye

L. Approve Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding with Rivet Schools

L. Heimov made a motion to approve the Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding with Rivet Schools.
R. Santiago seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

J. Webber Aye
R. Santiago Aye
B. Meath Aye
L. Heimov Aye
R. Ochoa Aye
D. Boston Absent

L. Heimov made a motion to approve the Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding with Rivet Schools.
R. Santiago seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

R. Santiago Aye
L. Heimov Aye
R. Ochoa Aye
J. Webber Aye

Roll Call

D. Boston	Absent
B. Meath	Aye

M. Approve 2024-25 Universal Learner Course Agreement with Arizona State University

L. Heimov made a motion to approve the 2024-25 Universal Learner Course Agreement with Arizona State University.
R. Santiago seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

L. Heimov	Aye
R. Ochoa	Aye
B. Meath	Aye
J. Webber	Aye
D. Boston	Absent
R. Santiago	Aye

N. Ratify Agreement with Thrive Public Schools for Educator Sustainability Initiative

L. Heimov made a motion to ratify the Agreement with Thrive Public Schools for the Educator Sustainability Initiative.
R. Santiago seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

R. Santiago	Aye
R. Ochoa	Aye
B. Meath	Aye
D. Boston	Absent
J. Webber	Aye
L. Heimov	Aye

O. Approve Independent Contractor Agreement with VFG Consulting

L. Heimov made a motion to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with VFG Consulting.
R. Santiago seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

R. Santiago	Aye
J. Webber	Aye
L. Heimov	Aye
B. Meath	Aye
R. Ochoa	Aye
D. Boston	Absent

P. Approve Independent Contractor Agreement with KP Strategic Consulting

L. Heimov made a motion to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with KP Strategic Consulting.
R. Santiago seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

B. Meath	Aye
R. Santiago	Aye
L. Heimov	Aye
D. Boston	Absent
R. Ochoa	Aye
J. Webber	Aye

Q. Approve Independent Contractor Agreement with Fulcrum Education Partners

L. Heimov made a motion to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Fulcrum Education Partners.
R. Santiago seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

D. Boston	Absent
J. Webber	Aye
R. Santiago	Aye
R. Ochoa	Aye
L. Heimov	Aye
B. Meath	Aye

R. Ratify Overnight Trip for California State Track & Field Preliminaries in Clovis, California

L. Heimov made a motion to ratify the Overnight Trip for California State Track & Field Preliminaries in Clovis, California.
R. Santiago seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

J. Webber	Aye
D. Boston	Absent
L. Heimov	Aye
R. Santiago	Aye
B. Meath	Aye
R. Ochoa	Aye

S. Approve Out of State Trip to ESports National Championship in Florida

L. Heimov made a motion to approve the Out of State Trip to the ESports National Championship in Florida.
R. Santiago seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

L. Heimov	Aye
B. Meath	Aye
R. Ochoa	Aye
R. Santiago	Aye
D. Boston	Absent
J. Webber	Aye

T. Approve Updated Da Vinci Schools Independent Study Board Policy

L. Heimov made a motion to approve the Updated Da Vinci Schools Independent Study Board Policy.
R. Santiago seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

D. Boston	Absent
L. Heimov	Aye
J. Webber	Aye
B. Meath	Aye
R. Santiago	Aye
R. Ochoa	Aye

U. Approve Revised 2024-25 Da Vinci Schools Board Meeting Calendar

L. Heimov made a motion to approve the Revised 2024-25 Da Vinci Schools Board Meeting Calendar.
R. Santiago seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

J. Webber	Aye
D. Boston	Absent
R. Santiago	Aye
B. Meath	Aye
R. Ochoa	Aye
L. Heimov	Aye

V. Approve Change to Existing Da Vinci Schools CEO/Superintendent Employment Contract

Ms. Rodriguez pulled the item from the agenda.

W.

Approve New Da Vinci Schools CEO/Superintendent Employment Contract

Ms. Rodriguez pulled the item from the agenda.

VI. Closed Session

A. Conference with Legal Counsel

Dr. Wunder noted that Closed session was not necessary.

VII. 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 7:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Wohlwerth

Next Regular Da Vinci Schools Board meeting: Wednesday, July 24, 2024.