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Da Vinci Schools

Minutes

Da Vinci Schools Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday October 10, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Location
201 N. Douglas Street, El Segundo CA 90245

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3. Meeting held at 201 N. Douglas St., El Segundo, CA 90245.
4. Audience members who wish may speak on any agenda items or under the general category of "Public Comments," which is time set aside for members of the audience to raise issues not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws, the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes each and total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed twenty (20) minutes. Non-English speakers who use a translator shall have six (6) minutes in which to address the Board.
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6. The chair will recognize such individuals who wish to speak on a specific agenda item at the appropriate time. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to adhere to the time limits set forth, and to not repeat remarks made by those who preceded them.
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Trustees Present
D. Boston, J. Webber, L. Heimov, R. Ochoa, R. Santiago

Trustees Absent
B. Meath

Guests Present
A. Wohlwerth, Christina Joubert, M. Amato, 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 Thursday Oct 10, 2024 at 6:03 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Approve the Agenda

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

Roll Call

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

D. Public Comments

None

II. Information

A. From the Board

Dr. Webber thanked Mr. Bravo for showing the Board the new soccer field., acknowledging the difficulty in putting the field in the limited space available. She congratulated the team on a job well done.

B. From the CEO/Superintendent

Dr. Wunder spoke about complex Independent Study compliance laws and the new Community Learning Days at Da Vinci Schools.

Regarding the charter petition renewals, Dr. Wunder and Ms. Rainey attended the public hearing at the Wiseburn Board meeting to give an overview of the charter petitions, which Dr. Wunder feels were positively received. The Wiseburn Board will give Da Vinci their findings and recommendations on November 6. The Wiseburn Board plans to vote on the petitions on November 21. Brief discussion ensued on the potential need for a special Da Vinci board meeting to approve and submit changes per any Wiseburn findings prior to November 21.

Dr. Wunder went on to discuss the visit from State Treasurer Fiona Ma, who oversees California's $291B budget. The visit was facilitated by Katrina Johantgen, Executive Director of the California School Finance Authority. The visitors were impressed by the students they encountered and spoke with, and alerted Dr. Wunder's team to several funding opportunities.

C. From the Chief People Officer

None

D. Financial Update

Mr. Amato gave the financial update, sharing the August balance sheet summary; accounts receivable are higher than normal due to a prior year adjustment and current year In Lieu of Property Tax payments from Wiseburn being outstanding in August this year.

Deferred revenue monies collected from previous grants will be used to support current and future year expenses.

The net asset year-to-date decrease amount is as expected due to the cycle of State and Federal funding.

LCFF revenue reflects the October 2 census day enrollment data. Overall total Da Vinci enrollment budget is on target. Brief discussion ensued on the amount of State funds per student based on grade level. Dollars per pupil are lower for Kindergarten and increase through high school. Dr. Wunder added that at the beginning of this school year, Da Vinci high school enrollment is back to pre-lockdown levels.

Mr. Amato went on to share other revenue and expenses. Brief discussion on the bank maintaining Da Vinci's 3.5%, no fee interest rate under the insured cash sweep account. Mr. Amato shared personnel expenses, saying that certificated salary variances due to the one-time certificated employee retention bonuses being paid out will hit the books in September.

Mr. Amato is waiting for the final amount of the Golden State Pathway grant funding to be announced. This is a four-year grant supporting all Pathways. The biggest expenses are for technology to support and maintain the pathways. Mr. Amato explained that the State received many petitions after the first declaration of the grant amounts, which resulted in the State reevaluating the disbursements more than once. Mr. Amato believes the State is trying to be equitable.

Dr. Wunder shared that when he inquired about how the amount of the Schwab Foundation grant for which Da Vinci has applied is determined (performance, enrollment, etc.), he learned it's based on current Schwab stock valuation.

E. Operations Update

Mr. Bravo spoke of the soccer field punch list to be covered in the next few weeks. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on October 21. The field installer requested the field be used in order to gain feedback prior to the punch list completion, so the students have begun practicing on it.

The lights that were installed years ago will be fine tuned for field coverage.

The schools will receive guidelines for use of the field in order to maintain its integrity. An alumni/staff game is being organized.

The Cafe option 2 plans have been submitted to the Health Department, and the plumber is putting together notes at the Health Department's request.

III. Approval of Minutes

A.

Approval of Minutes of the September 25, 2024 Regular Da Vinci Schools Board Meeting

R. Ochoa made a motion to approve the minutes from Da Vinci Schools Regular Board Meeting on 09-25-24.
L. Heimov seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Approval of Minutes of the September 25, 2024 Special Da Vinci Schools Board Meeting

R. Ochoa made a motion to approve the minutes from Da Vinci Schools Special Board Meeting on 09-25-24.
L. Heimov seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

IV. Consent Agenda

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

R. Santiago made a motion to accept the Da Vinci Schools September 2024 transaction register.
L. Heimov seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B.

Approve Da Vinci Schools Work Experience Education Program

R. Santiago made a motion to approve the Da Vinci Schools Work Experience Education Program.
L. Heimov seconded the motion.
Mr. Santiago inquired about the timing of the program's start. Ms. Rodriguez noted that the team is looking at second semester to begin.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

V. Closed Session

A. Conference with Legal Counsel

Closed session entered at 6:35pm

VI. Closing Items

A. Reconvene for Public Session & Closed Session Reporting

Public session reconvened at 7:59 p.m.
Dr .Webber reported that no action had been taken in closed session.

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Wohlwerth

Next Regular Da Vinci Schools Board meeting: Wednesday, November 20, 2024.