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Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas

Minutes

Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas Board Meeting

Date and Time
Saturday August 27, 2022 at 11:00 AM

Location
1051 Sandy Ridge Pkwy. Henderson, NV 89052

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All items are action or possible action items if denoted as such.

Directors Present
Ann Diggins, Arlene Hayman (remote), Dr. Carryn Warren, Elizabeth Kazelskis, Feyzi Tandogan

Directors Absent
Brin Gibson, Esq., Chan Lengsavath, Esq.

Guests Present
Andrea Shepard, CASLV Executive Assistant, Anthony Vu, Bridget Peevy, Dr. Ercan Aydogdu, Emrullah Eraslan, Mark Gardberg, Esq. CASLV Legal Counsel, Nick Sarisahin

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I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Ann Diggins called a meeting of the board of directors of Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas to order on Saturday Aug 27, 2022 at 11:01 AM.
There was a break held from 2:08 pm to 2:32 pm.

B. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the June 2, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes (For Possible Action)

Dr. Carryn Warren made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 06-02-22.
Feyzi Tandogan seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Approval of the July 26, 2022 Finance and Facilities Subcommittee Meeting Minutes (For Possible Action)

Dr. Carryn Warren made a motion to approve the minutes from Finance and Facilities Subcommittee Meeting on 07-26-22.
Feyzi Tandogan seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Report of Purchases and Expenses Between $10,000 and $25,000 (Information)

D. CCS Day Porter Approval for Cadence Campus (For Possible Action)

E. SchoolMint Contract Renewal (For Possible Action)

F. Desktop Computer Purchases (For Possible Action)

G. Chromebook Purchases (For Possible Action)

H. Workers Compensation Renewal (For Possible Action)

I. Liability Insurance Renewal (For Possible Action)

Ms. Diggins said the consent agenda items are very routine and asked if the board has any questions regarding an item.
Dr. Carryn Warren made a motion to approve the consent agenda.
Feyzi Tandogan seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Discussion & Possible Action Items- Contracts, Purchases, and Procurements

A. UTS Contract Amendment (For Possible Action)

Mr. Ercan explained the services provided are the same, however due to inflation United Testing Services (UTS) will increase the amount from $80 to $85 per hour. Ms. Diggins added that does not sound bad considering the services. Ms. Diggins asked for any questions and there were none.
Elizabeth Kazelskis made a motion to approve the UTS amendment.
Dr. Carryn Warren seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Discussion/Possible Action Items-Facility

A. Cadence Campus Construction Change Orders (For Possible Action)

Mr. Nick explained the change orders are the same that were discussed in the Finance and Facilities subcommittee meeting, however, there is one new item that he reviewed.

Ann Diggins made a motion to approve each change order as detailed and indicated.
Dr. Carryn Warren seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Tamarus Campus Gate Overhaul (For Possible Action)

Mr. Anthony Vu explained the gates need to be replaced as currently there are some safety concerns and the campus would like to have more secure gates in place. It will look better and it will be safer. It was discussed that Artistic Iron Works, the lowest bidder, is the preferred vendor.
Ann Diggins made a motion to approve the Tamarus gate overhaul in the amount of $42,400.00.
Feyzi Tandogan seconded the motion.
Dr. Warren abstained given her temporary role as Tamarus PTO President.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Elizabeth Kazelskis	Aye
Arlene Hayman	Aye
Feyzi Tandogan	Aye
Ann Diggins	Aye
Chan Lengsavath, Esq.	Absent
Brin Gibson, Esq.	Absent
Dr. Carryn Warren	Abstain

C. Tamarus Campus Turf Renovation (For Possible Action)

Mr. Vu explained US Turf, the lowest bidder, is the preferred vendor. They were able to give a discount and it was discussed that $30,000 will be applied from campus fundraising.
Ann Diggins made a motion to approve the Tamarus Campus Turf Renovation in the amount of $99,900.
Arlene Hayman seconded the motion.
Dr. Warren abstained given her temporary role as Tamarus PTO President.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Brin Gibson, Esq.	Absent
Chan Lengsavath, Esq.	Absent
Ann Diggins	Aye
Arlene Hayman	Aye
Feyzi Tandogan	Aye
Elizabeth Kazelskis	Aye
Dr. Carryn Warren	Abstain

D. Windmill Campus Classroom Addition (For Possible Action)

Mr. Vu explained that CASLV Windmill campus would like to add a classroom in an existing space which will require the ceiling to be raised to meet code. Desert Valley Contractors are the lowest cost and they are the preferred vendor.
Feyzi Tandogan made a motion to approve the Windmill campus classroom addition in the amount of $49, 337.57.
Dr. Carryn Warren seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Windmill Campus Door Replacement (For Possible Action)

Mr. Vu presented that there are 12 classroom doors that need to be replaced as they are withering away due to outdoor exposure. The replacement doors will be metal and Vortex, the lowest bidder, is the preferred vendor. Ms. Hayman asked if there is any concern about swelling and Mr. Vu confirmed there is no concern.
Feyzi Tandogan made a motion to approve the Windmill campus door replacement in the amount of $40,212.00.
Ann Diggins seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Discussion/Possible Action Items-Governance/Policies

A. Approval of PERS Critical Labor Shortage in Compliance with NRS 286.523 under PERS policy 10.34 for Special Education Teacher Position (For Possible Action)

Ms. Peevy explained this is due to a special education (SPED) position and the candidate is qualified. This has been posted across platforms. Ms. Diggins thanked Ms. Peevy for the thorough report. Ms. Hayman said this is nothing unusual, all teachers especially SPED have been considered critically needed.

Elizabeth Kazelskis made a motion to Approve the PERS Critical Labor Shortage in Compliance with NRS 286.523 under PERS policy 10.34 for Special Education Teacher Position.
Feyzi Tandogan seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Revisiting the COVID-19 Immunization and Testing Policy for Staff and Parent Volunteers (For Possible Action)

Ms. Peevy said we are asking the board to rescind this policy based upon the current COVID-19 facts and she will continue to monitor this. If CDC guidelines change the board can revisit the policy.

The parent Volunteer Policy is similar to the Employee Policy, however, there is no option to test weekly, but it states they must be vaccinated.
Ann Diggins made a motion to rescind the COVID-19 Immunization and Testing Policy for Staff and Parent Volunteers.
Dr. Carryn Warren seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Charter Amendment for Eastgate Grade Level Contraction & Nellis High School Expansion (For Possible Action)

Mr. Vu indicated this item was tabled at the June 2, 2022 board meeting and the information is now complete. Mr. Gardberg noted a few revisions that he will email Mr. Vu.

The Nellis portion of the amendment is the expansion of high school for the 2023-24 school year, beginning with 9th grade and the addition of 10th grade the following year. There will be two sections per grade level. Ms. Diggins asked if students will be taught on campus. Mr. Vu explained they will be housed at the existing campus during 9th and 10th grade, after 10th grade, they will be part of a dual enrollment program which will allow them to attend a community college during their 11th and 12th-grade years.

Dr. Warren asked about dual enrollment and what if a student is not at the maturity level to attend CSN. Mr. Ercan explained that there will be an assigned counselor at the Nellis campus for these students and they will visit the Nellis campus once a week so the school admin will keep track of their progress and support them. Ms. Diggins asked that Ms. Hayman and the academic subcommittee take a deeper dive into this dual enrollment program (which wouldn't commence until 2025-26) upon the amendment's approval. She would like the committee involved with planning and monitoring the first year of operation. Mr. Vu added the U.S. Air Force and base leadership approved this proposed model.

Mr. Vu added this also includes a Good Cause Exemption Letter for approval.
Ann Diggins made a motion to approve the presented Charter Amendment request for Eastgate grade level contraction, the Nellis campus adding high school grade levels, and the Good Cause Exemption Letter presented.
Dr. Carryn Warren seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Nellis AFB Grant Opportunity for Expansion (For Possible Action)

Mr. Ercan gave an explanation of the grant opportunity and timeline. In the Spring of 2023, we will be notified if we will be awarded the grant. Mr. Ercan reviewed in detail the specifics included in the grant request plan and he added that he will share this draft with SPCSA before submitting it. He also added that as soon as we get the approval we will work on the charter amendment for implementing all of this proposed facility improvement and the construction of the additional facilities at the campus.
Feyzi Tandogan made a motion to approve proposed Nellis AFB grant application.
Dr. Carryn Warren seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Amendment of Residency Verification Policy (For Possible Action)

The updates to the policy were reviewed in detail. Ms. Diggins said this looks routine. Mr. Gardberg suggested a few edits that he will email Mr. Ercan.
Ann Diggins made a motion to approve the Amendment of the Residency Verification Policy with Mr. Gardberg's legal review and suggestions for revisions.

Feyzi Tandogan seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

F. Special Education Policy and Procedures Manual and Forms (For Possible Action)

Mr. Ercan introduced Ms. Jackie Working, the new CASLV Special Education Director. Ms. Working explained there have been no changes to the CASLV's existing policy, procedures manual, and forms.
Feyzi Tandogan made a motion to approve the Special Education Policy and Procedures Manual and Forms.
Dr. Carryn Warren seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Information/Discussion Items

A. Campus Safety and Security Report (Information)

Mr. Vu presented the school safety update and added there has been great progress. He mentioned that the Department of Homeland Security will visit all of our campuses in September and will provide us with a report beginning of October. We will see what they have to say in their assessment. The board requested campuses include this information in newsletters to parents.

B. Cadence Campus Opening Update (Information)

Mr. Eraslan presented a detailed Cadence campus update regarding, for example, construction completion, the resolution of initial traffic issues, teacher hiring, student demographics, and increasing enrollment and answered various questions from the board.

C. HR-Teacher Recruitment Update (Information)

Ms. Peevey presented and discussed the 2022-2023 recruitment challenges. She explained we had to think outside of the box and discussed numerous ways this was done.

The below results of the recruitment efforts were presented by Ms. Peevy:

- 146 New Hires for this school year
  - 31 Support Staff/Administrator
  - 112 Teachers
  - 3 Math Interventionists (CASLV Alumni - UNLV Graduates)

- Teacher Recruitment
  - Local Hires (93)
  - Nationwide Hires (8)

- Out-of-Country Hires (13)
  - J-1 Visa (11)
  - PENDING (2) H-1B Visa- (French Teacher, Science Teacher)
- PENDING(1) Nevada PERS (Retired)(Special Education Teacher)

D. SPCSA Pre-opening Checklist and Conditional Approval of Cadence Campus Opening (Information)

Mr. Ercan reviewed the SPCSA authority's pre-opening process, checklist in detail, and conditional approval of the opening of the new Cadence campus. He explained the two conditions along with the final CO from the final conditional approval.

E. Board Member Training (Information)

Mr. Gardberg provided the board member training.

F. Financial Update (Information)

Mr. Nick presented the financial update and reviewed the current enrollment numbers for each campus. He indicated cash on hand is good and discussed the debt ratio.

Ms. Diggins asked that a non-decision-making bond information task force be formed prior to the October board meeting. The first meeting will be on September 22 at 5 pm. The Board and school counsel encouraged Staff to invest resources and consider all other reasonable measures to immediately increase student enrollment and cut or freeze unnecessary costs.

G. Executive Director’s Progress Report (Information)

Mr. Ercan discussed CASLV's accomplishments and important information regarding students and school clubs with the board.

- Coral Academy Windmill Campus students visited Sen. Rosen and Sen. Cortez-Masto in DC.
- AP Capstone Diploma - 16 CASLV students have earned the AP Capstone Diploma. A total of 5 students have earned the AP Seminar and Research Certificate™ during the 2021-22 school year. The AP Capstone Diploma program helps students develop critical thinking,
  research, collaboration, and presentation skills that are critical for academic success.
- Dora Chatterjee is our first high school student to graduate with a 6.0 weighted GPA! Dora was offered admission to the California Institute of Technology.
- Congratulations to CASLV Student Stephanie R. who was announced as one of the ten first class of Rising Leaders from all over the Nation.

- Ms. Thomas was nominated and selected as the “June 2022, Grand Hero” - The Grand Sierra Resort's "Grand Hero" program is where community members are asked to nominate
  everyday heroes in their local communities from teachers to first responders to volunteers and all those in between receive a relaxing resort vacation as an expression of thanks.
- The Sandy Ridge high school Math team received first place in the region - They competed in the Math League Press. The high school team received first place in the region, and the 7th and 8th-grade teams received first place in the League. Sastha R. from Centennial Hills campus received first place among individuals for the 7th-grade students in the League.
- Women in STEM Club - The newly established Women in STEM Club at Sandy Ridge Campus is hosting women from the STEM field from our community as guest speakers to attract our female students in the STEM field.
- Mr. Ercan said that we are thrilled to see our schools filled with excitement & smiles and he shared some campus images of the first day of school with the board.
- Cadence Campus Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - Mr. Ercan discussed the ribbon-cutting ceremony and shared images with the board.
- @FOX5 Vegas: "There are a few limited openings still available…” - Mr. Ercan reviewed a recent segment that aired on Fox 5.
- Enrollment & Open Seat Numbers 2022-2023 School Year - Mr. Ercan reviewed the numbers with the board.
- Next Board Meeting: scheduled for Wednesday, October 26th, Mr. Ercan asked if the meeting could be moved to Tuesday, October 25th and the board agreed. The meeting will be held in person at CASLV Cadence Campus.

VII. Public Comments (Information)

A. Public Comment

There was a member of the public present that asked if CASLV Sandy Ridge campus will have a grade level retraction next school year and Mr. Ercan explained no and that CASLV Sandy Ridge campus serves grades 8-12.

VIII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Ann Diggins made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Dr. Carryn Warren seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 3:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Shepard, CASLV Executive Assistant