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Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas

Minutes

Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday September 25, 2024 at 4:30 PM

Location
CASLV Central Office
8985 S. Eastern Ave #375
Las Vegas, NV, 89123

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

Directors Present
Ann Diggins, Brin Gibson, Esq. (remote), Chan Lengsavath, Esq., Dr. Carryn Warren, Elizabeth Kazelskis, Feyzi Tandogan

Directors Absent
Arlene Hayman

Guests Present
Amber Nhan, Academic Program Coordinator, Andrea Shepard, CASLV Executive Assistant, Dr. Ercan Aydogdu, CASLV Executive Director & CEO, Dr. Mustafa Gunozu, Chief Academic Officer, Hamze Cengiz, CASLV Director of IT, Ismail Kocabiyik, CASLV Windmill Principal, Mark Gardberg, Esq. CASLV Legal Counsel, Mia Nelson, CASLV Nellis AFB Principal, Nick Sarisahin, CASLV Chief Financial Officer, Omer Arikan, Director of Information Systems, Selim Tanyeri, CASLV Chief Operations Officer

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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 Wednesday Sep 25, 2024 at 4:33 PM.

B. Public Comment

There were no public comments.
Mr. Gibson left the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

II. Consent Agenda

A. August 24, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes (For Possible Action)

Elizabeth Kazelskis made a motion to approve the minutes from Coral Academy of Science Board Retreat Meeting on 08-24-24.
Dr. Carryn Warren seconded the motion.

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

B. September 20, 2024 Academic Committee Meeting Minutes (For Possible Action)

Elizabeth Kazelskis made a motion to approve the minutes from Coral Academy of Science Academic Committee Meeting on 09-20-24.
Dr. Carryn Warren seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Report of Purchases and Expenses Between $10,000 and $25,000 (For Possible Action)

D. RTB Data & Counsulting LLC Agreement (For Possible Action)

E. Amendment of Firewall Upgrade and Subscription Renewal Company(For Possible Action)

Elizabeth Kazelskis made a motion to approve the consent agenda.
Dr. Carryn Warren seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Information/Discussion Items

A. Academic Committee Report and NSPF Performance Reports (Information)

Dr. Gunozu and Ms. Nhan presented the academic committee report, leading to an in-depth discussion with the board. Ms. Hayman submitted a letter regarding Nellis Campus Elementary School's Nevada Performance Framework (NSPF) star rating, which Dr. Warren reviewed. Dr. Gunozu outlined strategies for improvement, while Mr. Tandogan congratulated the team on successfully closing attendance gaps. Ms. Diggins remarked that, overall, the progress is excellent.

No action, information only.

B. Executive Director’s Progress Report (Information)

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

- Dr. Ercan reviewed The NSPF results for the 2023/2024 school year.
- A Sandy Ridge student, Matthew B. has been selected as a student representative on the State Public Charter School Authority's (SPCSA) Board. Matthews's first meeting with the SPCSA will be on October 4, 2024.
- Teegan, a Sandy Ridge cross country team runner secured 5th place in her division and set a personal record for the 5k with a time of 20:35, while Phoenix took 6th place in his division at Red Rock Invitational.

- Four Sandy Ridge students, Johnathan A., Amir K., Vincent K., and Rehan P., are National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists. Out of over a million entrants nationwide, these exceptional students are among the top 16,000 semifinalists.
- Nevada Schools Honored for Promoting Positive Behavior! Five CASLV campuses are recognized for their outstanding efforts in promoting positive behavior and supporting student success. These campuses utilize the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) frameworks to create a positive, proactive, and inclusive learning environment for all students. Top Diamond recognition schools: CASLV Centennial Hills Campus, CASLV Tamarus Campus, CASLV Windmill Campus. Top Gold Recognition Schools: CASLV Eastgate Campus, CASLV Sandy Ridge Campus. The recognized schools will be honored at the Nevada Association of Positive Behavior Support conference in February 2025, where they will share their strategies and successes, helping to inspire other schools to embrace the MTSS framework.
- Nellis Expansion Project (OLDCC Grant): We made the final approval and submitted our application through their portal. OLDCC staff will have a site visit to give us the authority to start the project. Our team proposed the top three architects to the board for consideration
  and approval. We will negotiate with these architects starting from the top one. We aim to start construction in Spring 2025 and get the new facilities ready by the 2026-2027 School Year.
- Dr. Ercan shared images from a Nellis AFB Honor Guard Team for visiting and training Nellis campus students.
- An image of Sandy Ridge's class of 2025 kicking off their senior year with a breathtaking sunrise was shared.
- Sandy Ridge CMLP members headed to Mckee Ranch for a day or volunteering and team bonding. Their first big volunteer event of the year!
- The Senior Leadership Team has been conducting campus visits. So far they have visited Cadence, Centennial Hills, and Eastgate campuses. Thanks to Dr. Warren for joining us for the Eastgate visit. Dr. Ercan shared the dates for the next visits.
- No Phone Policy, Teacher Comment: Dr. Ercan shared a comment from a Sandy Ridge campus teacher who said: "Happy Friday! Just here to say, it's interesting and cool to see so many students bringing cards and board games to play and interact with each other with this no cell phone policy in place."
- The Next Regular Meeting will be on October 29, 2024, at CASLV's Sandy Ridge Campus at 4:30 pm.

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

A. Payment to Henderson Chamber of Commerce for Leadership Henderson Participation (For Possible Action)

Dr. Ercan recommends participation for Mr. Nick indicating it is an excellent leadership program.

Elizabeth Kazelskis made a motion to approve the $3200 payment to the Henderson Chamber of Commerce for Leadership Henderson Participation.
Ann Diggins seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Redesigned Front Entry Architecture Full Drawing Set for Sandy Ridge, Windmill, and Tamarus campuses (For Possible Action)

Mr. Selim presented the complete architectural designs, highlighting that the board had previously approved only limited designs. Staff recommends KNIT Architects for the project. Work is set to be completed next summer, in time for the 2025/2026 school year. The board thoroughly reviewed the designs for each campus project.

Below are the amounts presented:

- Sandy Ridge: $33,060
- Tamarus: $72,700
- Windmill: $50,060

Feyzi Tandogan made a motion to approve as presented.
Elizabeth Kazelskis seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Nellis AFB Campus Facility Improvements (For Possible Action)

Mr. Selim, Ms. Nelson and Dr. Ercan presented the following projects for approval:

Pre-K & Kindergarten Classroom Cabinets: Removing existing classroom cabinets and installing new upper cabinets. By doing this, it creates more usable space for students. The cost for this will be paid by the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) Early Childhood Innovative Literacy Program (ECILP) grant.

Pre-K Restrooms Remodel: In two different areas of the pre-K hallway, create a doorway in between adjacent pre-K restrooms (A136+A140 & A138+A142) to conjoin them so that the two classrooms will then share a Jack & Jill style restroom with two stalls. The cost for this project will be paid by the NDE's ECILP grant.

Playground Landscaping Renovation: Clearing a current landscaped area and excavating the dirt to be 7 inches below the curb - making it ready for a playground to be installed. The cost for this project will be paid by the NDE's ECILP grant.

Selection of Playground Company: Installing a new pre-K playground in a new location north of the A Hallway. The playground will be ECERS-3 compliant and ADA-inclusive. The cost for this project will be paid by the NDE's ECILP grant.

The team addressed questions from the board regarding each item as they were presented.
Ann Diggins made a motion to approve Tridel Construction for $98,442, US Turf for $31,890, Play It Safe for $404,749.45, and Majestic for $69,750.
Dr. Carryn Warren seconded the motion.
Mr. Gardberg asked the minutes to reflect that Tridel is the lowest responsive bidder. Play It Safe is the only company that properly took into account wide accessibility for disabled students.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Selection of Architect for Campus Expansion: This is to select an architect for the Nellis campus expansion with the help of an OLDCC grant of $71M.

Mr. Selim gave an update regarding the project and the architect's bidding process. Nine architect firms submitted bids and five architect firms were invited to interview on Monday, September 23, 2024. The interviews consisted of a presentation and a question-and-answer portion.

The firms were evaluated on 6 key items:

- Presentation
- Team Member Experience
- Local School Design Experience
- Federal Projects Experience
- Design Approach
- Project Management Approach

Each interviewee ranked the architect firms from 5-to-1. 5 being their top choice and 1 being their lowest choice. The average scores were calculated and the highest scores determined the preferred rankings.

This will be a prevailing wage job and each applicant was interviewed with federal rules in mind.
Chan Lengsavath, Esq. made a motion to approve the list as presented in order starting with KNIT Architects.
Feyzi Tandogan seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Landscaping RFP for 6 Campuses (For Possible Action)

Mr. Selim noted that there have been numerous complaints about the current landscapers. The request for proposal (RFP) attracted five bidders, and staff recommends selecting Green EL, the lowest bidder. This recommendation does not

include the CASLV Centennial Hills campus, as its landscaping is managed through the HOA.
Elizabeth Kazelskis made a motion to approve Green EL for $5,354 per month.
Dr. Carryn Warren seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. CASLV End-of-Year Celebration (For Possible Action)

Dr. Ercan outlined the circumstances surrounding the event and informed the board that staff members are highly supportive of it. This occasion presents a valuable opportunity to recognize our dedicated teachers and staff. CASLV is seeking sponsorships, with the total funding to come from donations. The event will be free for staff members, while a fee will apply for significant others. Attendees can look forward to a lovely plated dinner, dancing, teacher and staff awards, and more. The event is scheduled for May 9, 2025, at 6 PM at the Horseshoe Las Vegas. Dr. Ercan also noted that a Gold level sponsorship has already been secured.
Dr. Carryn Warren made a motion to board pre-approval of a Teacher Appreciate & End-of-Year Celebration to be funded primarily from donations not to exceed $50,000.
Chan Lengsavath, Esq. seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Discussion/Possible Action Items-Governance/Policies/Finance

A. CASLV's Charter Renewal (For Possible Action)

Mr. Selim presented the draft charter renewal application, noting that the letter of intent has already been submitted. The CASLV Academic Committee reviewed the draft application and provided their feedback and recommendations. Board members are also encouraged to share any comments. The deadline for submitting the charter renewal application is October 15th, and this request will be for 10 years. A board representative should attend the State Public Charter School Authority approval meeting, scheduled for either their November 15th or December 13th board meeting.
Chan Lengsavath, Esq. made a motion to approve CASLV's Charter Renewal Application draft submittal, subject to inputting final changes as discussed.
Feyzi Tandogan seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Literacy Rate of Improvement (For Possible Action)

Ms. Nhan said this is a statewide goal to improve by 15% from 50 to 65%. Ms. Diggins asked if the goal is realistic and if she has the necessary resources. Ms. Nhan informed the board we are capable and optimistic. It is possible, however, it is ambitious.
Elizabeth Kazelskis made a motion to approve the Literacy Rate of Improvement.
Dr. Carryn Warren seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C.

AB 245 Power-Based Violence MOU (For Possible Action)

Ms. Nhan presented the AB 245 Power-Based Violence Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The agreement involves the same organization as last year, which has a strong presence in the community. The terms remain unchanged, with no financial burden on CASLV.
Ann Diggins made a motion to approve the MOU with Safehouse as presented.
Feyzi Tandogan seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Amendment of Accounting Manual (For Possible Action)

Mr. Nick explained the edits made to the accounting manual to ensure compliance with federal grant requirements. Mr. Nick noted he would correct a few minor typos within the manual.
Chan Lengsavath, Esq. made a motion to approve the Amendment of the Accounting Manual.
Feyzi Tandogan seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Closed Session-Privileged & Confidential

A. Attorney/Client Conference

The closed session was held from 6:44 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.

VII. Potential Action(s) (For Possible Action)

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Feyzi Tandogan made a motion to tender due process complaints and state investigations to insurance immediately in future Special Education (SPED) cases.
Dr. Carryn Warren seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VIII. Public Comments (Information)

A. Public Comment

Nyomi W., a CASLV middle school student, addressed the board about the restriction on middle school students wearing skorts to school. She presented a petition regarding this. The board thanked Nyomi for her attendance and commended her for presenting so effectively. It was noted that items not on the agenda cannot be voted on during board meetings. Ms. Diggins requested that a copy of the petition be sent to the board for review and indicated that the matter will be discussed with campus administration.

IX. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Ann Diggins made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Chan Lengsavath, Esq. 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 7:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Shepard, CASLV Executive Assistant