APPROVED

Wonderful College Prep Academy

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date and Time
Tuesday February 1, 2022 at 5:30 PM

This meeting is being held in accordance with subdivision (e) of Section 54953 of the California Government Code, that allows the Board to conduct the meeting and the Board members and the public to participate by teleconference, videoconference, or both.
Virtual Meeting Information:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85488586022?pwd=R2Z4R0RIa0lzWjRIRk9uWis3dDYxZz09&from=addon

Meeting ID: 854 8858 6022
Passcode: 177835

Dial-in Information:
(669) 900-9128

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Directors Present
E. Unruh (remote), M. Moreno (remote), P. Martinez (remote), S. Castellanos (remote)

Directors Absent
M. Avilez

Guests Present
B. Toomey (remote), C. Signater (remote), D. Kumar (remote), D. Samari (remote), E. Cortez (remote), E. Soto (remote), J. Guzman (remote), J. Steiner (remote), L. Sanchez (remote), M. Castellanoz (remote), M. Morillo (remote), T. Mirzaian (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

S. Castellanos called a meeting of the board of directors of Wonderful College Prep Academy to order on Tuesday Feb 1, 2022 at 5:32 PM.

B. Flag Salute

S. Castellanos led in the flag salute.

C. Record Attendance

D. Public Comments

No public comments were made at this meeting.

II. Consent Agenda

A. Action Item: Approval of Resolution No. 2021/22-015 Making Findings Regarding the Continued Safety Risk of Meeting in-Person in Compliance with Government Code Section 54953

E. Unruh made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021/015 Making Findings Regarding the Continued Safety Risk of Meeting In-Person in Compliance with Government Code Section 54953.
M. Moreno seconded the motion.
Ana Martinez, WCPA Interim Superintendent, presented the resolution: (1) finding that the current State of Emergency due to COVID-19 continues to directly impact the ability of the board members and the public to meet safely in person and (2) authorizing continued teleconference and/or videoconference meetings pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
S. Castellanos	Aye
P. Martinez	Aye
E. Unruh	Aye
M. Moreno	Aye
M. Avilez	Absent

III. Regular Agenda

A. Action Item: Appointment of Samer Mohamed as Board Member and Chairperson of the Board to take office July 1, 2022

E. Unruh made a motion to approve appointment of Samer Mohamed to the Board of Directors as Chairperson of the Board to take office on July 1, 2022.
M. Moreno seconded the motion.
Ms. Martinez presented the nomination of Samer Mohamed to the Board of Directors as Chairperson of the Board. Mr. Mohamed was nominated for his business expertise, he is currently the V.P. of Global Sourcing for The Wonderful Company, and significant experience as a charter school board member. Mr. Mohamed will join the WPCA Board of Directors as chairperson starting July 1, 2022 (after he concludes his term on the Almond Acres Charter Academy Board).
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

E. Unruh	Aye
P. Martinez	Aye
M. Moreno	Aye
M. Avilez	Absent
S. Castellanos	Aye

B. Action Item: Appointment of Danielle Criona as Board Member and Interim Chairperson of the Board

M. Moreno made a motion to approve appointment of Danielle Criona to the Board of Directors and as Interim Chairperson of the Board.
P. Martinez seconded the motion.
Ms. Martinez presented the nomination of Danielle Criona to the Board of Directors and as Interim Chairperson of the Board until Mr. Mohamed takes office on July 1, 2022. Ms. Criona previously served as a Board member of WCPA. She is an attorney, and for the last several years has been leading the intellectual property work for Roll Law Group, serving The Wonderful Company and its affiliates.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Castellanos	Aye
E. Unruh	Aye
P. Martinez	Aye
M. Avilez	Absent
M. Moreno	Aye

C. Action Item: Appointment of Valerie Reynolds as Board Member

E. Unruh made a motion to approve appointment of Valerie Reynolds to the Board of Directors.
M. Moreno seconded the motion.
Ms. Martinez presented the nomination of Valerie Reynolds to the Board of Directors. Ms. Reynolds is the proud parent of two high school students at WCPA – Delano. She has continuously volunteered her time and has served on School Site Council. Ms. Reynolds is also committed to serving the needs of greater Kern County.

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

Roll Call

P. Martinez	Aye
M. Moreno	Aye
M. Avilez	Absent
E. Unruh	Aye
S. Castellanos	Aye

D. Action Item: Appointment of Kiyoshi Tomono as Board Member

E. Unruh made a motion to approve appointment of Kiyoshi Tomono to the Board of Directors.
P. Martinez seconded the motion.
Ms. Martinez presented the nomination of Kiyoshi Tomono to the Board of Directors. Mr. Tomono is currently the Community Partnership Executive for Adventist Health. In this role, he builds strategic community partnerships that promote wellness and drive strategic initiatives with schools, non-profits and healthcare agencies in the central valley.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

E. Unruh	Aye
S. Castellanos	Aye
M. Moreno	Aye
M. Avilez	Absent
P. Martinez	Aye

E. Action Item: Appointment of Ana (Patty) Lomeli as Board Member

M. Moreno made a motion to approve appointment of Ana (Patty) Lomeli to the Board of Directors to accept and take office on July 1, 2022.
P. Martinez seconded the motion.
Ms. Martinez presented the nomination of Ms. Ana (Patty) Lomeli to the Board of Directors. Ms. Martinez consulted with Ms. Lomeli and informed the Board that Ms. Lomeli will not be able to accept and take office until July 1, 2022. The vote presented to the board would appoint her to officially accept and take office on July 1, 2022.

Ms. Lomeli is the proud parent of a 4th grade student at WCPA Lost Hills and a Junior at WCPA Delano. She is an integral member of the Lost Hills community. Ms. Lomeli has been a lead artisan for the Haas Brothers in Lost Hills. She has also been an active volunteer at WCPA, serving on School Site Counsel, assisting with phone banking and other volunteer needs.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Castellanos	Aye
M. Moreno	Aye
E. Unruh	Aye

Roll Call

M. Avilez	Absent
P. Martinez	Aye

Ms. Castellanos thanked the current board of directors for their service to the Academy and asked if any newly appointed Board Members would like to introduce themselves. Mr. Samer Mohamed introduced himself and thanked the Board for approving his appointment effective July 1, 2022. He looks forward to working with the Board and the staff at WCPA.

IV. Communications

A. Other Business

No other business was discussed at this meeting.
M. Moreno made a motion to move to Closed Session at 5:44pm.
E. Unruh seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Avilez	Absent
S. Castellanos	Aye
P. Martinez	Aye
M. Moreno	Aye
E. Unruh	Aye

V. Closed Session

A. Personnel: Public Employee Appointment of Interim Superintendent to Superintendent; Gov't. Code § 54957(b)(1)

B. Conference with Labor Negotiator; Gov't. Code §54957.6

C. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov't. Code § 54596.9(d)(2) - Two (2)

The Board of Directors returned to Open Session at 6:04pm.

VI. Open Session

A. Personnel: Public Employee Appointment of Interim Superintendent to Superintendent; Gov't. Code § 54957(b)(1)

Ms. Castellanos reported the Board of Directors voted in favor of the appointment of Ms. Ana Martinez to the role of Superintendent.

4 ayes, 0 nos, 1 absent

VII. Regular Agenda

A. Action Item: Oral Recommendation Regarding Salary and/or Fringe Benefits and Approval of Public Employee (Superintendent) Employment Agreement

E. Unruh made a motion to approve the Public Employee (Superintendent) Employment Agreement.
P. Martinez seconded the motion.
Ms. Castellanos presented the Superintendent's Employment Agreement. The agreement sets forth the Superintendent's salary, benefits, duties and terms of employment. The Board reviewed comparable salary information for Superintendents of School Districts and Executive Directors of Charter Schools. Based on this comparative data, the Board found that the recommended salary of $205,000, plus a $5,000 retention bonus for the 2021-22 school year, and accompanying fringe benefits, including housing at a fair market rental value of $2,100 per month, to be reasonable.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Moreno	Aye
M. Avilez	Absent
S. Castellanos	Aye
E. Unruh	Aye
P. Martinez	Aye

VIII. Board Comments

A. Board Comments

Ms. Castellanos congratulated Ms. Martinez on her appointment to Superintendent and thanked the Board for their support over the years. Ms. Martinez also thanked the Board of Directors and the Academy's staff for their support.

IX. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

* * *CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY * * *

I certify that I am the Board Secretary of Wonderful College Prep Academy, a California non-profit public benefit corporation; that these are the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on February 1, 2022.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

L. Sanchez