



GOVERNING COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of the Southwest Preparatory Learning Center Governing Council on

Thursday, November 19, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Alissa Mavridis, Marvin Larsen, and James Burton

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Aaron Redd, DeEtte Peterson

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE

Jonas Cossey, Maria Foster, Lisa Mora

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Jennifer Vigil

Note – Due to COVID-19 and social distancing regulations, this meeting was held using Zoom Video Conferencing.

Note - Governing Board members visually raised their hand when saying, “All in Favor” when voting and during roll calls.

These minutes were approved on **December 17, 2020**

By a vote of **X** yes ___ no ___ absent ___ abstained

Aaron Redd President

Tonya McCullough Secretary

I. Call to Order

By Alissa Mavridis

Thursday, November 19, 2020, at 5:06 PM

Regular Meeting of the Governing Council for Southwest Preparatory Learning Centers

Meeting held via Zoom and hosted by Jonas Cossey

A. Roll Call

Tonya called Aaron Redd (absent), Alissa Mavridis, Marvin Larsen, DeEtte Peterson (absent), and James Burton

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Alissa Mavridis

C. Adoption of the Agenda*

Motion by Alissa Mavridis that we ADOPT the Agenda

Seconded by Marvin Larsen

Carried All in Favor

D. Review / Approval of Minutes from October 15, 2020, Regular Meeting*

- It was noted James Burton was not present last month.

- Item C, at the bottom of page 2, Marvin suggested using “Maria” instead of “she” will be getting him into the system.

- Under Business Office Report, Maria said she wants to have a PO before courses are paid. Eliminate in order to pay board members.

Motion by Alissa Mavridis to APPROVE the minutes with the corrections everyone has stated.

Seconded by Marvin Larsen

Carried All in Favor

II. Financial Update

A. Finance Committee Report (Committee met November 19, 2020, at 4:30 pm)

The finance committee met and went over all the reports and expenditures, which looked good. The school is right on schedule and still has a good main balance. The books are good and Jennifer is doing a wonderful job.

B. Budget Adjustment Requests: 530-000-2021-0008-I*

Jennifer explained the BAR to the Board.

1. 530-000-2021-0008-I: This is an increase BAR. We received an award letter from PED for our IDEA-B for an increase in our contracted diagnostician.

Motion by Marvin Larsen to APPROVE the Budget Adjustment

Seconded by James Burton

Carried All in Favor

C. Business Office Report

Maria said it has been very busy with a lot of adjustments and changes within the school and staff. The vendors and other services are adjusting to working from home and communications have been more challenging. All finances are on schedule. Mr. Cossey is wearing several hats. Lisa has taken over some activities, which have helped. PED has been making changes and we are adapting.

III. Public Comment

(5 minutes per individual with the right to allow more time from Governing Council President)

IV. Ongoing Governing Body Business Matters

A. Governing Board Training

The Board discussed if they had started training yet. Alissa reminded the Board there are still online options and to try not to wait until the last minute. Aaron said he did some training via PowerPoint last year. Marvin mentioned someone from PED posted training last year and he imagined she would again this year. Jonas said there was asynchronous training available for a fee, and reminded the Board there was free online training as well.

V. Head Administrator Report and Summary

Math: Jonas filled in the Board with the new 7/8 Math teacher. He talked about his life experiences, said he knows his math inside and out, and there is an increase in the attendance of his classes. He has gotten positive emails from parents and there is more student engagement.

Advertising: He said we had been looking into advertising with KOB, but as of today we are pumping the breaks based on cost-effectiveness and it will not likely boost attendance. Right now, the state is using a hold harmless provision, which allows us to use last year's numbers. If we have to use last year's budget, we will then actively look at ways to recruit students.

Crisis Prevention Recertification: He said he is going to training soon. This training ensures staff interactions with students are safe.

Teachers: Jonas said teachers are moving off campus this week and they are taking equipment to utilize at home so they are more productive. This is due to safety precautions with the new health order, thanksgiving travel, and the likelihood people will need to quarantine. In addition, we do not have substitutes, and we need to protect our staff. The remaining staff will use staggered schedules. Based on the recent Secretary of Education call, the likelihood of coming back to campus soon is not likely. The Board mentioned supporting teachers with internet expenses, and Jonas said he and Maria were working on it.

A. Time Program Calendar Repeal*

Jonas said the Board originally adopted the calendar that included 10 extra days. The PED changed their mind and we were able to take out 13 instructional days in May and June. We are going back to our original instructional calendar this year, which would make the students' last day May 20th and the staff's last day May 21st.

Motion by Marvin Larsen to REPEAL the original calendar and replace it with the original.

Seconded by James Burton

Carried All in Favor

B. Dean of Students Report

Lisa updated the Board on what she's been working on.

COVID: She explained she is the COVID point of contact and said it was a good decision to move staff off-campus. They are required to report all positive cases, which could eventually close the campus, which we do not want to have to deal with.

FEMA PPE: Our supplies came in. We are fully stocked and ready to issue.

Chromebooks: In the last couple of weeks, we have had several requests for Chromebooks, and we are also experiencing broken and/or malfunctioning books. Our IT department is aware of the issues and fixing them. We have two students on the waitlist. Marvin asked if we could spend CARES money on Chromebooks. Jonas and Maria said we will not need to as the new Lenovo's have been inventoried and will be ready to check out on December 1st.

Attendance for Success Act: Lisa said the meetings are ongoing and teachers are helping. We are offering support in any way we can. We have a partnership with Graduation Alliance and have referred nine students to them.

Website: The website continues to undergo minor adjustments and we are improving the announcements section. It is a great improvement over what we previously had.

C. IT Report

Tim did not have an official IT Report this month, so Jonas updated the Board. They have been working on the Lenovo laptops so they can be checked out to students. The school now offers a free public Wi-Fi access point outside the building through Project Connect. Lisa said the Secondary student council is working on advertising so the community knows it is available. She said there is no password, and it is on a separate network so we don't have to worry about security. Jonas said the school has been dissatisfied with Century Link and there is a possibility we will be moving to another network.

VI. New Business Matters

A. The date for the next SPLC Governing Council Meeting – scheduled for Thursday, December 17, 2020, at 5:00 pm.

VII. Adjournment*

Motion by Alissa Mavridis for ADJOURNMENT.

Seconded by Marvin Larsen

Carried All in Favor

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 PM.

Note: * Indicates Action / Approved Item

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