

MINUTES
ACADEMY OF PERSONALIZED LEARNING
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
224 Hartnell Avenue, Redding, CA 96002
November 10, 2010
5:15 pm
Regular Meeting

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I. PRELIMINARY

- A. CALL TO ORDER** by Greg Beale at 5:19 pm.
- B. ROLL CALL**
Greg Beale: X Sharyi Hanson: Absent Christine Davies: X Molly Oliver: Absent
Ole Olson: X Crickett Miller: X
Three board members were in attendance, along with Crickett Miller, Advisory Council representative. Molly Oliver and Sharyi Hanson were absent.
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Greg Beale
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Motion by: Christine Davies Seconded by: Ole Olson Vote: 3/0, carried
Greg Beale noted that with only three members in attendance, he would need to vote on each issue.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** Teresa Hufford, audience member and parent, asked that the board be aware that the agenda and approved minutes from the last board meeting are not posted on the school website.
- B. INFORMATION: Director's Report**
Dr. Dougherty stated that several key staff attended the first of a 3 part workshop regarding WASC accreditation.

Dr. Dougherty reported that at the next staff meeting, there will be a discussion of the Missing Assignment Report, and missed meeting consequences, as well as the onsite schedule of classes for the second semester.

The school currently has 277 students taking part in vendor classes, and 281 taking part in onsite classes.

Dr. Dougherty stated that she has received confirmation from the DIBELS people that they will be here on January 31 and Feb. 1 to provide training to the staff in assessments.

The school currently has a total of 378 students enrolled.

Dr. Dougherty reported that she is currently working with a Professor from Simpson University regarding providing PE opportunities to our students for the spring semester.

Dr. Dougherty reported that Jean Hatch, from the Special Education Consortium, had presented information to our staff, which is included in the board packet. Dr. Dougherty noted that special education students must conform to the provisions of the Master Agreement. She also included in the board packets a page of information which will be given to all SPED enrollees regarding Special Education and the requirements to maintain enrollment with APL.

C. INFORMATION: Advisory Council Report: Crickett Miller

Crickett Miller stated that at the last Advisory Council meeting there had been a brief report from one of the teachers regarding the school's purchase of a kiln. Also, it was noted that a school-wide writing assessment is being administered. Crickett also noted that the policies in today's board packet had been discussed at the council meeting.

D. For Information: Board/Staff Discussions

Ann Mobley mentioned that another charter school, similar to ours, offers \$100 per month per student for vendor classes and has implemented a policy where those courses which are academic in nature are not subtracted from this monthly budget. She has heard from several of her families that there is serious consideration of changing schools because of this. She also stated that she is advocating for a change in policy for APL. Greg Beale asked Dr. Dougherty to research the cost, in the event such a change were to be included in our future offerings.

Rose James asked to speak to the board regarding a personnel matter, but Greg Beale stated that he would not allow it, since this personnel issue must be discussed in closed session, or during the public comment section. He did not believe this was a Staff/Board discussion. He did, however, allow her to give a letter and packet to the board and audience members.

Cindy Silva reported that four teachers had attended the APlus+ Conference in San Diego. She thanked the board for the opportunity. Two of our teachers had been presenters at the conference, which was also discussed.

Rosanne Blevins mentioned the electricity workshop which had been held that morning at Shasta College. Several of our students attended and seemed to learn a lot.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval Minutes of Board Meeting 10/13/2010
2. Warrant Register

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by: Ole Olson **Seconded by:** Greg Beale **Vote:** 3/0, carried

IV. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** Review Teacher Salary Schedule

Dr. Dougherty requested that the board review the salary schedule and ratify moving all ongoing teachers two steps on the salary schedule, because there have been no step increases during the past two school years. After discussion, Greg Beale suggested that the 'date of board adoption' of the salary schedule be revised to reflect the changes made to Steps 13-15. Per his request; a Special Board Meeting was set for 11/17/2010. Board will consider revisions to the salary schedule and employee placement at that time.

Motion by: _____ **Seconded by:** _____ **Vote:** _____

2. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** Ratify Slate Of Advisory Council Members

Crickett Miller presented a slate of two candidates (out of 4 needed) for the Advisory Council.

Motion by: Christine Davies **Seconded by:** Ole Olson **Vote:** 3/0, carried

3. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** Monthly Review: Cash Flow Report
Dr. Dougherty stated that next month, the interim budget will be presented, and thereafter, the goal is a monthly cash flow report. There was a discussion of the impact of the passage of the state budget.

Motion by: _____ **Seconded by:** _____ **Vote:** _____

4. **INFORMATION:** Second Reading: Board Policy: Code of Ethics For Board Members
Teresa Hufford, audience member, requested that at least one board packet containing all but confidential items be made available for the public, since the policies under discussion were not included in the packets for the public at this meeting.
5. **INFORMATION:** Second Reading : Board Policy: Board Operations
No discussion
6. **INFORMATION:** Second Reading: Board Policy: School Calendar
Crickett Miller relayed a suggestion from the Advisory Council to remove the boxed area at the top of the form. Dr. Dougherty mentioned that the change would be made before the final reading, she reiterated that this was a draft copy.
7. **INFORMATION:** Second Reading: Board Policy: Graduation Requirements
Crickett Miller relayed a suggestion from the Advisory Council that the requirements should note specific numbers of credits required in each category, rather than listing just broad categories of course work. Ole Olson suggested that it be sent back to staff for input.

V. **CLOSED SESSION**

Adjourn to Closed Session to consider and/or take action upon any of the following items:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: three potential cases

The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 7:04 pm.

VI. **PUBLIC SESSION – REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: The meeting was reconvened to open session at 8:14 pm.

PUBLIC REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION; includes the vote or abstention of every member

Greg Beale reported the following:

On item number one, the board talked to legal counsel and there was no reportable action.

On item number two, direction was provided to legal counsel, and the vote was unanimous.

On item number three, there was no reportable action.

VIII. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Report on progress with yearly goals for the school.

Minutes and Agendas will be posted on the website.

Public Binder will be placed on table during Board Meetings for public perusal.

Special board meeting was scheduled for Wed., November 17 at 5:15 pm.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.