

Minutes
ACADEMY OF PERSONALIZED LEARNING
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
224 Hartnell Avenue, Redding CA 96002
September 20, 2012
5:15 pm
Regular Meeting

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I. PRELIMINARY

- A. **CALL TO ORDER: 5:19 pm**
- B. **ROLL CALL**
Greg Beale X Sharyi Hanson X Jeannie Eminger X Molly Oliver
XXX New Member Crickett Miller X
- C. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Motion by: Jeannie Eminger Seconded by: Sharyi Hanson Vote: 3/0/0

II. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None
- B. **INFORMATION: Director's Report**
 - 1. Two attorneys from Middleton, Young, and Minney facilitated a workshop for staff about IEPs, 504s, and Child Find on Monday, September 17th.
 - 2. APL is benchmark testing our students in language arts and mathematics. DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Literacy Skills) is another assessment being utilized for students in grades K-6. APL has been developing an RTI (Response to Intervention) Program for students who are performing below grade level expectations.
 - 3. Dr. Dougherty is attending a meeting with the members of the El Dorado SELPA to which APL belongs on Friday, September 21st.
 - 4. APL will be acquiring some furniture from the now defunct Lake College.
 - 5. APL received a note from a representative of North State Parent magazine, thanking us for our business, advertising in their periodical.
 - 6. Enrollment is currently between 467-470 students. Not all teachers are at their full compartment of students. We need about 95 more students to get all teachers to the minimum number of students they need to maintain their current level of employment.
- C. **INFORMATION: Advisory Council Report: Crickett Miller**
 - 1. Barbara Mehr felt that Parent/Student Handbook signatures should be part of the enrollment process. She stated that it takes important time from meetings with families to garner the required signatures.
 - 2. Lynn Weidenkeller shared that she will be conducting the flag salute every Wednesday and Thursday morning at 7:45 a.m. in the reception area.
 - 3. Barbara Mehr suggested some type of reward for math like we do with the reading incentive program, in which students submit reading logs for prizes.
 - 4. Barb also said that getting the benchmark assessments completed has been a challenge. She thanked Christie Morris for her support in learning about the newly adopted Scantron

Achievement series benchmark assessments.

5. Mitchell Moutard said that the library is at times not conducive to studying. He would like to have a quiet place to study and to utilize the library for group study, if possible.
6. The Advisory Council still needs the parent of an elementary student to participate on the Council.
7. Crickett is assisting staff with managing the drop off of students at APL in the morning to help maintain student safety.
8. The Council discussed students' tardiness and absences. Site teachers need to keep PLTs apprised of students with these issues.

D. For Information: Board/Staff Discussions

- Greg Beale discussed that Dr. Dougherty needs support, especially as the school gets larger and financial pressures increase. He also encouraged everyone to vote for Prop. 30 or education will see major financial cuts.
- Dr. Dougherty discussed how we are trying to make cuts to APL's budget. The VEP program is one area that is seeing cuts. Students will lose their vendor privilege if they miss too many VEP classes. Vendors will only be paid for partial months when they only teach for part of a month, such as Winter Break. Turtle Bay passes were cancelled for families who did not submit mandatory logs last year. APL is trying to economize in all areas possible. We do not want to make cuts in essential areas that affect student learning as well as teacher hours and pay.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be approved/enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested by a Board member for further discussion or removed from the agenda, there will be no discussion of these items prior to the Board votes on them. The Executive Director recommends approval of all consent agenda items.

1. **Approval Minutes of Board Meeting 08/16/2012**
2. **Warrant Register**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by: Jeannie Eminger Seconded by: Sharyi Hanson Vote: 3/0/0

IV. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** Accept Unaudited Actuals for 2011/12 School Year

Motion by: Jeannie Eminger Seconded by: Sharyi Hanson Vote: 3/0/0

2. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** History Curriculum: Noah Bullock, Wendy McBroome, Jeanna Parks
Noah Bullock showed an R-rated movie in his U.S. History class, following all necessary protocol, including parental permission slips and an alternate assignment for those who didn't want to/or couldn't view the film. The film was Glory, a movie about African American participation in the Civil War. A parent complained about APL showing an R-rated film. The Board agreed that he followed all protocol necessary.

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____ Vote: N/A

3. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** Replacement of Board Members

Molly Oliver said that she does want to step down from the Board for family reasons. Patricia knows someone who has offered to become a Board member. Her name is Cheryl Calhoun. There is no conflict of interest (she served on another school's Board) and will recuse herself, if she needs to, on financial matters.

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____ Vote: N/A

4. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** Ratify; Attendance Policy (With Required Changes)

Motion by: Sharyi Hanson **Seconded by:** Jeannie Eminger **Vote:** 3/0/0

5. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** Ratify: Suspension and Expulsion Policy Procedure

Motion by: Jeannie Eminger **Seconded by:** Sharyi Hanson **Vote:** 3/0/0

6. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** Public Hearing: Independent Study Policy
Greg Beale discussed the Independent Study Policy and the need for a tight policy.

Motion by: _____ **Seconded by:** _____ **Vote:** ___N/A___

7. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** Ratify: Independent Study Policy (With Required Changes)

Motion by: Sharyi Hanson **Seconded by:** Jeannie Eminger **Vote:** 3/0/0

8. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** Ratify Comprehensive Complaint Policy and Procedures

Motion by: Jeannie Eminger **Seconded by:** Sharyi Hanson **Vote:** 3/0/0

9. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** Ratify: Identification, Evaluation and Education Under Section 504 Policy

Motion by: Sharyi Hanson **Seconded by:** Jeannie Eminger **Vote:** 3/0/0

10. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** Ratify: Identification, Evaluation and Education Under Section 504 Procedures.

Motion by: Greg Beale **Seconded by:** Jeannie Eminger **Vote:** 3/0/0

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: two potential cases

VI. PUBLIC SESSION – REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: The meeting was reconvened to open session at 6:21 pm.

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

The Board heard the report from the director and no action was taken.

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board will consider items for future Board Meeting Agendas.

1. In the event that prop. 30 loses, we will need a special Board meeting.
2. Board training
3. JPA
4. Budget
5. By-laws,
6. STAR scores

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm.