

MINUTES
ACADEMY OF PERSONALIZED LEARNING
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
224 Hartnell Avenue, Redding CA 96002
August 15, 2013
5:15 pm
Regular Meeting

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I. PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL

Greg Beale X Cheryl Calhoun X Johnny Del Rio X Mary Ewart X
Rebecca Hoerber X
Crickett Miller X

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda needs to be amended to reflect address correction to current location at 2195 Larkspur Lane.

Motion as amended by: Cheryl Calhoun Seconded by: Johnny Del Rio Vote: 4/0/0

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: none

B. INFORMATION: Director's Report

- State Budget Update: APL has a healthy financial outlook. There will be funds for programs and reserves over the next several years. APL will be developing a STEM Academy and science programs, RTI (Response to Intervention) curriculum, and curriculum for new common core State standards.
- The employee salary schedule was not increased this year, but the increase in the cost of health care has been covered for employees.
- An RTI program has been developed, and this year's focus will be on math to improve student skills and test scores.
- The school wide writing program is continuing to be developed and improved for this school year.
- All of last year's students enrolled in CAHSEE prep. classes passed the test. This year we will offer CAHSEE prep. on alternate days from core classes so more students can participate and still take core classes.
- David Ewart is building APL's STEM Academy and science program. He has joined CSTA (California Science Teachers Association) and NSTA (National Science Teachers Association) and will be attending a Science conference. He will facilitate a science field trip again this year.
- APL will have two student teachers this year: a math teacher, Eugene Song, who will be teaching math classes and Tim Maderas, majoring in History and pursuing a single subject and multiple subject teaching credential.
- APL's enrollment is currently at 460 students. This is a healthy enrollment for this time of year.

- Gateway has hired a law firm to train the district in oversight of charter schools. Dr. Dougherty has talked to Mr. Harrell, the Gateway superintendent, about this development and APL's upcoming charter renewal.
- There will be governance board training on Friday, Sept. 13, 1-7 pm. facilitated by Eric Premac at the McConnell Foundation.

C. INFORMATION: Advisory Council Report: Crickett Miller

Crickett Miller presented information from the Advisory Council meeting of August 13.

D. For Information: Board/Staff Discussions

Board and staff discuss items of mutual interest:

- Greg Beale discussed the renewal process for charter schools and the importance of facilities and finances as well as test scores.

Teacher Presentations:

- Candy Woodson presented information to the Board about the school wide writing program. After last year's assessment we now have "anchor papers" (examples of assessment levels) for each grade level. Ms. Woodson has developed a new round of assessments for this year that includes teaching packets to go with the assessments. Small groups of teachers will grade the papers again this year and the RTI committee will analyze the results.

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 06/ 13 /2013**
2. **Warrant Registers**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by: Johnny Del Rio Seconded by: Cheryl Calhoun Vote: 4/0/0

IV. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** Oath of Office For Public Officers; Mary Ewart

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____ Vote: ___N/A_____

2. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** Approval of your 2013 Revenue Anticipation Notes.(RAN)
APL is borrowing less money than in years past because the State is not expected to defer funding as has been the case in recent history. These funds will cover expenses in case the State does defer funds.

Motion by: Cheryl Calhoun Seconded by: Johnny Del Rio Vote: 5/0/0

3. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** Overview of STAR Testing Scores; Candy Woodson
Candy Woodson compared students' STAR test scores from last year to their scores the year before in Language Arts and Math. The RTI committee will analyze and evaluate scores relative to whether students were in site classes, working at home, in RTI, etc. with the goal of improving student learning and assessment.

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

4. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** Update STEM Academy Courses/ Curriculum: David Ewart
David Ewart presented information about the many science programs, opportunities, grants, and partnerships that he is developing/pursuing for APL and its students.

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

5. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** Update: Business Entrepreneurship, High School Course; David Ewart
David Ewart presented information about the many science programs, opportunities, grants, and partnerships that he is developing/pursuing for APL and its students.

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

6. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** Update: California Science Education Conference & NSTA Membership
David Ewart presented information about the many science programs, opportunities, grants, and partnerships that he is developing/pursuing for APL and its students.

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

7. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** For Review: VEP Parent List 2013/2014
For information only (updates).

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

8. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** For Review: Schedule of Onsite Classes
For information only (updates).

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

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: potential case

Discussion: Director's Compensation

VI. PUBLIC SESSION – REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: The meeting was reconvened to open session at 7:00 pm.

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

The Board President will report out any action taken in closed session, if any.

- The Board was presented information on a litigation issue.
- APL's director received a salary increase to \$110,000 per year with doctorate stipend and health benefits.

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board will consider items for future Board Meeting Agendas:

API

Charter renewal update

School security update

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm.