

MINUTES
ACADEMY OF PERSONALIZED LEARNING
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
2195 Larkspur Lane Suite #100, Redding CA 96002
January, 16 2014
5:15 pm
Regular Meeting

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I. PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER: 5:21 pm

B. ROLL CALL

Greg Beale _X_ Rebecca Hoerber _X_ John Del Rio _X_ Cheryl Calhoun _X_ Mary Ewart X (attended the meeting via remote technology)____ Patricia Dougherty __X__ Crickett Miller __X__

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Dougherty requested that the Agenda order be changed so that Crickett Miller could give the Advisory Council Report before she gave the Director's Report.

Motion by: Rebecca Hoerber Seconded by: John Del Rio Vote: 3/0

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

B. INFORMATION: Director's Report

- Dr. Dougherty will email copies of the Parent and Student Survey results to the Board members so they can review them and then discuss their findings at the February Board meeting.
- APL is looking at some additional space considerations within the building.
- A math teacher resigned mid-year and we hired an experienced math teacher who seems to be relating well with the students. He is teaching Pre-Calculus and other math classes.
- Lori McNeill, of the Society of Women Engineers, donated a substantial amount of bisque ware to APL. Students in the elementary Ceramics classes decorated one of the pieces as a thank you gift for her and one for Dr. Dougherty. Ms. McNeill came to assist our robotics class yesterday and wants to come participate with the class every Wednesday.
- APL received a sponsorship to pay for a bus to take students (and one parent for each student) to Sacramento to a robotics event.
- APL will sponsor an upcoming planetarium show for APL families and a star-gazing event.

C. INFORMATION: Advisory Council Report: Crickett Miller

Crickett Miller presented information to the Board from the December and January Advisory Council meetings. The Board briefly discussed one of the items from the December Advisory Council meeting about student book selection notifications to parents.

D. For Information: Board/Staff Discussions

Greg Beale mentioned that State budget negotiations are still in process about funding for schools.

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 12/04/2013**
2. **Warrant Register**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

IV. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. **INFORMATION:** Governor’s Budget Summary 2014-15

There is disagreement among different entities within the State about the use of school funds. For example, the Association of Superintendents of California wants low-income funds to go to teacher salary schedules. Dr. Dougherty said that we should continue to develop our school and staff, but we should be prudent and also build our reserve funds. Funds that have been deferred from one year to another may be repaid by the State.

Greg Beale said that we need to hire the best teachers possible for our school.

Dr. Dougherty said that in addition to their salary, APL currently pays full medical benefits for employees and their families as well as contributing to their retirement benefits.

2. **INFORMATION:** Girard & Edwards New laws for California Public Schools

A school was found liable for a student who was not making progress. Schools may not “harbor” students. It is incumbent upon teachers to make certain their students are making academic progress.

3. **INFORMATION/ACTION :** Ratify DMS Proposal for Program Coordinator Services

This item is about utilizing the services of DMS to help us manage grants for which we are applying, such as The California Clean Energy Jobs Act.

Motion by: Cheryl Calhoun Seconded by: Rebecca Hoerber Vote: 4/0

4. **INFORMATION/ACTION :** Ratify DMS Program Coordinator Agreement & Scope of Services

This item covers the cost of the services. John Del Rio estimated that for The California Clean Energy Jobs Act the fee would be about 7.5%, which he considered reasonable.

Motion by: Cheryl Calhoun Seconded by: Rebecca Hoerber Vote: 4/0

5. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** Ratify Charter Business Agreement for Fiber Optics

Although March was the designated time to begin this project, Charter has already completed stage 1, 2, and 3.

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

6. **INFORMATION:** Employee Update and Insurance Update

Dr. Dougherty met with APL employee Sherina Weide who is pursuing full disability. Dr. Dougherty has filled out the required paperwork for the State. Other employees have been covering Ms. Weide’s duties. The structure of the position in question cannot be changed until April 2014.

With the Affordable Care Act, APL will need to review our health care plan.

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

7. INFORMATION : Charter Petition Renewal Update

Dr. Dougherty met with the sponsoring district last week. We will tentatively present our Charter at the 2/26/14 or 3/3/14 GUSD Board meeting. Dr. Dougherty will meet with Mr. Harrell, the GUSD superintendent, before the GUSD Board meeting to review the Charter. Greg Beale expressed the desire for APL to continue to work cooperatively with GUSD.

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

V. CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session Items

VI. PUBLIC SESSION – REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: The meeting was reconvened to open session at _____ N/A _____.

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.

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board will consider items for future Board Meeting Agendas.

- Budget
- Charter Renewal
- Surveys

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at _____ 6:39 pm _____.