

APPROVED

Assurance Learning Academy

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Operated by Antelope Valley Learning Academy Inc, A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation

Date and Time

Tuesday February 20, 2024 at 2:30 PM

Location

Meeting Location: 177 Holston Drive, Lancaster, CA 93535

Satellite Location: 4032 West Avenue L-6, Quartz Hill, CA 93536

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MEETING LOGISTICS

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Please see the "Accommodations" notice below.

Directors Present

Claudette Beck, John Dortch, Michael Molloy (remote), Michael R Adams, Victoria Hancock

Directors Absent

None

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Board President Beck read aloud the notices regarding meeting logistics and accommodations.

Claudette Beck called a meeting of the board of directors of Assurance Learning Academy to order on Tuesday Feb 20, 2024 at 2:30 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

Board President Beck performed a board member roll call and a quorum was established.

Board President Beck then introduced Vanessa Mendoza, who performed a roll call of the learning center locations that joined the meeting via a two-way teleconference line.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member Hancock led the pledge of allegiance.

D. Staff Introductions

Jeff Brown, CEO
Jeri Vincent, Corporate Secretary
Shellie Hanes, Superintendent
Victor Nardiello, Area Superintendent
Sharon Lee, State and Federal Programs Coordinator
Bill Thompson, Legal Counsel

E. Approve Agenda for the February 20, 2024, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors

John Dortch made a motion to approve Agenda for the February 20, 2024, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Michael R Adams seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Claudette Beck Aye
Michael Molloy Aye
John Dortch Aye
Victoria Hancock Aye

Roll Call

Michael R Adams Aye

II. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

Board President Beck read the following announcement for members of the public:

At this time, members of the public may address the Board on any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board, whether or not the item is on the agenda. The time allotted per presentation will not exceed three (3) minutes, unless a member of the public utilizes a translator, in which case the time allotted will not exceed six (6) minutes. In accordance with the Brown Act, no action may occur at this time, but it is the Board's prerogative to hold a brief discussion, provide information to the public, provide direction to staff, or schedule the matter for a future meeting.

Board President Beck asked if there were any members of the public who wished to offer public comment. There were no members of the public who offered public comment or submitted written comment.

III. School Reports and Information

A. Mid-Year Local Control Accountability Plan Update

Sharon Lee greeted the board and directed them to the 2023-2024 Mid-Year Local Control Accountability Plan ("LCAP") report located in the board packet. Ms. Lee reviewed a few highlights from each of the five LCAP goals:

- Goal #1 Increase Academic Progress: Metrics have shown an increase in tutoring engagement by 189 students a 164% growth.
- Goal #2 Students Will Gain Skills for College and Career-Readiness: Metrics have shown the school provides a range of 15 CTE programs.
- Goal #3 Increase Student Retention: Metrics have shown students have access to nutrition, transportation, and social emotional supports.
- Goal #4 Increase Educational Partners' Engagement: Metrics have shown 1,319 participants in parent conferences, events and celebrations.
- Goal #5 Increase Resiliency: Metrics have shown an increase in WIOA activities.

Ms. Lee thanked the board for their support and asked if they had any questions or feedback.

Board President Beck thanked Ms. Lee for her update. She praised the high number of participants in the parent conferences and events.

B.

California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP) 2- year Planning Grant Update

Sharon Lee provided a presentation on the Community Schools Partnership Program Grant (CCSPP). Ms. Lee informed the board the school was awarded \$200,000 for a CCSPP Planning Grant for school years 2022-23 through 2023-2024. Ms. Lee explained that community schools serve students using a whole child approach with a focus on academics, health and social services, youth and community development, and community engagement. Ms. Lee then reviewed the Four Pillars of Community Schools: 1) integrated support services, 2) family and community engagement, 3) collaborative leadership, and 4) expanded learning time and opportunities. Next, Ms. Lee reviewed the budget for school years 2022-23 and 2023-24, the school's needs assessment, and the three areas of focus with the school's progress for each area identified. Finally, Ms. Lee discussed the status of the CCSPP Implementation Grant submission.

Board President Beck thanked Ms. Lee for her update.

IV. Action Item

A. The Board will be asked to approve extending the Memorandum of Agreement with the County of Los Angeles for School-Sponsored Recreation and related delegation of authority to the Chief Executive Officer or designee, and adopt Board Resolution memorializing the same

Victor Nardiello directed the board to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and board resolution to extend the current agreement with the County of Los Angeles, for the school's use of County property for short-term school-sponsored activities. Mr. Nardiello explained that the school wishes to extend the MOA for an additional term and also recommends the board delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer or designee to approve additional extension terms, as specified in the MOA and board resolution.

Board President Beck thanked Mr. Nardiello. Hearing no further questions or comments, President Beck then asked for a motion.

Victoria Hancock made a motion to approve extending the Memorandum of Agreement with the County of Los Angeles for School-Sponsored Recreation and related delegation of authority to the Chief Executive Officer or designee, and adopt Board Resolution memorializing the same.

Michael Molloy seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Victoria Hancock	Aye
John Dortch	Aye
Michael R Adams	Aye
Michael Molloy	Aye
Claudette Beck	Aye

V. Additional Corporate Officers and Board Members' Observations and Comments

A. Observations and Comments

Jeff Brown thanked Ms. Lee for her presentations and commented on the various programs being offered to students, including CTE. Mr. Brown then thanked Mr. Nardiello for his report.

Jeri Vincent welcomed Victor Nardiello to his new role of Area Superintendent. She then thanked Ms. Lee for her comprehensive reports. Lastly, she thanked the board for their continued support.

VI. Closing Items

A. Next Board Meeting Date: March 4, 2024, 1:00pm

B. Adjourn Meeting

John Dortch made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Michael R Adams seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

John Dortch Aye

Claudette Beck Aye

Michael R Adams Aye

Victoria Hancock Aye

Michael Molloy Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 2:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael R Adams

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