



ACADEMY FOR URBAN LEADERSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
VIRTUAL MEETING on ZOOM
Thursday, August 6, 2020

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:44 PM and presided over by Lisette Vilanova

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, *N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.*, notice of this meeting has been publicized by having the date, time and location of the meeting posted at the school, on the school web site and advertised in the Home News Tribune which has been designated as the Board's official newspaper within the legal time required. Time will be allotted for public comment at this meeting.

II. FLAG SALUTE

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under god, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

III. MISSION STATEMENT

To employ an educational design and experience that merges the highest standards of academic excellence while fostering convictions and commitment to social and economic justice. The school acknowledges that both family and community involvement are integral to the student's academic achievement level, and will focus on fostering strong relationships between the school, family and community. Through these partnerships, the school will strive to create a nurturing environment by providing each student with the five resources deemed necessary for healthy child development by the President's Summit for America's Future. These include: a one-on-one relationship with a caring adult, a safe place to learn and grow, a healthy start, a marketable skill through effective education, and a chance to give back to peers and the community.

In order to provide a quality education, the curriculum offered will involve rigorous academics with a holistic approach to education. Special emphasis will be placed on service learning and espousing the importance of civic and social responsibility. The development of character, leadership skills, conflict resolution abilities, and community responsibility will be stressed to provide the students with the necessary tools to become contributing members of a democratic society.

IV. ROLL CALL

Board Members:

Lisette Vilanova (President)	Present
Joshua Bishop (Vice President)	Present
Jorge Cruz (Corporate Secretary)	Present
Angelo Abreu	Present
Claudine Bishop	Excused
Hector Bonilla	Present
Elba Ceballo	Present

Eloisa Hernandez	Present
Reyes Ortega	Absent
Michelle Roman	Present (arrived 6:54 pm)
Stephanie Valdiviezo	Absent

Additional Attendees:

Margaret Morales (Lead Person)	Excused
Gail Long (Board Secretary)	Present
Patricia Bombelyn (Board Attorney)	Present
Douglas Kelly (Vice-Principal)	Present
Peter Salek-Nejad (Supervisor – Curr/Instr)	Present

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

April Gardner, ESL Teacher asked when employment contracts will be received for the 20/21 school year. Ms. Bombelyn responded that the contracts were delayed because of contract issues which have been resolved. The contracts should be received within the week.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS**AUL Education Services Plan**

Peter Salek-Nejad went over the entire plan including the updates the Board wanted to be included. The plan was discussed extensively. Board members asked about the responses from the surveys, they wanted to know the measurements of the classrooms and how many students could fit in the rooms while practicing social distancing. Questions were asked about food pickups and physical education classes during phase 1 of the plan. They went over the plan until about 9:15 pm and opened it up to public comment.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Reinaldo Aviles of New Brunswick, NJ asked if the Board would be voting on the plan this evening. Ms. Vilanova responded that they were working on the communications component.
2. Mr. Aviles also mentioned that we haven't heard much from Teachers. He was wondering where they stand. A trustee answered that they were in the stakeholders meeting and gave input.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Public bodies may meet in closed session when the matters under discussion are:

- (1) Matters made confidential by state, federal law or rule by court.
- (2) Disclosure would result in an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy, unless the person affected consents in writing.
- (3) Disclosure would impair the body's right to receive federal or state funds.
- (4) Collective bargaining.
- (5) Lease or acquisition of property, setting of banking rates, investment of public funds if disclosure would harm the public interest.

- (6) Investigations into violations of law.
- (7) Strategies to protect public security. Pending, ongoing or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation, including attorney-client privilege. The threat of litigation must be more than theoretical for this exemption to apply.
- (8) Personnel matters affecting employees of the public bodies, unless all parties request or consent to a public hearing. Prior to discussion of personnel, affected employees must be given notice, known as a Rice notice, which gives the employee the right to request a public hearing.
- (9) Proceedings that could result in a suspension, civil penalty, or loss of a license or permit.

Discussion Items:

Personnel matters
Attorney Client Privilege (ESP)

Motion: Eloisa Hernandez; Second: Elba Ceballo

Voice Vote: All In Favor: 8; Any opposed: 0

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:32 PM

IX. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Motion: Joshua Bishop; Second: Michelle Roman

Voice Vote: All In Favor: 8; Any opposed: 0

The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:42 PM

X. MOTIONS

The Lead Person recommends the following items for approval:

1. Move that the Board of Trustees approve Ada Pineiro, school nurse, to provide Health and Safety Training, at a cost not to exceed \$4,800

The motion was not moved

2. Move that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of 2 thermal cameras from Central Jersey Security Cameras at a cost of \$16,400 which also includes 2 monitors, 2 tripods, installation and a 3 year warranty. Cameras can do temperature scans on 30 individuals at a time. These cameras will be purchased from the CARES grant.

The motion was not moved

3. Move that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of 3 machines to clean and wax the floors in the HS building from Mooney's General Paper. These machines will be purchased from the CARES grant:

Viper AS501B Battery Compact Scrubber	\$2,998.50
Advance SC401 Walk Behind Battery Operated Scrubber	\$5,950.00

Advance Advolution 20XP Burnisher	<u>\$2,325.00</u>
Total Cost	\$11,273.50

Motion: Elba Ceballo, Second: Michelle Roman; Roll Call Vote:

**Lisette Vilanova: Yes; Joshua Bishop: Yes; Jorge Cruz: Yes; Angelo Abreu: Yes; Hector Bonilla: Yes; Elba Ceballo: Yes; Eloisa Hernandez: Yes; Michelle Roman: Yes
Motion Passed**

4. Move that the Board of Trustees approve the AUL Education Service Plan, subject to revisions discussed with administration and executive committee approval.

Motion: Eloisa Hernandez, Second: Michelle Roman; Roll Call Vote:

**Lisette Vilanova: Yes; Joshua Bishop: Yes; Jorge Cruz: Yes; Angelo Abreu: Yes; Hector Bonilla: Yes; Elba Ceballo: Yes; Eloisa Hernandez: Yes; Michelle Roman: Yes
Motion Passed**

5. Move that the Board of Trustees approve communication and distribution of the AUL Services plan to all stakeholders and the school community by August 11, 2020.

Motion: Hector Bonilla, Second: Joshua Bishop; Roll Call Vote:

**Lisette Vilanova: Yes; Joshua Bishop: Yes; Jorge Cruz: Yes; Angelo Abreu: Yes; Hector Bonilla: Yes; Elba Ceballo: Yes; Eloisa Hernandez: Yes; Michelle Roman: Yes
Motion Passed**

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Vilanova asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Joshua Bishop, Second: Michelle Roman

The meeting was adjourned with a unanimous approval at 11:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Long
Board Secretary