

ALTUS SCHOOLS SAN DIEGO

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(A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation)

Tim Morton – Chairman,

Scott Barton – Member, David Crean – Member, Len Hering RADM, USN (ret) – Member, Eric Schweinfurter - Member

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 5, 2024, 4:30 p.m.

Via Teleconference at

25104 Creek Hollow Drive, Ramona, CA 92065, 6965 El Camino Real, Suite D202, Carlsbad, CA 92009, 10945 Vista Sorrento Parkway, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92130, 1063 Cactus Cut Rd, Middleburg, FL, 32068, 5183 Mercury Pt, San Diego, CA 92111

and at

Clairemont RC 4340 Genesee Avenue, Suite 109, SD 92117, College Avenue RC 4585 College Drive, Suite C, SD, 92115,

Downtown RC 1095 K Street Suite A, SD 92101, Euclid RC 220 Euclid Avenue, Suite 80, SD 92114, Lake Murray RC 8776 Lake Murray Blvd., SD, 92119, Mira Mesa RC 8290 B, Mira Mesa Blvd., SD 92126, North Park RC 2940 North Park Way, SD 92104, Northgate RC 4125 Alpha Street, Suite C, SD, 92113, Old Town Office , 2245 San Diego Avenue, Suite 115, SD 92110, Petco RC 1091 K Street, Suite A101, SD 92101, Point Loma RC 3145 Rosecrans Street, Suite D, SD 92110, Scripps Ranch RC 9910 Mira Mesa Blvd, Suite A2, SD 92131, Sorrento Mesa Resource Center 10170 Huennekens Street, SD, 92121, Tierrasanta RC 10425 Tierrasanta Blvd, Suite 101, SD 92124, Woodman RC 2939 Alta View Drive, Suite B/C, SD 92139, and Kearny Mesa RC 7520 Mesa College Drive, SD 92111, La Jolla RC 7458 Girard Avenue, SD 92037, Mission Valley RC 3430 Camino Del Rio North, SD 92108, Pacific Beach RC 959 Hornblend Street, SD 92109, Tierrasanta K5 Home School Resource Center 10725 Tierrasanta Boulevard, CA 92124

Access to the live video conference was accessible prior to the start of the meeting at

Audeo: <https://www.audeocharterschool.net/board-of-directors/>

CSSD: <https://charterschool-sandiego.net/board-governance/>

1.0 OPEN SESSION

1.1 Call to Order

Morton called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Members present at the meeting were Scott Barton, Len Hering, Tim Morton, and Eric Schweinfurter.

Absent: David Crean

Also in attendance: Lynne Alipio, Mary Bixby, Veneeta Chan, Angela Neri, Elizabeth Orona, Cathryn Rambo, and Kevin Troy, Partner and Lawyer for Young, Minney, Corr, LLC.

1.3 Establishment of Quorum

It was moved by Board member Barton and seconded by Board member Hering that the following Directors, constituting a quorum of the board were present at the meeting: Scott Barton, Len Hering, Tim Morton, and Eric Schweinfurter.

Ayes – 4, Nays- 0, Absent – 1, Abstain – 0, Motioned Approved.

1.4 Pledge of Allegiance

Morton led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.5 Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Board member Hering and seconded by Board member Barton to Approve the Agenda.

Ayes – 4, Nays- 0, Absent – 1, Abstain – 0, Motioned Approved.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment for items of interest to the public and within the scope of Altus Schools San Diego Board (non-agenda) shall be no longer than two (2) minutes. Public comment for agenda items shall be no longer than three (3) minutes. Speakers may not yield their time. In meetings held over Zoom, any person who wishes to make a comment on either non-agenda or agenda items shall use the “Raise Hand” feature of Zoom to notify the Board. In accordance with the Brown Act, no discussion or action may occur at this time, but it is the Board’s prerogative to respond or give direction to staff. All public comments will be heard at this point in the agenda as ordered below. Each agenda item being commented on will have a maximum of 20 minutes allotted and each non-agenda item will have a maximum of 10 minutes allotted. If necessary, the Board Chair may equivalently decrease the time for each speaker in order to stay within the allotted maximum.

2.1 Non-Agenda Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

2.2 Agenda Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

3.0 CLOSED SESSION

The Closed Session convened at 4:39 p.m.

3.1 Board Chairman Announcement Regarding Closed Session Items

3.2 Public Comment on Closed Session Items

There were no comments from the public.

MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

- 3.2.1 Conference With Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation
Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) or (3) of Subdivision (d) of section 54956.9: (one case)

4.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Open Session resumed at 5:18 p.m.

4.1 Report out of action taken in closed session, if any.

No action taken at Closed Session.

5.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

5.1 Superintendent School Services and Founder’s Report

5.1.1 Status on Projects

Bixby reported the three main points below.

1. Charter Renewals

Bixby reported that we are very optimistic. The charter petitions have excellent data and the petitions are compliant in every single way. Alipio is leading the effort with the district’s that you are aware of. Bixby continues to report that we had a little bit of push back with timelines, but in working with our attorney who was able to bring forth the appropriate timelines in keeping with the legislation, we are moving forward.

2. Commission on Teacher Credentialing Approved CSSD Induction Program

Bixby reported that Commission on Teacher Credentialing approved the CSSD Induction Program. Bixby noted that we have approximately 27 teachers in-house that will be receiving the certification for free and we have a few teachers involved and we looked carefully when they are due for their credential to be resolved. A schedule will start with a few teachers then move forward. In time, it will take many years to expand the program and to include the curriculum for speciation education credentials and to broaden the program.

3. AMECA

Bixby noted that we are bringing Ameca on board in January, which is our humanoid robot that will help support small group instruction. Ameca will not be the main delivery of instruction but will support the teachers in the classroom.

5.1.2 Strategic Initiatives

In July, Bixby reported the Summer Leadership Retreat where we had a weeklong meeting with a group of team members, giving reports as champions of a specific initiative. The reports were of the highest quality. Part of the progress is that the champion that had an initiative from the previous year, reports out and presents data. Everyone there votes on it, evaluating the success if they met their targets are not.

Bixby reported that when work is completed, hindsight, we look forward to the initiatives for the coming year. A few of them, including teaching and learning, and the amount of work that was done this last year creating new tools, new avenues, new strategies for reaching our students particularly in the area of math. Students come to us so far behind and they dislike math. We have a Math Specialist who works one on one with teachers in the classroom.

Bixby continued to report that enrollment is always important. We watch the trends, it is interesting to see who is coming to us, why they are coming to us, and how many students we returned to the district. We return a great deal of students back to the district in a position where they are better prepared to be successful.

Some of the exciting initiatives that we are looking at in the coming year is continuing to grow our community college connection. We have extended ourselves to more partnerships with community colleges than we had last year. We expect that we may double the number of students that we had last year in classes that are either articulated or that are dual enrollment classes. I believe in it so much; the students are amazing how they turn around and get enthusiastic about earning credits in college while they are working here at Altus Schools. I think we doubled at least from the previous year and will continue to involve more students. I think it is a lot better for our students than Honors and AP courses, which we still offer, but there seems to be more practical use as it saves them money, it motivates them immediately, and it seems so reasonable. We are so pleased; this program is off and running very well. We will be expanding it this year.

Bixby also reported that we have been using Edgenuity, which is the on-line courses, for many years. She commented that she asked about three to four years ago if Edgenuity is the best thing we had going. Everyone was in shock at first as this is such a big part of what we do; to change it at the time, people were not too keen on it. An analysis of this program revealed that it is the best thing that is out there now. Technology has advanced, our staff has advanced, lots of things have evolved in the last two to three years, there is a program called Canvas which is a means for us to move the Altus Curriculum we have written, and teacher driven, which is A-G Approved. What is being proposed is moving our curriculum to replace Edgenuity which was a dream long ago. Technology has caught up and we have caught up. It is going to take some time, but we are beginning this work. Edgenuity has been purchased by another company called Imagine Edgenuity. With this transition, they are not serving non-classroom-based schools as well as they have done in the past. Rambo reported we are excited to bring the Altus Curriculum to an online management system. It gives us, the teachers that develop the curriculum can do it in such a way as we know our learners, they know the students' needs, and the teachers can craft the curriculum specifically for them. We have been relying on Edgenuity for so many years and even though it is the best curriculum out there, we still have to do a lot of work arounds to make it work for our program. This will allow us to be more agile to what our learners need and be super responsive to curriculum changes. We have implementation plans and timelines. We are really excited to take this on.

Bixby noted that we utilize many different systems that we use throughout the schools. There are a lot of programs that we use. A simple task is major as we need to be sure that everyone is connected and using the correct information. Behind the scenes, there is systems for the full integration and high-level integration of all the systems, not only instructional systems but also admin systems. They are all working well at this point, we think the technology department believes they can make it more efficient, more effective, and better safe guarded by redoing that kind of interconnectedness within the organization. This is a major endeavor we are working on this coming year.

Bixby continued and expressed that we are all highly motivated, the culture within our School is such that these kinds of projects energize us, and they are all geared for the classroom teacher to help give them tools that work efficiently, that work consistently, and work all the time. Right now, we are rolling out laptops, 3D printers, and technology. We wait and see how much money we have at the end of the year, then we purchase with those monies going forward so we do not end up in the red and are always able to match our plan to what is fiscally responsible and conservative.

Lastly, we received a wonderful response from staff telling us thank you for bringing our consultant, Dan Puplava on board two days per month. It is noted in his contract that he cannot sell anything. Our staff can schedule a meeting with him to discuss any financial questions they may have.

5.2 Strategic Plan Update

5.2.1 Audeo Charter School

5.2.1.1 School Participation Report for the Period of 2023- 2024 Months 12-13: 5/06/2024 – 6/27/2024

5.2.2 The Charter School of San Diego

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It was noted that the School Participation Reports are included in the meeting materials and are routine.

6.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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 Superintendent School Services and Founder recommends approval of all consent agenda items.

6.1 Consent Action Items for Altus Schools Audeo and Altus Schools Charter School of San Diego for Each School

6.1.1 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for June 26, 2024

6.1.2 Approval of the Resolution of the Biennial Review of the Conflict of Interest Code

It was moved by Board member Hering and seconded by Board member Barton to approve in one motion all agenda items under the consent agenda.

Ayes – 4, Nays – 0, Absent – 1, Abstain – 0, Motion Approved.

7.0 ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Actions Items for Altus Schools Audeo

7.1.1 Approval of the Unaudited Actuals FY July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

It was moved by Board member Barton and seconded by Board member Hering to Approval of the Unaudited Actuals FY July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

Ayes – 4, Nays – 0, Absent – 1, Abstain – 0, Motion Approved.

7.2 Actions Items for Altus Schools Charter School of San Diego

7.2.1 Approval of the Unaudited Actuals FY July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

It was moved by Board member Hering and seconded by Board member Barton to Approval of the Unaudited Actuals FY July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

Ayes – 4, Nays – 0, Absent – 1, Abstain – 0, Motion Approved.

8.0 BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

From time to time, the Board has topics of interest that they would like to share with the community. These are informational in nature and do not require action.

Bixby thanked the teachers and staff for attending this meeting.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Board member Barton and seconded by Board member Hering to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes – 4, Nays – 0, Absent – 1, Abstain – 0, Motion Approved.