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BOARD MEETING
OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
4:00 p.m., Wednesday
February 26, 2025
MINUTES - APPROVED

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Call to Order

2.26.25 Board Meeting

A. Establish Quorum:

Andrea Alvarez	Present
Luis Cervantes	Present
David Cory	Present
Steve Holle	Present
Anthony Jackson	Present
Suzanne Llamas	Present
Leland Tang	Present
Amanda Uncapher	Present

Advisory Student Members (non-voting)

Suleika Leiva
Miriam Vazquez

Public Comments:

Governance (40)

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<tr><td>G1</td><td>CEO Report: The CEO will give a presentation of the school’s progress and deliverables.</td><td>Informational Item</td><td>Mr. Fidel Ramirez provided enrollment/attendance updates as well as recent school activities and events being focused on. Particularly shared the impacts of the recent protests and efforts to exercise their disagreement with the current administration's efforts with deportations and raid efforts. Also shared the efforts that the school is taking in bringing awareness to our student body, families and community around their rights and additional resources available as added support.</td></tr>
<tr><td>G2</td><td>School Enrollment: The Board will review enrollment numbers and attendance rates for the 2024-2025 academic year.</td><td>Informational Item</td><td>Mr. Fidel Ramirez provided enrollment/attendance updates as well as recent school activities and events being focused on.</td></tr>
<tr><td>G3</td><td>March Board Meeting- The Board will move to approve a new date for the March Board meeting.</td><td>Action Item</td><td>The board agreed on moving the March board meeting to 3/26/25 due to the annual CCSA conference.

Board Member Cervantes motioned to approve, Board Member Cory seconded the motion
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G4	**Form 700 - Completion:** The board will receive information on the new Conflict of Interest filing system and the deadline for board member submission.	Informational Item	Mrs. Claudia Flores informed the board of the new filing system for the Form 700 and provided guidelines on accessing and submitting. Board members were reminded of the deadline to submit as 3/31/25.
G5	**Recruitment Committee -** The board will identify 2 board members to serve as the Board Member Committee	Informational Item	Board member Llamas and Mr. Fidel Ramirez shared the purpose of the committee and established new members for the effort. Mr. Ramirez shared that a procedure has been solidified in order to make it appealing for potential board members and the process for committees vetting and collecting data for the nominated individual. Board Member Llamas and board member Holle expressed interest in continuing being the members of the committee.

Business (60 minute)

B1	School Safety Plan - The Board will receive information on required updates to the School Safety Plan.	Action Item	Mrs. Claudia Flores presented the proposed updates to the School Safety Plan based on the updated guidelines, laws and regulations going into effect. Board Member Cervantes motioned to approve, board member Jackson seconded the motion <table><tr><td>Yes</td><td>No</td><td>Abstain</td></tr><tr><td>Alvarez</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Holle</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Jackson</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Llamas</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Tang</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Uncapher</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>

B2	Charter Renewal Update- Board will receive an update on progress of renewal.	Informational Item	Mr. Fidel Ramirez and Mrs. Sadie Edemann, shared with the board the current process for preparing for the charter renewal. Currently Vaughn is in a cohort of schools by CCSA to help with the preparation of the renewal. The team has also been in contact with the Charter School Division contact, Blanca as well as the LAUSD board member, Kelly Gonez who also provided guidance and reiterated support upon presenting to the board.
B3	Community School Grant- The Board will receive a progress report on our Community School Grant application.	Informational Item	Director of School Climate, Mrs. Griselda Ortiz and Family and Community Center Coordinator, Mrs. Alma Nava presented the status of the Community School Grant application. Mrs. Ortiz shared the current makeup of the Community Schools council, the data around the needs assessment and identified the priority areas. The board engaged in discussion with Ms. Ortiz and Ms. Nava regarding the selection of the council, communicating the priorities identified for the grant and the efforts specifically related to the focus around math. Lastly, the timeline for the application was discussed sharing that the team anticipates hearing the final decision by May of 2025 to begin implementation by July 1st of 2025. This is a 5 year grant and cannot be reapplied for.
B4	Early Retirement Incentive Program Policy- The Board will review and act on the proposed early retirement incentive program policy.	Action Item	HR Director, Mr. Luis Carbajo presented to the board the proposal of the Early Retirement Incentive Program Policy. This came about as a result of last year's effort of Reduction in Force. The intent is to continue leveraging the strategy where possible. The board engaged in discussion with Mr. Carbajo around the changes to the policy, the number of current staff that would fit this category, the deadline for processing

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Board member Tang, recommended tabling the action item pending further guidance.

All board members agreed with this recommendation.</td></tr>
<tr><td>B5</td><td>Super Co-Op Agreement-The Board will review and act on the proposed agreement between Food Service and Super Co-Op for SY 2025-26 Commodity management.</td><td>Action Item</td><td>Food Services Director, Mrs. Frances Montoya - Gatewood presented this agreement.

There were no questions pertaining to the action item.

Board Member Holle motioned to approve, board member Cory seconded the motion.

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<tr><td>B6</td><td>FY 25-26 State Budget Update:The Board will receive an update on the Governor’s budget proposal for the 2025–26 school year.</td><td>Informational</td><td>CFO, Yolanda Griffin provided an overview on the 25-26 anticipated budget highlights. She shared that currently the COLA is proposed at 2.43% which is down from last year. Governor is projecting a surplus of $17</td></tr>
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			billion which is greatly different from last year's deficit of $38 billion. CFO also shared the Student support & PD Discretionary Block Grant status which must be fully expended by 6/30/2029 which allows $323 per student. These are one time dollars and are a multi-year grant geared towards PD for ELA and math. Also provided an update on the Learning Recovery Emergency Bloc Grant which was cut by $378.6 million. In addition the requirements were changed and in order to use the funds a new student needs assessment that includes expenditures and actions in the LCAP must be performed. Lastly, CFO shared the current budget challenges and the budget development process.

Curriculum and Instruction (20 minutes)

C1	LCAP 2024-2025 Mid Year Update - The Board will receive a mid year update on our LCAP spending and progress towards metrics.	Informational Item	The Director of Elementary Instruction, Sadie Edemann shared the presentation with the board regarding the required mid-year update. This reflects the results in progress in terms of metrics and expenditures. Spending is on track and is on target to meet the established goals. Board members engaged in a discussion around the limitations and barriers currently being seen, particularly in the area of math results. Board members also shared that although the math approach is a conceptual based math approach, it is difficult for teachers when students are not demonstrating the knowledge of basic math facts and that challenges are multi-tiered. Sadie shared that currently there are additional efforts focused in the area of math such as the UCLA Center X programming for math labs that teachers are participating in.
C2	Mental Health-The Board will receive an update on the progress of the school's mental health program.	Informational Item	Mental Health Director, Hazel Tercero shared the most recent update regarding mental health supports for our school community inclusive of the events, exercises and activities that the

			team is focusing on to ensure a well rounded support system and team. Hazel also shared that Vaughn was selected as one of 2 charter schools selected for the CYBHI initiative which allows services to be billed to insurance providers allowing reimbursement and added revenue for our services. Vaughn is part of Cohort 2 for this effort in partnership with LACOE. The first phase is anticipated to be set up by June. Fidel Ramirez shared that this is an innovative initiative that is ongoing that will allow for continued advocacy for our students and families. Additional information and updates will be provided as the process moves along.

Partnership and School Site Council (10 minutes)

P1	Governance Committee Updates- The Curriculum and Instruction, Business, and Partnership committee chairs will provide the Board an update on committee initiatives.	Informational Item	Board Member Alvarez, shared that for their committee the DVR was conducted across the campuses and are working on an informative email regarding the screeners for referrals and testing. They reviewed a timeline for the School Climate Survey and had conversations on younger student submission of the survey. She also shared that the pilot date for the curriculum adoption was pushed back but campuses have been provided samples for their review. Also shared that they are working on the flier communication to parents to inform them what it means to have their student reclassify. Board member Cory shared that for the partnership committee quorum was not met for the adoption of the Armed Forces Policy and therefore will be presented at the next meeting. There was an emergency vote for a Prom fundraiser in order to be able to allow students to fundraise for lower ticket cost. Food Services updated provided on the audit, the new kitchen and hiring status. Board member Uncapher shared that in the

			budget committee there were only a couple of requests submitted for facilities. In terms of the budget, Yolanda has already shared the updates in the area. There was a question as to when the board will be voting for budget increases, bonuses and reinstating of frozen bonuses and personnel updates. Yolanda clarified that thai time it is too soon to know and that it would be pending the May revised budget by the Governor.
P2	Student Board Member Update- The Student Board Members will provide the Board an update of student activities.	Informational Item	The student board member shared that at the high school the prom ticket is $215 and will continue increasing through March 7 at which point they will go to $220. They are holding a fundraiser at Boba Time in San Fernando. The prom will be held in Granada Hills. Grad night sign ups are currently closed. The ticket is currently $430 and payment plans are available. They will be having a blood drive through UCLA on 3/27/25.

Board member comments/future agenda items

It was announced to the board that board member Magaly Rojas has officially resigned from the board effective December 2024 due to commitment constraints.

Adjournment: Board member Holle motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 pm

Next Board Meetings:

March 12, 2025

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