VAUGHN | NEXT CENTURY LEARNING CENTER

BOARD MEETING
OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
4:00 p.m., Wednesday
May 21, 2025
MINUTES

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This agenda contains a brief description of each item to be considered. Except as otherwise provided by law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing in the following agenda:

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Call to Order

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:

Ms. Joana Vega addressed the board regarding concerns with an incident that occurred at G3 with her daughter.

Governance (40 minutes)

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<tr><td>G1</td><td>CEO Report: The CEO will give a presentation of the school's progress, deliverables and school enrollment numbers and attendance rates.</td><td>Informational Item</td><td>Fidel Ramirez provided the board with updates around enrollment, ADA and continued school events such as graduations and community events. Fidel also shared with the board that Vaughn was awarded the Community Schools Grant awarding Vaughn about $2.4 million which is very promising and exciting.</td></tr>
<tr><td>G2</td><td>Nomination Committee Update: The Board will receive an update on nomination results and move to approve Ms. Lucia N. Mier as new board member.</td><td>Action Item</td><td>Fidel Ramirez provided an update to the board on the meeting held by the nomination committee in determining the board candidate that would be invited to join the board. Based on the rubrics collected from the various committees, the results demonstrated that Ms. Lucia Mier was the selected candidate for the current board member vacancy.

Board member Holle motioned to approve the candidate into the board, board member Cory seconded the motion

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<tr><td>G3</td><td>Board Questionnaire and Resumes for Charter Renewal:
Board will receive information regarding the required Board Questionnaires and Resumes that will need to be prepared by each member in preparation for charter renewal.</td><td>Informational Item</td><td>Fidel Ramirez shared with the board the notes on the sample questionnaire to the board for the required board members submission for the charter renewal. It was shared this was just a sample for their consideration and opened up the opportunity for board members to request time for further clarity and recommendations.</td></tr>
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Business (60 minutes)

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<tr><td>B1</td><td>Collective LAUSD SELPA Notification Letter- The Board will review and move to approve the LAUSD SELPA collective charter school letter.</td><td>Action Item</td><td>Fidel Ramirez communicated to the board the partnership with other charter schools with the intent of solidifying SPED needs and collaboration. Through this consortium as a school, Vaughn can capitalize on critical training, up and coming news on regulations and processes. Allows a needed advocacy for a diverse array of needs.

Board member Jackson made the motion to approve the action item, board member Cervantes seconded the motion

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<tr><td>B2</td><td>Fiscal Policy Revision: The board will review a proposed revision to the authorized signers for Café's Operating Account.</td><td>Action Item</td><td>The board engaged in a discussion to review the reasoning for the change in the operating account. Fiscal Director, Yolanda Griffin provided details on the reason and logic with aligning of accounts.

Board member Cervantes motioned to approve, board member Mier 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>Cory</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Holle</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Llamas</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Jackson</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></td></tr>
<tr><td>B3</td><td>Reduction in Force: The board will review and approve the Reduction or Elimination of Particular Kinds of Services resolution (RESOLUTION NO. 24/25-02)</td><td>Action Item</td><td>HR Director, Luis Carbajo provided the board with the proposal to the additional reduction in force to staff specifically at Pandaland.

The board engaged in a discussion around the budget for Pandaland and their recommendations to reduce the staff proposed.

Board member Jackson motioned to approve, board member Cervantes seconded the motion<table><tr><td>Yes</td><td>No</td><td>Abstain</td></tr></table></td></tr>
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<tr><td>B4</td><td>Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators: The Board will review and act on the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators (CL-500) for the 2025-2026 school year.</td><td>Action Item</td><td>HR Director, Luis Carbajo provided an update to the board regarding the proposed action item, the requirements and annual expectations.

Board member Holle motioned to approve the action item, board member Jackson seconded the motion

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<tr><td>B5</td><td>New Pay Plan: The Board will review and act on the creation of new pay plans for Speech & Language Pathologist and Speech & Language Pathologist Assistant</td><td>Action Item</td><td>Board engaged in a discussion with staff to discuss the proposed pay plan. As communicated by Luis Carbajo, the current services for speech and language are being outsourced. Bringing them in house would allow for better most cost effective services.

Board member Cory motioned to</td></tr>
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<tr><td>B6</td><td>Fiscal: 2025-2026 May Revise Update: The Board will be provided with an update on the May Revise.</td><td>Informational Item</td><td>Fiscal Director, Yolanda Griffin provided the board with an update based on the governor’s May revised budget. Also shared the update to the one time fundings and critical items being monitored with revenue and cash deferrals. Yolanda also shared with the board the proposed COLA.</td></tr>
<tr><td>B7</td><td>Fiscal: Form 990 Income Tax Return: The Board will review Form 990 Income Tax Return for the year ending on June 30, 2024</td><td>Informational Item</td><td>Fiscal Director, Yolanda Griffin provided the board with an update on the required tax filing. This document also identifies the highest paid vendors and staff members.</td></tr>
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Curriculum and Instruction (30 minutes)

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<tr><td>C1</td><td>Ethnic Studies Curriculum: The Board will review and take action on the proposed Ethnic Studies curriculum for implementation at the secondary level. The curriculum is aligned with California state standards and reflects the diverse cultural and historical contributions of various ethnic groups. This vote will authorize adoption of the curriculum beginning in the 2025-26 school year.</td><td>Action Item</td><td>VISA Faculty staff presented the details on the Ethnic Studies requirement and the proposed curriculum, including but not limited to the approved courses, the credits earned and the various components of the program.

Board member Holle motioned to approve the action item, board member Llamas seconded the motion.
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<td>C2</td>
<td>K-5 ELA Curriculum: The Board will review and take action on adoption of a new ELA/ELD Curriculum for grades K-5 based on a recommendation by the Curriculum Committee. The curriculum is aligned with California state standards for ELA/ELD and has been thoroughly vetted through the Resource and Instruction Subcommittee over the course of this school year following guidelines provided by the CDE. This vote will authorize adoption of the curriculum beginning in the 2025-26 school year. This vote will also approve contracting with SAVVAS Learning Company as a vendor for the approved curriculum.</td>
<td>Action Item</td>
<td>The board engaged in a discussion with Curriculum coordinators to further discuss the components and various aspects of the curriculum at hand. Discussion was also had regarding implementation and training of staff in the new curriculum.

Board member Cervantes motioned to approve the action item, board member Llamas seconded the motion
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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	Committee chair Alvarez shared that at the last meeting the discussion was centered around document services and GATE and piloting of the new curriculum. Committee chair Uncapher shared facility approvals that were processed at their meeting. Budget continued discussion around right sizing and reviewing the different funding sources. Committee chair Cory shared an update on the Celebrating Words Festival, the update on the new Mainland kitchen and fundraisers that are being discussed.
P2	**Student Board Member Update-** The Student Board Members will provide the Board an update of student activities.	Informational Item	

Board member comments/future agenda items

Adjournment:

Next Board Meetings:

June 25, 2025

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