VAUGHN | NEXT CENTURY LEARNING CENTER

BOARD MEETING
OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
4:00 p.m., Wednesday
April 23, 2025
MINUTES- DRAFT

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Call to Order

A. Establish Quorum:

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

Advisory Student Members (non-voting)

Suleika Leiva
Miriam Vazquez

Public Comments:

Ms. Joanna Vega, G3 parent shared concerns with incident that happened at school with her child
Ms. Rahael Allen, teacher at MIT shared perspective and views on the Solution Tree proposal being presented to the board (C1)
Ms. Nikkhi Mohr shared her perspective and views on the Solution Tree proposal being presented to the board (C1)

Governance (20)

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<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>Mr. Fidel Ramirez shared current enrollment and ADA percentages to date. Also shared recent community outreach events that schools are participating in to further expose and attract students to Vaughn.</td>
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<td>Nomination Committee Update: The Board will receive an update on Nomination Committee progress and move to approve the vetting of potential parent candidates to policy committees:
● Ms. Lucia N. Mier

(Ms. Tiffany Diaz, already vetted potential candidate from last cycle)</td>
<td>Action Item</td>
<td>The board members engaged in a conversation about the process of presenting potential board member nominees to the various interested committees and ultimately the board. The introductory videos of the two nominees were shared with the board and the board approved moving forward with having them presented to the committees and voted on.

Board member Jackson motioned to approve sharing nominees with committees, board member Cory 2nd the motion. Action item approved unanimously.

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Business (60 minute)

B1	**FY 25/26 Budget Update:** The Board will receive an update on the progress of Vaughn's budget for the 2025–2026 school year.	Informational	Board update on budget was presented concurrently through the conversation about the Reduction in Force.
B2	**Reduction in Force:** The board will review and approve the Reduction or Elimination of Particular Kinds of Services resolution (RESOLUTION NO. 24/25-01)	Action item	A conversation was had clarifying the quorum requirements and what constitutes quorum as well as the required votes needed. Board member Alvarez, decided to step away from the board meeting at this time. In review of the Reduction in Force presented, a conversation was had about the need for reduction in staffing in comparison to prior year reduction in force, continued decline in enrollment and reduction in funding post COVID. Board Member Jackson motioned to approve the action item, board member Tang 2nd the motion. Yes | No | Abstain | | Cory | Llamas | Jackson | | Tang | | | | Uncapher Action item did not pass. Discussion was had about presenting at another meeting for reconsideration based on the current financial state not only of the school but at a state level as well.

Curriculum and Instruction (20 minutes)

C1	PD Proposal for 25-26SY: Solution Tree	Action Item	Mr. Fidel Ramirez shared with the board that this strategy came about through a conversation with the Budget committee meeting about the health of the current investments and the potential of capitalizing on some of that revenue to support proficiency in math and EL. This was then presented to about 25 school leaders who received the presentation favorable therefore now presenting the recommendation to the board for professional learning for teachers/teaching teams to enhance subject student achievement. The Directors of Instruction, shared with the board members that this proposal implies a yearly investment of roughly $300k a year for 3 years. This strategy is something that is currently being used at a neighboring charter school, Fenton further certifying the program. Teachers present, shared their inhibitions and hesitations with this proposal, emphasizing feeling overwhelmed with having to adopt a new curriculum, in addition to downsides to current programing in intervention methods and then an added stress through this proposal. Teachers suggested rather than looking for something new, why not redefine current practices and methods to strengthen them. A discussion was had both in favor and against this proposal from different aspects of school staff and board members. As a result, the board recommended not to proceed with this action item and instead rethink the proposal and determine next steps.

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	Business - had a discussion to address the need for a potential follow up meeting based on the results of the May revised from the Governor. Personnel - Survey was conducted on the teacher bonus being attached to teacher attendance as opposed to students. The results were not favorable.

			Partnership - Food services shared results of the audit. Family center update is looking for volunteers for the annual family appreciation night. Survey results shared from the parent feedback on the bullying policy.
P2	**Student Board Member Update-** The Student Board Members will provide the Board an update of student activities.	Informational Item	Student board members shared that there would be an Honor roll celebration for students who met the qualifying criteria.

Board member comments/future agenda items

Adjournment:

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May 21, 2025

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