BOARD MEETING
OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
4:00 p.m., Wednesday
March 25, 2026
MINUTES

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Call to Order

A. Establish Quorum:

Luis Cervantes	Absent
David Cory	Present
Steve Holle	Present
Anthony Jackson	Present
Anahi Lara	Present
Suzanne Llamas	Present
Lucia Mier	Absent
Leland Tang	Absent
Gabriel Ylo	Present

Advisory Student Members (non-voting)
Jonathan Chan
Gradys Cordova

Prior Board Meeting Minute Approval
Board member David Cory motioned to approve the minutes, board member Gabriel Ylo seconded the motion.

Yes	No	Abstain
Steve Holle		
Anthony Jackson		
Anahi Lara		
Suzanne Llamas		

Governance (30 minutes)

G1	**CEO Report:** The CEO will give a presentation of the school's progress, deliverables and school enrollment numbers and attendance rates.	Informational Item	CEO, Fidel Ramirez shared current enrollment/ADA with the board. He also shared strategies for continued outreach and schoolwide events/celebrations happening across the campuses.
G2	**Vaughn Local Wellness Policy** The board will receive an update on annual updates to the Local Wellness Policy.	Action Item	Claudia Flores shared the updates to the Vaughn Local Wellness policy. The board was informed that the changes were limited to required language updates by updated regulations in addition to the clearly naming the acting Food Services Director The board was also informed that the policy had already been presented and was approved by the Partnership committee. Board member Suzanne Llamas

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<tr><td>G3</td><td>LACOE Williams Facility Visit
The board will receive the LACOE Williams facility visit results</td><td>Informational Item</td><td>Operations Manager, Claudia Flores shared with the board that at the recent Williams Facility visit by LACOE, Vaughn received a passing score of 94.75. She also noted some of the observations made in terms of facilities such as stained ceiling tiles or missing wall plates. The board was also informed that this effort requires visits for 3 years and so Vaughn will be pending the 2 subsequent visits.</td></tr>
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Business (60 minutes)

B1	**Second Interim Financial Report**: The Board will review and act on the approval of Vaughn's Second Interim Report pertaining to the fiscal year 2025-2026	Action Item	CFO, Yolanda Griffin shared the second interim financial report to the board. Yolanda noted that this report reflects actuals through January 31st, 2026. Based on actuals, there is a surplus of $704k for the first time. Yolanda shared that enrollment projections are right on point. Yolanda shared that the improvement in the roughly $3.9m deficit was largely due to interest revenue from the

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<td>investments which is not something that is budgeted for because it fluctuates.

Board member Anthony Jackson motioned to approve the action item, board member David Cory seconded the motion

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<td>B2</td>
<td>Audit firm Selection: The Board will review the Statement of Work (SOW) for audit services provided by Clifton Larson Allen(CLA) pertaining to the fiscal year 2025-2026.</td>
<td>Action Item</td>
<td>Yolanda Griffin presented the action item to the board. She informed that every year the school is required to select an audit firm, the proposed firm is CLA which is the firm that has been supporting Vaughn for the last seven to eight years. This is a firm that works with charter, the service fee has gone from $46k to $49k. They have been a key partner. The partner has recently changed. Yolanda highly encourages approval of the proposed provider given the level of support received in prior years.

Board member Suzanne Llamas motioned to approve the action item, board member Gabriel Ylo seconded the motion

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<tr><td>B3</td><td>Fiscal Handbook Update: The School Purchase Order policy will be updated to incorporate Site Directors.</td><td>Action Item</td><td>Yolanda Griffin shared with the board that this change is from currently one approver for SPO’s to site directors having access to sign SPO’s. This is in alignment with the site based budgets and directors having full ownership of their expenses and site budgets, and oversight. At the moment there is no threshold for approval but that is something that will be monitored to determine if there is a need for a limit.

Board member David Cory motioned to approve the action item, board member Suzanne Llamas seconded the motion.
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<tr><td>B4</td><td>New Facilities Update- The Board will receive an update on the Wellness Center and Staff Housing.</td><td>Informational Item</td><td>Project Manager, Dr. Yvonne Chan presented the update on the Vaughn Plaza workforce housing project.
She informed the board that when the family center was</td></tr>
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			established, the sewage, gas, electricity was already run underground making this effort easier. This project will not have underground parking due to the methane gas. The project is scheduled to be a 21 unit 2-story building with a multi purpose room on the 1st floor. This effort is not dependent on educational funds, it is an economic development. We are ready to break ground on this effort. Once completed, it will offer reduced rent for hard to fill positions and possibly some families allowing for rent revenue in the long run.
B5	**Investment Portfolio Update:** Mercer will be presenting updates on current investment performance and outlook.	Informational Item	Andy from Mercer presented the actual performance of the investment portfolio. He shared with the board that overall the markets have recovered favorably experiencing historically high returns in the past year. On average it has been a 14% return. Andy also shared that the current volatility is quite high in part due to the recent war and shared the historical performance of stocks during similar circumstances.

Curriculum and Instruction (15 minutes)

C1	**EL Update-**Board will be given an EL Update on the following: ● English Learner/Multilingual Learner Program Update ● EL Task Force ● Summative ELPAC ● 24-25 RFEP Data	Informational Item	EL Coordinator, Ana Martinez provided the board with an update on the Multilingual Learner Program. Ana reiterated the EL task force efforts and the focus on the EL students. The purpose of the task force is to analyze data, identify root causes and

			develop a focused plan to improve the outcome for the multilingual learner students. Currently 92% of multilingual learners are below grade level standards based on SBAC and summative ELA results data and that is the group that is targeted from this task force. Ana also shared that currently there are a total of 578 students eligible for testing, of those 466 have already been tested. The window doesn't close until May and so all students will have been tested by the deadline. Results are expected to be received by late May. Ana also shared that from the 24-25 school year, 89 students were RFEP or 14%. The goal is to have a much higher number this year.

Partnership and School Site Council (10 minutes)

P1	**Governance Committee Updates-** Curriculum and Instruction, Business, and Partnership committee chairs will provide the Board an update on committee initiatives.	Informational Item	Curriculum & Instruction, Ms. Lara shared with the board that at their meeting, the teams discussed the progress on the school climate survey and the continued efforts for response. They also discussed the efforts of the math and EL task force. Partnership - David Cory informed the board the approval of the Vaughn Wellness policy and the updates to the fundraising form A. They also approved 7 fundraisers. Business- Gabriel Ylo shared with the board that the staff continues to pressure Yolanda to provide a definite in terms of a COLA percentage. He shared that there are high emotions to know if there will be a COLA staff not entirely

			understanding that Vaughn is very different from the district. The board engaged in discussion around the COLA, the lack of raises in the last couple of years and the strategies that are being explored all while being considerate of all staff certificated and not.
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:

April 22, 2026

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