

APPROVED MINUTES

CORAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE LAS VEGAS SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Meeting Information

Date: Thursday, January 17, 2019
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: 1051 Sandy Ridge Ave, Henderson NV 89052

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Format / Procedures / Rules:

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Agenda

Call to order Ms. Diggins called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Roll Call Present: Ms. Diggins, Ms. Hayman, Ms. Kazelskis, Dr. Warren, and Mr. Zhang. Mr. Tandogan joined via teleconference. Mr. Gibson was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

A. Public Comment (*Information*)

[Please see the Agenda for the procedures and rules regarding Public Comments.]

There were no public comments made at this time.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of November 26, 2018 Special Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the November 26, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, by Ms. Diggins, seconded by Mr. Zhang.

ACTION: Motion unanimously carried.

2. Approval of December 4, 2018 Academic Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the December 4, 2018 Academic Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, by Dr. Warren, seconded by Ms. Hayman.

3. Contract, Purchases, and Procurements below \$50,000

a. NWEA MAP Testing Contract Renewal for 2018/2019 School Year

The total amount not to exceed \$28,607.50

b. Sandy Ridge Gym Change Order

The total amount not to exceed \$30,567

c. Pre-AP Program Agreement and Payment

The total amount not to exceed \$10,800

- d. Annual Advertising Agreement of Parents Guide Las Vegas
The total amount not to exceed \$12,000

4. Contracts, Purchases, and Procurements above \$50,000

a. Nellis Campus Chromebooks

The total amount not to exceed \$74,500

Ms. Diggins stated she would like to approve all of the consent agenda items together with the exception of the Academic Subcommittee Meeting Minutes (Item #B2) and the Sandy Ridge Gym Change Order (Item #B3b). Ms. Diggins and Ms. Kazelskis confirmed the November 26, 2018 meeting minutes are acceptable. Ms. Diggins noted items B. 3. a. c. & d. are all annual expenses and the Nellis campus chromebooks are paid with a grant that the campus has received. With the exception of the Academic Subcommittee Meeting Minutes and the Sandy Ridge Gym Change Order, Ms. Diggins made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Zhang.

ACTION: Motion unanimously carried.

The academic subcommittee meeting minutes were circled around the subcommittee for review.

Dr. Warren made a motion to approve the December 4, 2019, draft academic subcommittee meeting minutes with including Ms. Kazelskis' edits, seconded by Ms. Hayman.

ACTION: Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Ercan explained the Sandy Ridge Gym Change Order was previously approved as a not to exceed \$30,000. The original amount was \$29,567, however, an additional \$1,000 architectural change order exceeded the original amount requiring another approval from the board. The board reviewed the fees on the supporting document provided.

Dr. Warren motioned to approve the Sandy Ridge Gym Change Order, seconded by Ms. Kazelskis.

ACTION: Motion unanimously carried.

C. Discussion/Possible Action Items

1. Policy and Processes Review

a. Academic Subcommittee Report (*Information*)

Ms. Hayman informed the board that the academic subcommittee had a discussion regarding statewide testing, the extensive testing schedule at CASLV, as well as a parent's choice to opt out. The academic subcommittee is concerned with the rigorous testing schedule, especially for the younger students. Unfortunately, all testing at CASLV is state mandated, with the exception of MAP and PSAT.

The state of Nevada does not allow students to opt out of testing. The academic subcommittee worked with Mr. Gunozu to draft a letter for the parents regarding state mandated testing and the school's policy of opting out. The letter is to make clear to the parents that opting out of testing is not an option with the state mandate, and therefore CASLV will not allow opting out.

The academic subcommittee had further discussion regarding the academic enrichment program. Coach Laura Byrd from Windmill campus informed the subcommittee about these programs. Windmill campus, as well as all lower campuses, provides daily intervention to small groups of students. Independent instruction is also utilized in the program. This program will help students perform better on both the MAP and SBAC tests.

Ms. Kazelskis noted that the Nellis campus also has a grant to provide additional enrichment afterschool and on Saturdays. It is the only campus, thus far, providing a Saturday program. The Nellis campus has shown much improvement. Previously a two-star school, they have achieved a four-star rating. The grant is awarded annually from the federal government.

Ms. Diggins noted she is still concerned with amount of testing. She suggested the school could provide a grade as an incentive for the tests. Mr. Ercan agrees, and has instructed the principals to create incentives to help motivate the students.

b. Testing Policy

Dr. Warren informed the board that the academic subcommittee discussed and agreed that informing parents in a policy that the state of Nevada does not recognize opting out of state mandated testing. Ms. Diggins asked if there are any consequences for opting out and Mr. Ercan confirmed there are not, opting out is not an option. The state of Nevada provides a two-month window of opportunity for the student to take the test. CASLV will have a 2-3 week make-up window for better organization.

The board requested Mr. Gardberg review the new testing policy.

Ms. Diggins motioned to approve the opting out testing policy on the condition that it is routed to our attorney, Mr. Gardberg, for review. If there are any major changes to the policy, it will return to the board for further review. Seconded by Ms. Hayman.

ACTION: Motion unanimously carried.

c. Student Handbook Amendment Regarding Academics

Mr. Ercan informed the board that this was not an agenda item at the academic subcommittee meeting. The administration would like to amend the Student Handbook by providing a link for High School course offerings. The link will provide parents and student's course catalog documents, course offerings, and graduation requirements.

Dr. Warren noted it would require modification each year. Mr. Ismail informed the board this could be updated not to reflect a certain year.

Dr. Warren motioned to approve this amendment to the Student Handbook with changing the link name, seconded by Mr. Tandogan.

ACTION: Motion unanimously carried.

d. Student Handbook Amendment Regarding Opting Out

Mr. Ercan asked that the board approve; adding the opting out testing policy to our existing Student Handbook.

Ms. Diggins motioned to approve amending the Student Handbook with this policy, once Mr. Gardberg reviews it. Seconded by Dr. Warren.

ACTION: Motion unanimously carried.

2. Charter Contract between the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) and CASLV

Mr. Ercan noted, as the board is aware, the CASLV charter renewal application was approved by the **SPCSA**. Mr. Ercan had conversations over the winter break regarding the verbiage of the contract with the **SPCSA's** Interim Executive Director, Accountability Director and legal counsel. Previously CASLV had only three campuses with different grade levels. Their legal counsel is drafting the language for the new contract, as per December meetings, to be approved at the State Public Charter School Authority's next board meeting.

Ms. Diggins asked that we defer this to the next CASLV board meeting. The board agreed to review and approve at the next CASLV board meeting.

D. Closed Session

1. Expulsion of Student A (Informative, Discussion)

The closed session took place from approximately 5:05 p.m. – 5:21 p.m.

E. Discussion/Possible Action Items

1. Expulsion Recommendation for Student A (re: item D (1))

Ms. Hayman motioned that Student A be expelled, seconded by Ms. Diggins.

ACTION: Motion unanimously carried.

F. Executive Director's Update (*Information*)

Mr. Ercan discussed the CASLV groundbreaking ceremony at Nellis AFB that took place on November 29, 2019. It was a very successful event. We are currently waiting for the dig permit to start the construction.

He also informed the board that the CASLV cohort graduation rate has increased to 100%; a first for CASLV. Only three **SPCSA** authorized charter schools have received a 100% cohort graduation rate.

Mr. Ercan informed the board we had all-day professional development training for our teachers on January 10, 2019 They focused on Professional Learning Communities (PLC). On January 11, 2019 teacher's utilized information learned and studied the academic achievement data for their respective campus. They discussed how they would implement what they learned in small group meetings. CASLV teachers and administrators then celebrated at the Bellagio buffet. It was great to have Ms. Kazelskis there representing the board.

Mr. Ercan also noted we are currently accepting new applications for 2019-2020-school year; the application deadline is February 28, 2019. The first lottery will be held on March 1, 2019. Currently we have 3600 applications; 4,000 applications are anticipated.

He also reminded the board of upcoming board meetings February 23, 2019 and April 6, 2019. The final meeting for this school year will be held in late May/early June.

G. Public Comments (*Information*)

Please see the procedures and rules referenced in item A above.

H. Adjournment (*Action*)

Ms. Hayman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Warren.

Action: Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.