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

Meeting Information

Date: Wednesday, November 20, 2019
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: 8965 S. Eastern Avenue, Suite 280 Las Vegas, NV 89123

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Agenda

Call to order Ms. Diggins called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Roll Call Present: Ms. Diggins, Ms. Hayman, Ms. Kazelskis, Dr. Warren, Mr. Zhang, and Mr. Tandogan (joined the meeting via phone conference). Absent: Mr. Gibson.

Pledge of Allegiance

A. Public Comment (*Information*)

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

No public comments.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of October 30, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes (*For Possible Action*)

Board secretary, Ms. Elizabeth Kazelskis confirmed the accuracy of the minutes. Dr. Warren made a motion to approve the October 30, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Zhang.

ACTION: Motion unanimously carried.

C. Discussion & Possible Action Items – Facilities

1. Nellis Campus Construction Change order for Pre-K Playground (*For Possible Action*)

Mr. Ercan reviewed the change orders thus far with the board and informed them, as previously mentioned at the October 30, 2019 board meeting, that board approval is required for the Pre-K Playground change order. Mr. Ram Janga reviewed the change order with the board and informed them he does not anticipate more change orders. However, potential change orders may arise. Upon approval of this change order, the contingency fund balance would be approximately \$39,000. This amount is based on our not installing the middle school shade structure now, but instead postponing that to the Spring.

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Dr. Warren asked about the change orders from the gas line issue and if there will be reimbursement for that eventually. Mr. Gardberg noted these things take time and that will be a long process, but we will actively pursue recovery of the same from Hunt.

The board discussed various options to consider funding the additional middle school shade structure. Mr. Yutuc noted Nellis had a recent fundraiser that raised about \$30,000. He asked if those funds could be applied to the middle school shade structure. Mr. Ercan confirmed the school could apply those funds towards the middle school shade structure.

Dr. Warren expressed concerns that the Pre-K Playground change order is not clear in identifying exactly what type of playground the change order is for, as at the last meeting the architect reviewed a few different options. For the amount in question, she hoped the playground would be the more “elaborate” one.

Ms. Diggins made a motion to approve this expenditure in the amount of \$94,842.00 from contingency funds, for the addition of the Pre-K Playground with the conditions discussed; CASLV will not pay for the middle school playground shade structure from the construction budget, but instead out of the \$30,000 raised during a recent Nellis campus fundraiser. This will leave a balance of \$39,500 to address future change orders. Seconded by Mr. Zhang.

ACTION: Motion unanimously carried, with the exception of Dr. Warren who abstained.

D. Discussion & Possible Action Items – **Finance and Governance**

1. **Fiscal Year 18/19 Annual Audit to comply with NAC 387.775 (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Nick presented the Fiscal Year 18/19 Annual Audit to the board and noted there were no adverse findings. He noted that among other things:

- The school’s income as of June 30, 2019 was a \$1.6 million net gain.
- Revenues were up by approximately 28%, and expenses rose by approximately 23%.
- The school had approximately \$10,597,447 in cash as of June 30, 2019.

Mr. Zhang confirmed the numbers are fine, as he reviewed the audit and spoke with the auditors. Ms. Diggins added we are in great shape due to the administration’s hard work.

Dr. Warren made a motion to accept and approve the Fiscal Year 18/19 Annual Audit Report to comply with NAC 387.775, seconded by Mr. Tandogan.

ACTION: Motion unanimously carried.

2. **Fiscal Year 19/20 Budget Amendment (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Ercan explained CASLV would need to update the Fiscal Year 19/20 Budget based on the actual count day numbers, which is the first quarter average enrollment numbers. Mr. Nick reviewed all of the major updates with the board, explaining the reasoning for each line item update. Ms. Diggins asked the board if they had any questions or comments. Mr. Tandogan thanked Mr. Nick and Mr. Ercan and asked for clarification regarding a \$2 million interest expense, which Mr. Nick confirmed is for the bond payments.

Ms. Diggins made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 19/20 Budget Amendment, seconded by Dr. Warren.

ACTION: Motion unanimously carried.

E. Closed Session

1. **Re: Expulsion Request for Student A (re: item E (1)) (For Possible Action)**

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The closed session took place from 4:53 p.m. to 5:09 p.m.

F. Discussion & Possible Action Items – Student Discipline

1. Expulsion Request for Student A (re: item E (1)) (*For Possible Action*)

Ms. Diggins noted the board heard a summary about the incident(s) involving Student A from the Nellis Campus Principal. The board had also reviewed documents prior to this meeting, and received information and privileged advice from the school's legal counsel during the Closed Session.

Ms. Diggins made a motion (1) to approve the discipline committee's recommendation to expel student A, based upon both NRS 392.466 & NRS 392.467, in light of this student's significant prior history, the escalation in his/her behavior culminating in a violent threat to a teacher, and the failure of prior progressive disciplinary measures; and (2) that all of this information be included in Infinite Campus for the future institution's information. Seconded by Dr. Warren.

ACTION: Motion unanimously carried.

G. Information/Discussion Items

1. Special Education Services Report (*Information*)

Mr. Ercan explained that this was presented at the October 30, 2019 board meeting, however it was not the final draft. Ms. Cristine Hanna consulted with State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) representative, Lisa Dzierbicki. They finalized the report together and presented it to the Department of Education. Ms. Hanna added that there were a few changes to the last page which included notes regarding the improvement plan, and that the SPCSA has approved this. The final step in this process will include completing and documenting the action plan by April 2020. The SPCSA will monitor this process.

2. Executive Director's Progress Report (*Information*)

Mr. Ercan discussed CASLV's accomplishments and important information regarding students and school clubs with the board.

- Four CASLV Students are semifinalists to receive the National Merit Scholarship. This is the first year that four CASLV students are semifinalists.
- Nellis Campus Update: 75% of the overall project is complete, with 99% of the Middle School completed. The new campus will be ready for a tour the week of December 16th.
- Applications for the 20/21 school year will be open from November 1, 2019 through February 28, 2020. Mr. Ercan explained that currently (i.e., through 20 days) we have received 1,757 applications; which is higher in comparison to last year. 387 of those are for the Eastgate campus. The board had various questions regarding the plan for grade levels and Mr. Ercan reviewed a chart with the board to explain the plans for upcoming years.
- CASLV Senior Samuel Grant received the Mayor's Honor Roll Premier Education Award at a recent City of Henderson council meeting from Mayor Debra March.
- CASLV Speech and Debate teams had a great S&D tournament where they all earned bids for the Nationals.

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- Mr. Ercan reviewed images from CASLV campuses' Halloween parades where students and parents had a great time in their festive costumes to celebrate the holiday.
- Senior Students Victoria Greene and Holden Weisman received the Academic All-American Award from the National Speech and Debate Association.
- Sandy Ridge Math League Team received 1st place in the Sweepstakes category in the Las Vegas area out of 9 schools.
- CASLV CRCC (Cyber Robotics Coding Competition) teams placed 1st and 2nd among 20 schools (101 teams from 6 states).
- Sandy Ridge student Michael D.'s art has been chosen by Lions Clubs International among all of the art they gathered to represent their club as the regional winner and it will be submitted for the international contest.
- Veterans Day events were held at various CASLV campuses to honor our nation's veterans. Mr. Ercan shared images of these events with the board.
- CASLV Nellis campus recently hosted a Veterans Day Assembly to honor and recognize the service of our brave men and women. The school was fortunate to have Neil Johnson, Robert Weik, and Paul Scott, Vietnam Veterans and officers of the Vietnam Veterans of America. They were able to share their memorable and detailed war experiences with 5th – 8th grade students.
- Next Board Meeting: February 29, 2020 at our Eastgate campus. If there is a need for an emergency meeting, we will schedule one in January.

H. Public Comments (*Information*)

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

No public comments.

I. Adjournment (*Action*)

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

ACTION: Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.