



VALIENTE

COLLEGE PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL

Meeting of the Board of Directors

March 28, 2016

7:00pm

8691 California Avenue, South Gate CA

Attendance

Present: Deena Williams, Jess Boro, Jennifer Bunn Hayden, Naeem Arastu, Carmen Avalos

Absent: Rudi Bonaparte, Mark Racunas

Present: Esther Perez, Executive Director & Samira Estilai, Representative from ExEd

Open Session

1. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Williams

Meeting called to order at 7:12pm by Deena Williams.

Roll Call taken, Attendance noted above

2. Approve: February Board Meeting Minutes

D. Williams

Corrections: Under Item #5 - clarification on current budget, and dollar signs added to dollar values. Changes made to terms of audit firms versus audit committees. Added note to clarify that meeting reconvened from closed session (not simply that meeting re-opened). Motion to approve by Naeem Arastu, Seconded by Jennifer Bunn Hayden

No Questions

Approvals: All in favor (Deena Williams, Jess Boro, Jennifer Bunn Hayden, Naeem Arastu, Carmen Avalos)

Abstentions: 0

Oppositions: 0

Motion passes unanimously.

3. Public Comment

D. Williams

No public comment at this time.

4. Review: Executive Director's Report

E. Perez

Dr. Perez reviewed enrollment, location options, and plan to discuss locations with parents.

5. Approve: 2016-2017 Calendar

E. Perez

Questions: Just clarification: should calendar have school site council added? This may be added. Recommendation to have school calendar on website.

Motion to approve calendar by Carmen Avalos. Second by Jess Boro.

Approvals: Deena Williams, Jess Boro, Jennifer Bunn Hayden, Naeem Arastu, Carmen Avalos

Abstentions: 0

Oppositions: 0

Motion Carries unanimously.

6. Review: Financial Report

ExED, Inc. Representative

Not many changes to report. Samira Estilai reviewed overall summary of financial report.

Valiente is projected to achieve a net deficits of \$70K. This is due to staff changes as well as lower than expected ADA as a result of staff changes. Overall, school is in strong position to pay financial obligations throughout the school year and into the next school year.

7. Review: Audit Committee Update

J. Bunn Hayden

Audit committee met twice. First to discuss recommendations of audit firms. Review of the three contracts given verbally. Vicenti/Lloyd/Stutzman Business Consultants and CPA are recommendations by audit firm. \$6K fee with \$1K taxes. ExEd has experience working with this firm. Other firm had \$10K with \$1,300 dollar tax fee.

8. Approve: Contract with firm for FY15/16 Audit

J. Bunn Hayden

Motion for approval of audit by Vicenti, Lloyd, Stutzman, Business Consultants and CPA by Carmen Avalos. Seconded by Jenn Bunn Hayden.

Approvals: Deena Williams, Jess Boro, Jennifer Bunn Hayden, Naeem Arastu, Carmen Avalos

Abstentions: 0

Oppositions: 0

9. Review: Location Options, Prop 39

E. Perez

Dr. Perez reviewed Prop 39 process. LAUSD to offer final location on April 1st, 2016. Board request for more investigation about final offer, any other private off-site options, and potential costs.

10. Board Member Communications

D. Williams

Board chair, Deena Williams, attended two days of California Charter School Association conference; Board Chair Williams attended the session on board member representation and

highlighted sessions regarding the Brown Act. Board sizes are on average size of Valiente, approximately 7-10 members. Board member Williams noted that it would be a good idea to plan a retreat to build in more knowledge on Brown Act. Valiente needs a new Treasurer and needs a new Vice Chair. Interesting ideas to build in new members: Board members can ‘chair’ committees and bring in non-Valiente members into these committee meetings to get experience on a board committee and then eventually to become a full board member. Innovative idea may help bring in people who might be interested in becoming full board members. D. Williams also reviewed some of the anti-charter sentiment based on what was discussed at CCSA. Carmen Avalos to send school collaborative information about South Gate, CA.

Closed Session

11. Review: Special Education Complaint to CDE (Old Business)

E. Perez

12. Personnel & Recruitment

E. Perez

Discussed the items above, no decisions were made on item #11; only information was shared. Discussed item #12, no decisions were made on item #12; only information was shared by the executive director.

Open Session

13. Adjourn Meeting

D. Williams

Motion to adjourn meeting by Carmen Avalos at 9:19pm. Seconded by Naeem Arastu. Board meeting adjourned at 9:19pm.