

TEACH Public Schools
Board Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
Thursday, December 16th 2015
6:00-8:00 PM

Board Members:

Present:

Melvin Ford
Edith Morris
Xavier Reyes
Katrina Oh
Earl Wooten

Staff in Attendance

Mildred Cunningham
Dr. Raul Carranza
Matt Brown
Greg Perez
Aleta Cruel
Sharron Rhee

Board meeting called to order at 6:08 p.m.

Time for Public Comments

Consent Agenda

- Oh moved that all the items on the consent agenda (Minutes from November 18 and December 3, Updated bylaws, Fiscal policies, Employee Handbook, Updated organization chart, Ratification of modular purchase) be approved. Reyes seconded.
Approved 5-0.

Reports

Executive Director's Report

- Ms. Cunningham informed the Board that Dr. Avila submitted his resignation as Chairperson of the Board- effective February 1, 2016. The secretary read Avila's letter to the Board.
- Reyes and Wooten agreed to work with Cunningham and Morris to organize a farewell party for Avila in recognition of his past services to TEACH.
- Board discusses need to add new board members. Mr. Reyes motions to nominate Executive Director Mildred Cunningham as Chairman of the Board. Ms. Oh seconds.
Approved 5-0.
- Red Hook Capital Partners LLC sent a letter of intent with regards to the leasing of commercial real estate. Facilities committee will meet on Friday, January 15.

Superintendent- Dr. Raul Carranza

- Benchmark exams are being administered at TEACH.

Principal's Report- Greg Perez

- Perez met with LAPD yesterday about the LAUSD terror threat incident.
- Reinforced expectations at 8th Grade Parent Meeting.
- ASES After School Programming has programmed many activities for students. TEACH seeks to apply for more grants so that more activities can be offered (e.g. coding, robotics, etc.).
- Upcoming events: Character Pillar/Achievement awards (12/18/15), Talent Shows (TBD), Individual Teacher Conversations (1/11/16)

Curriculum & Professional Development Report

- Danielson Rubric is being considered as way to evaluate teacher performance.
- SBAC interim assessments were administered to the 11th Grade students.
- Departments are assessing quarterly benchmarks.
- WASC visit at Teach Academy of Technologies: April 24-27, 2016. WASC chair will visit campus on January 22 for introductions and school tour. Currently working on a self-study, which will be submitted upon return from winter session.
- WASC recommended a hands-on lab facility because only 20 percent can be virtual.
- Project Based Learning: Discussing vision and implementation of project based learning amongst leadership. Self-reflecting on school and current school wide projects.

Financial Report-Spencer Styles

Teach Academy of Technologies

- No significant changes from the prior month, forecasted revenue and expense are still on track.

Teach Tech High School

- No significant changes in revenue but expenses related to textbooks and non-capitalized equipment increased in the month of November. Any spending on these areas should be limited for the rest of the year. The school is still projecting a surplus.
- November is a low point in cash for the year. However a significant amount of governmental revenue will be received at the end of December or beginning of January to reduce the current liabilities.
- Wooten moved that the Board approve the reports. Reyes seconded. All voted in favor.

Board entered closed session at 7:21 p.m.

Closed session ended at 7:33 p.m.

Reyes moved that the closed session adjourn. Oh seconded. Board returned to the meeting.

Meeting ended at 7:34 p.m.

Next Meeting

Special committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 15, 2015.