



A CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, April 30, 2009
3:30 PM
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(Please note that any referred to Attachments are on file with the hard copy minutes in the Executive Director's office.)

I. PRELIMINARY:

- A. CALL TO ORDER Rene Rodman: 3:35PM
- B. ROLL CALL: Rene Rodman:

Members Present:

Amy Dresser Held (arrv'd 3:40) Patrice Fisher
Darcy Stamler Rene Rodman
John Riley (arrv'd 3:40) Steve Klima (left 4:45)
John Callas Torino Johnson (abst)
James Paleno (abst) Victoria Francis

Ex-officio

Greg Wood
Ramin Badiyan (abst)
Martin Griffin

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Non-agenda items: No individual presentation shall be for more than two (2) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed sixteen (16) minutes. Board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction to staff following a presentation. Use of names of individuals should be avoided when referring to accusations or wrongdoing (names should be presented to the Executive Director for follow-up action). Speakers may choose to speak during the public comment segment and/or at the time an agenda item is presented.

- Ms. Susan Frank expressed concern regarding turnover in the administrative positions over the last several years.

III. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. BOARD AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR TEACHER.

- This item was tabled.

- B. ACTION ON PLAN TO FILL OPEN BOARD SEAT.

- While in the past, an open seat has usually been filled by the runner-up of the election for that particular board member, in this case the runner-up is no longer a full time teacher.
- John Riley noted that the Charter Renewal Task Force had spent considerable time discussing how Pali would fill board seats that become vacant mid-term, and that the new Charter contains language that a special election be called to fill vacant seats.
- Darcy Stamler moved that the Elections Committee hold a Special Election to fill the Board seat vacated

by teacher Dave Suarez, and that the election be held in time to seat the new Board member no later than the June regular Board meeting. John Callas seconded the motion.

BOARD ACTION:

8 – yes (Ms. Darcy Stamler, Ms. Vicky Francis, Dr. John Riley, Ms. Patrice Fisher, Mrs. Rene Rodman, Ms. Amy Dresser Held, Mr. John Callas, Mr. Steve Klima.)

2 – absent (Mr. Torino Johnson, Mr. James Paleno)

IV. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. UPDATE ON PLANS FOR STAFFING LEADERSHIP TEAM POSITIONS.

- Amy Held announced that the Principal position will be posted both externally and internally. She said that an interview committee of six to eight people representing all stakeholders would be established to vet candidates. Additionally, she said that the duties and responsibilities of the position would be updated. Other open administrative positions will be addressed after the Principal position is filled.

Ms. Rodman announced the agenda items for closed session.

- Two public speakers spoke regarding expulsion case #08/09-B. They asked that the board recommend that the student be enrolled in Temescal Canyon High School to finish their senior year if expelled from PCHS.

V. CLOSED SESSION: 4:05PM

A. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE STUDENT EXPULSION: CASE #08/09-B

- John Riley moved that the Board accept the findings of fact and recommendation of the administrative committee regarding Student Expulsion Case #08/09-B, and that the Board modify the committee's recommendation to include that the student seek admission at Temescal Canyon High School or other school of the student's choice. Vicky Francis seconded the motion.

BOARD ACTION:

8 – yes (Ms. Darcy Stamler, Ms. Vicky Francis, Dr. John Riley, Ms. Patrice Fisher, Mrs. Rene Rodman, Ms. Amy Dresser Held, Mr. John Callas, Mr. Steve Klima.)

2 – absent (Mr. Torino Johnson, Mr. James Paleno)

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION b OF SECTION 54956.9

C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR PCHS Negotiator: Ms. Amy Dresser Held, Executive Director

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION: PESPU, UTLA (**see attachment**)

- Because he is a member of a bargaining unit, Steve Klima left the room during the discussion.
- Darcy Stamler moved that the Board accept the Memorandum of Understanding between PCHS and UTLA-PCHS and PEPSU establishing a one-time return payment for PCHS employees nearing retirement and returning to LAUSD as a result of its decision to disallow further Charter School leave options. John Callas seconded the motion.

BOARD ACTION:

7 – yes (Ms. Darcy Stamler, Ms. Vicky Francis, Dr. John Riley, Ms. Patrice Fisher, Mrs. Rene Rodman, Ms. Amy Dresser Held, Mr. John Callas.)

3 – absent (Mr. Torino Johnson, Mr. James Paleno, Mr. Steve Klima)

VI. PUBLIC SESSION: 5:10PM

Ms. Rodman reported out the actions taken in closed session (see above – if no action is noted under a specific agenda item, no action was taken in closed session).

VII. ADJOURNMENT: 5:15PM