

**NEW ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

Present: Brent Bradley, Maggie Cervantes, Patricia DiDonato,
Victor Gil, Ed Moreno, Ron Solorzano, and Bea Stotzer
Absent: Russell Jensen
Staff: Principals Todd and Gould, NACP Liz E. Marengo
Consultants: Dr. Marta Sanchez and Irina Castillo

Ron Solorzano, President, presided over the meeting. As there was a quorum present, the following items were presented and acted upon motion duly made and seconded.

- I. **Public Comment** – no Comment
- II. **Minutes from January 25, 2017– action item**
Motion made by Cervantes and seconded by Moreno to approve the January, 25, 2017 board minutes. Roll Call: Ayes: Bradley, Cervantes, DiDonato, Gil, Moreno, and Solorzano. No’s – none. Abstentions: Stotzer. She did not attend the January board meeting.
- III. **Financial Reports**
 - a. **January 2017 Financial Report for NASA and NACP – Irina Castillo**
Irina presented the financial reports and began with an overview of the State budget. The Governor’s proposed budget in January was not as good as in the past but revenue is going up by 1.48%. The State budget includes a one-time increase of \$48 per ADA. Overall, State revenue is going up by a lower rate than the expenses which will be going up by around 2%.

NACP Financial Report: Change in value for the investment account. Budget shows a healthy net income. All accounts receivable have come in the third week in July. Board reviewed the Financial Dashboard, Balance Sheet and check register for each school. . Question: Invoice for EXED come in at different times. **NASA Financial Report:** Enrollment and ADA was slightly below budget. Revenue is slightly below as a result. Expenditures-are a little bit over budget in classified salaries (custodial used to be independent contractors and are now employees). Student supplies and curriculum costs are higher due to a technology text now being used. LAUSD visitors will be presented with the December

- b. Homeless Policy Parent Information Spanish version – action item**
All documents in Spanish for the Homeless Policy were reviewed by the board. A question was asked – Is there a time span that constitutes the Homelessness? Staff will get back to the board on this question..
Motion made by Stotzer and Seconded by Moreno to accept the Spanish version of the Homeless Policy Parent Information Document. Roll Call: Ayes: Bradley, Cervantes, DiDonato, Gil, Moreno, Solorzano and Stotzer. No's – none. Abstentions – none.
- c. NEW Academy school calendar- action item**
NACP Director of Operations Elizabeth Marengo described the differences between LAUSD and NEW Academy academic calendar for FY 2017-18. The calendar meets the 180 days requirement. State will not pay for extra days of ADA.
Question asked by the Board: Does the long Winter break impact testing? The response was that it does not. Motion made by Moreno and Seconded by Stotzer to approve the 2017-18 Academic Calendar as presented. . Roll Call: Ayes: Bradley, Cervantes, DiDonato, Gil, Moreno, Solorzano and Stotzer. No's – none. Abstentions – none.

V. Academic Excellence

a. Executive Director's Report – Dr Sanchez- information only

Dr. Sanchez highlighted her written report. Highlights included: Meetings are being set up with staff and consultants to set expectations for the completion of the charter petitions. Board on Track is fully online for board and staff members to utilize. Planning meetings held for NASA Summer Camp program. The EL Master Plan meetings continue with Education Committee

b. NASA and NACP Principal Administrative Report – information Only

NACP highlighted partnership with the American Red Cross and CSUN- to build a garden and provide workshops on nutrition. The garden kick off is March 8.

Students cooking contest tomorrow 2-23-17

Reading picnic on March 1.

The Board asked the Principals if the immigration situation impacted the schools.

NACP reported no unusual absences.

NASA: Immigration situation: many parents are anxious, school is providing resources and partnered with NEW Capital, CARECEN,