

NEW Academy

Board of Directors Special Meeting

Minutes
March 15, 2017

Present: Maggie Cervantes, Brent Bradley, Victor Gil, Ron Solorzano, Pat DiDonato , and Bea Stotzer
Absent: Jensen and Moreno
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. Meeting Called to Order.

II. Public Comment

No public comment.

III. Strategic Plan Discussion and Presentation by Finance Committee- Brent Bradley

President Solorzano opened the discussion indicating this is a special meeting of the Board of Directors to discuss the future of our schools as it relates to our strategic and financial planning. After our board retreat in November 2016, we have not had an opportunity to have a joint discussion with both the Strategic Planning Committee and the Finance Committee (committees have met on their own). Board members have expressed that a joint meeting was necessary because we cannot discuss strategic planning without considering the financial implications.

Finance Committee member Gil presented a power point presentation on financial considerations to explore given the projected budgets for both schools. Please see attached copy of power point presentation.

Dr. Marta Sanchez continued and led a discussion and the following comments/recommendations were made:

- Board needs to spend time **right now** on the strategic plan, increasing enrollment, facilities and space issues
- Look at the State of California Dashboard on high and low performing schools
- Hire a development person but begin as a reconnaissance mission
- Conduct an organizational audit to understand status of the organization: hire a Consultant to come in and do the SWOT(Audit of Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats)

- Board meetings be more streamlined and restructured to focus on policy and governance but must meet minimal requirements from LAUSD:
 - Finance Committee to receive the financial reports from EXED, review them and only present any red flags or items that need board attention.
 - Finance reports can also be reviewed via email prior to the meetings.
 - Finance reports can also be presented every other meeting.
 - Restructure board meetings to alternate full board meetings with subcommittee meetings
- Recommend that the school site principal reports include more specifics in terms of school performance, test data, and other essential information. This was also emphasized by the LAUSD oversight.
- Board requested that the School site administrators provide board with a report on what they will do to curtail spending and make up for budgetary deficits.
- Guidelines must be set for the school site administrators by the board on their spending and budget constraints.
- Board needs to discuss and decide what topics are important and what is required of us, what is long term and what is short term
- With regard to the strategic plan what are the variables that drive performance and instruction
- Recommendation was made to increase the number of board members: legal, one more educator and an HR person. Will circulate resume for potential person for HR/personnel.
- Board requested that Irina report back the estimated cost of one classroom.

IV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at ----p.m.