



**PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS**

# School Governing Board Meeting Agenda April 25, 2023

Notice of Regular Meeting: 9:15 AM

1477 W. Commerce Ct. Tucson, AZ 85746

## General Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment

The Partnership Schools Governing Board welcomes public comment on issues within the jurisdiction of the schools. Comments should be limited to three minutes per individual. At the conclusion of public comment, the Board members may respond to the comments made by the public to the Committee, may ask staff to review a matter, or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. Members of the Committee, however, may not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during public comment unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action. Finally, be advised that internal high school(s) and academy processes are available to students and employees for communication.

## Reports:

### Superintendents Reports

- Enrollment/Recruitment
- Finance
- Grants
- Infrastructure
- E-Rate

## Action Items:

- Motion to Approve Minutes from the March 7, 2023, Partnership Schools Governing Board Meeting.
- Motion to Approve the expulsion Anaëisa Medina from Pima Partnership Middle School.

## Announcements:

The next regular meeting is proposed for May 23, 2023, 9:15a.m. at COPE Community Services, Inc. 1477 W. Commerce Court, Tucson, AZ 85746.

## Adjournment:

**Partnership Schools Governing Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 25, 2023, at COPE Community Services**  
**1477 W. Commerce Ct. Tucson, AZ 85746**

**Members Present:**

- Khalid Al-Maskari (Via Zoom)
- Joe Higgins (Via Zoom)
- Daniella Hisey (Via Zoom)
- Richard Paige (Via Zoom)

**Staff Present:**

- Ian Kidd, Superintendent (Via Zoom)
- Rod Cook, CEO (In person)

**Guests Present:**

- Clarissa Jimenez, COPE (In person)

**General Matters:**

**1. Call to Order**

Ms. Hisey called the Partnership Schools Governing Board meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Public Comment**

No public comments were made.

**Reports**

**1. Superintendent's Report**

**a. Enrollment/Recruitment**

Mr. Kidd reported to the Board he will be meeting with Rene Pacheco who is the Communications and Marketing Director COPE, and with Mr. Cook to come up with new ideas to get more enrollments. The last few years enrollments has been slowly declining. The schools will need to bring in new enrollments, the high school in Phoenix have 130 students, 115 students at the Tucson high school, and 55 students at the Middle school. The online program has 40 students enrolled and it is going really well.

Mr. Kidd reported to the Board the instructional time model has been seen by auditors and it was approved. There has been talk with the Charter Board to strengthen the program. The high schools can up to 40% of the students enrolled in the online program. In the summer the two high schools will try to get more enrollments for the online program as well as for in-person. Mr. Higgins asked if from a profitability standpoint is the online program with staff and overhead helping with the budgets. Mr. Kidd informed the Board the online program has one teacher running it and even though the program itself is a bit expensive it is a lower cost of having one teacher run it than multiple.

Mr. Kidd also reported to the Board for the next meeting he will have the benchmark data for the last quarter of school and will have the state testing results back as well. Mr. Kidd informed the Board that the new superintendent with for the department of education may go back to Aims testing instead of the AZ merit testing. That would mean students would need to pass a benchmark with the Aims testing in order to graduate.

**b. Finance**

Mr. Kidd reported to the Board the finance team is currently working on the budgets. Next year the COVID money will run out and it will be a big reduction for PPP. During the meeting in June the budgets will be presented to the Board and will be voted on then posted online. The finance team is working on getting the budgets to zero for a starting point and they are almost ready but they are also waiting for new forms from the State.

**c. Grants**

Mr. Kidd reported to the Board PPP will take a huge reduction in funds because the COVID money will be done next year as well as the Esser grants. There is \$100,000 saved for each school from the Esser grants just for next year. There are still entitlement grants an applying for them with the deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup>. The schools currently have the school improvement and graduation grants, but they are moving out of the sustainability since they got the rates up for both. There are more grants that the schools are looking into but they will need to get enrollment up.

**d. Infrastructure**

Mr. Kidd reported to the Board the infrastructure is still good and they have finished the upgrades to I.T.

**e. E-Rate**

Mr. Kidd reported to the Board the e-rate is ending but they are going to reapply.

**1. Motion to approve minutes from the March 7, 2023, Partnership Schools Governing Board Meeting.**

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the March 7, 2023, meeting.

**Motion:** Mr. Higgins moved to approve the March 7, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Al-Maskari seconded the motion.

Vote:

Khalid Al-Maskari: Affirmative

Joe Higgins: Affirmative

Daniella Hisey: Affirmative

Richard Paige: Affirmative

The motion was unanimously approved.

**2. Motion to approve the expulsion Anaeisa Medina from the Pima Partnership Middle School.**

**Motion:** Mr. Higgins moved to approve the expulsion of Anaeisa Medina from the Pima Partnership Middle School. Mr. Paige seconded the motion.

Vote:

Khalid Al-Maskari: Affirmative

Joe Higgins: Affirmative

Daniella Hisey: Affirmative

Richard Paige: Affirmative

The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Announcements**

**1. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 9:15 a.m. at COPE Community Services, Inc. 1477 W. Commerce Court, Tucson, AZ 85746.

### **Adjournment**

1. Motion: Mr. Al-Maskari moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Higgins seconded the motion. The School Board meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.