



PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS

School Governing Board Meeting Agenda August 24, 2021

Notice of Regular Meeting: 10:00 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 Report

COVID

Enrollment/Recruitment

Finance

Infrastructure

E-Rate

Student Learning Update

Action Items:

- Motion to Approve Minutes from the July 6, 2021, Partnership Schools Governing Board Meeting.
- Motion to Approve Partnership Schools COVID Standard Operating Procedures SOPs for FY21-22.
- Motion to Recommend Provisional Approval of Schools Instructional Time Model as per SB 2862.
- Motion to Approve the Revised Enrollment Packet FY21-22.
- Motion to Approve the Exceptional Student Services Policies and Procedures for FY21-22.
- Motion to hold Special School Board Meeting at 10:00a.m., August 31, 2021, for Final Approval of Schools Instructional Model.

Announcements:

The next regular meeting is proposed for September 28, 2021, 10:00AM at COPE Community Services, Inc. 1477 W. Commerce Court, Tucson, AZ 85746.

Adjournment:

Partnership Schools Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom
August 24, 2021

Members Present:

- Khalid Al-Maskari (Via Zoom)
- Richard Paige (Via Zoom)
- Joe Higgins (Via Zoom)
- Dr. Margaret Higgins (Via Zoom)

Staff Present:

- Rod Cook, CEO
- Ian Kidd, Superintendent

Guests Present:

- Clarissa Jimenez, COPE

General Matters:

1. Call to Order

Dr. Higgins called the Partnership Schools Governing Board meeting to order at 10:01 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. COVID

Mr. Kidd reported to the Board that all Pima Prevention Partnership Schools were not mandating masks, although they highly encourage students and staff to wear them. There are three students in the middle school who regularly do not wear masks, but are still encouraged to wear them throughout the day. As class is in person now, the schools are wiping down the desks after each class, along with students sanitizing between classes.

Dr. Margaret Higgins inquired how many vaccination exemption forms were turned in for the schools. Mr. Kidd informed Dr. Higgins and the Board that there is not a vaccination mandate for the children attending any of the PPP schools and as of right now there is not a vaccination mandate for the staff. Mr. Kidd also reported to the Board that kids want to be in school, if they vaccinated that is great and if they are not and a breakout happens, PPP schools have policies in place if needing to close a classroom. Mr. Kidd also stated that with things constantly changing with COVID protocols they will make changes as needed to policies that are already in place.

Mr. Cook informed the Board that there will be a draft policy to mandate the vaccine for all employees that will be brought to the Board in the next regular meeting in September, for voting purposes.

b. Enrollment/Recruitment

Mr. Kidd reported to the Board that COVID has affected the enrollment numbers just a bit for the schools, but they are still doing well. The Tucson high school has 160 enrolled students, 67 students for the middle school and 150 students at the Phoenix high school. PPP is continuously recruiting in every way possible. Mr. Kidd stated that even though COVID has impacted enrollment with some kids staying home to learn, the schools are still teaching them even though they are not physically there.

c. Finance

Mr. Kidd reported that funding for each LEA is going really well. There is an average of 9,000 dollars per student from funding. Mr. Kidd also reported that Governor Doug Ducey gave funds to the schools in Arizona who did not have a mask or vaccine mandate, but unfortunately the PPP schools did not qualify due to already having enough funding through other grants.

d. Infrastructure

Mr. Kidd reported to the Board that the schools will be getting Ramada's to provide shading which will be funded from the Esser grant. Mr. Kidd explained that the schools are eligible for more funding that will help with providing students with Chromebooks and hotspots for the internet. The schools will be purchasing about 210 Chromebooks and 30 hotspots. There will be more infrastructure updates that PPP schools will be able to do with the E-Rate Grant.

e. E-Rate Grant

Mr. Kidd explained to the Board that the E-Rate Grant which 130,000 dollars will be used for infrastructure updates with I.T. These updates will be able to provide more technical support for students and staff within the schools.

f. Student Learning Update

Mr. Kidd reported to the Board that the PPP schools will have to conduct two public meetings with the e-learning protocols on the agenda and discussed in order to provide e-learning services still. Today's meeting will count as one meeting and on the agenda for an action item, the Board will motion to hold a special Board meeting at 10:00am, on August 31, 2021.

Mr. Kidd asked the Board if there were any questions in regards to his Superintendents report. Mr. Joe Higgins asked of schools had looked into air handlers for the buildings. Mr. Kidd explained that each classroom has portable air handlers that cleans the air/filters it every hour. This is a less expensive alternative to replacing the Air Conditioning units that are a little older.

Action Items

1. Motion to approve minutes from the July 6, 2021, Partnership Schools Governing Board Meeting.

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the July 6, 2021, meeting.

Motion: Mr. Al-Maskari moved to approve the July 6, 2021, meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Paige seconded the motion.

Vote:

Khalid Al-Maskari: Affirmative
Richard Paige: Affirmative
Joe Higgins: Affirmative
Dr. Margaret Higgins: Affirmative

The motion was unanimously approved

2. Motion to approve Partnership Schools COVID Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for FY 21-22.

Mr. Kidd reminded the Board that the COVID SOPs were provided in the Board packet for today. No questions or concerns came from the Board with the COVID SOPs as presented.

Motion: Mr. Paige moved to approve the Partnership Schools COVID Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for FY 21-22. Mr. Al-Maskari seconded the motion.

Vote:

Khalid Al-Maskari: Affirmative
Richard Paige: Affirmative
Joe Higgins: Affirmative
Dr. Margaret Higgins: Affirmative

The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Motion to Recommend Provisional Approval of Schools Instructional Time Model as per SB 2862.

Mr. Kidd informed the Board that the Schools Instructional Time Model will have to adhere to two public hearings to adopt instructional time models that provide students with required instructional time through remote learning, modified courses, and student schedules. Mr. Kidd asked the Board if they had any questions with reviewing the Schools Instructional Time Model.

Mr. Paige inquired why the hours required were so different for the high school students and middle school students, if that was something that changed this school year due to COVID. Mr. Kidd informed Mr. Paige and the Board that hours required were complicated to track before this school year, so what really changed for the Instructional Time Model was the way to track attendance for Students. The students will now have a daily log to complete in order to be tracked for attendance.

Motion: Mr. Al-Maskari moved to Recommend Provisional Approval of Schools Instructional Time Model as per SB 2862 as presented. Mr. Paige seconded the motion.

Vote:

Khalid Al-Maskari: Affirmative
Richard Paige: Affirmative
Joe Higgins: Affirmative
Dr. Margaret Higgins: Affirmative

The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Motion to Approve the Revised Enrollment Packet FY21-22.

Mr. Kidd informed the Board that some changes needed to be made from the previous year enrollment packets according to the Charter Board. Mr. Kidd explained that the documentation to attend the schools like immunization records, birth certificate, proof of residency, unofficial transcripts, withdrawal slip and an 8th grade certificate, are not needed for enrollment but are needed prior to the first day of school. This was not clearly explained before in the enrollment packets, but now show that the documentation for attending school is not needed for enrollment. The second change for the enrollment packets is a military student identifier, which asks if a student is a dependent or a member of the military. Mr. Kidd also went on to explain another change in the enrollment packets are the parent or guardians right to know. This section in the packets state that if a parent wishes to view a teachers credentials they may request to do so.

Motion: Mr. Paige moved to approve the Revised Enrollment Packet FY21-22. Mr. Al-Maskari seconded the motion.

Vote:

Khalid Al-Maskari: Affirmative
Richard Paige: Affirmative
Joe Higgins: Affirmative
Dr. Margaret Higgins: Affirmative

The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Motion to Approve the Exceptional Student Services Policies and Procedures for FY21-22.

Mr. Kidd informed the Board that there were no major changes to the Exceptional Student Services Policies and Procedures. There were just some updates for the exceptional educational staff, which is Tucson now has a fulltime staff member. Phoenix is more difficult to find a staff member for the exceptional student services, but the school will utilize a contracted service in order to provide someone for those students.

Motion: Mr. Higgins moved to approve the Exceptional Student Services Policies and Procedures for FY21-22. Mr. Paige seconded the motion.

Vote:

Khalid Al-Maskari: Affirmative
Richard Paige: Affirmative
Joe Higgins: Affirmative
Dr. Margaret Higgins: Affirmative

The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Motion to hold Special School Board Meeting at 10:00a.m., August 31, 2021, for Final Approval of Schools Instructional Model.

Mr. Kidd reminded the board that a second meeting is needed to get the final approval of the Instructional Time Model, because the requirement for adoption is two public meetings.

Motion: Mr. Al-Maskari moved to hold a Special School Board Meeting at 10:00a.m., August 31, 2021, for Final Approval of Schools Instructional Model. Mr. Paige seconded the motion.

Vote:

Khalid Al-Maskari: Affirmative
Richard Paige: Affirmative
Joe Higgins: Affirmative
Dr. Margaret Higgins: Affirmative

The motion was unanimously approved.

Announcements

1. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

1. The School Board meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.