



**PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS**

## **School Governing Board Meeting Agenda November 30, 2021**

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

COVID

Enrollment/Recruitment

Finance

### **Action Items:**

- Motion to Approve Minutes from the October 21, 2021, Partnership Schools Governing Board Meeting.
- Motion to Approve Minutes from the October 26, 2021, Partnership Schools Governing Board Meeting.
- Motion to Approve Amended COVID Masking Policies for LEA 90536 (Pima Prevention Partnership), LEA 79959 (Pima Prevention Partnership dba Pima Partnership School, The), and LEA 89864 (Pima Prevention Partnership dba Pima Partnership Academy).

### **Announcements:**

The next regular meeting is proposed for January 25, 2021, 9:15 AM at COPE Community Services, Inc. 1477 W. Commerce Court, Tucson, AZ 85746.

### **Adjournment:**

**Partnership Schools Governing Board Meeting Minutes  
November 30, 2021**

**Members Present:**

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

**Staff Present:**

- Ian Kidd, Superintendent (In person)

**Staff Not Present:**

- Rod Cook, CEO

**Guests Present:**

- Clarissa Jimenez, COPE (In person)

**General Matters:**

**1. Call to Order**

Dr. Higgins 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. COVID**

Mr. Kidd reported to the Board that COVID protocols are going well at the schools. There is an action item on the agenda today that will go over more of COVID protocols.

**b. Enrollment/Recruitment**

Mr. Kidd reported to the Board the schools have a new Department of Education School Improvement specialist. The new specialist is reviewing the schools in general to see if they are doing well. Since the PPP Schools are alternative schools the test scores are lower than other schools. Mr. Kidd stated the Charter Board is also conducting unannounced reviews at the schools to make sure things are running correctly through compliance measures.

Mr. Higgins mentioned to the Board that these reviews by the department of education are done for all schools, that they do not just pick and choose which schools to review. The Charter Board visits are always done for Charter schools to make sure that they are compliance as well.

Mr. Kidd went on to inform the Board that the schools are always in enrollment mode. The Phoenix high school is almost fully staffed along with the Tucson high school. Mr. Kidd explained that he has been working with the HR department to get better compensation for teachers. They have been doing more research to get base pay bumped and since they have

done that, they have seen more applications come in. There is still one math position that is open in Phoenix, but they are hoping to get that filled soon even though there is such a high demand for teachers right now.

**c. Finance**

Mr. Kidd reported to the Board that there are 48 different grant funds that PPP has right now. The finance department is doing a great job at making sure the funds are going to the correct departments. Pima Prevention Partnership has their audit going on now. Mr. Kidd explained to the Board that last year the audit lasted until about April and right now it looks to have an earlier finish date. The finance team is providing everything that is needed and are hoping to have the audit completed at the end of December, with the possibility of an extension into January of 2022.

**Action Items**

**1. Motion to approve minutes from the October 21, 2021, Partnership Schools Governing Board Meeting.**

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the October 21, 2021, meeting.

**Motion:** Mr. Higgins moved to approve the October 21, 2021, meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Paige seconded the motion.

Vote:

Khalid Al-Maskari: Affirmative

Joe Higgins: Affirmative

Dr. Margaret Higgins: Affirmative

Richard Paige: Affirmative

The motion was unanimously approved

**2. Motion to approve minutes from the October 26, 2021, Partnership Schools Governing Board Meeting.**

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the October 26, 2021, meeting.

**Motion:** Mr. Higgins moved to approve the October 26, 2021, meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Paige seconded the motion.

Vote:

Khalid Al-Maskari: Affirmative

Joe Higgins: Affirmative

Dr. Margaret Higgins: Affirmative

Richard Paige: Affirmative

The motion was unanimously approved

**3. Motion to approve Amended COVID Masking Policies for LEA 90536 (Pima Prevention Partnership), LEA 79959 (Pima Prevention Partnership dba Pima Partnership School, The), and LEA 89864 (Pima Prevention Partnership dba Pima Partnership Academy).**

Mr. Kidd informed the Board that this amended COVID masking policies is to make mandatory face coverings for all students from November 29, until January 24, 2022. Mr. Higgins stated that he was not sure where PPP Schools were getting their regulations but asked that they add to the policy that the day for the mandatory masks can end earlier or later than January 24, 2022.

Mr. Kidd explained that there is no problem in changing the wording for the policy. Mr. Higgins asked where the regulations PPP were proposing came from. Mr. Kidd informed the Board that they were basing this policy from the CDC and Pima County regulations. Mr. Higgins asked that the policy have another amendment for the wording of the policy to state that the schools can

change the date at any time to mirror the regulations of the county recommendations, so that it will not need to come to the Board to be approved if it is an earlier or later date than January 24, 2022.

**Motion:** Mr. Higgins amended the motion to add to the previously Amended COVID Masking Policies, that will follow current recommendations with the respected county for LEA 90536 (Pima Prevention Partnership), LEA 79959 (Pima Prevention Partnership dba Pima Partnership School, The), and LEA 89864 (Pima Prevention Partnership dba Pima Partnership Academy). Mr. Al-Maskari seconded the amended motion.

Vote:

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

The motion was unanimously approved

#### **Announcements**

**1. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25, 2021 at 9:15 a.m. at COPE Community Services, Inc. 1477 W. Commerce Court, Tucson, AZ 85746.

#### **Adjournment**

1. The School Board meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.