

Da Vinci Schools

Minutes

Da Vinci Schools Special Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday March 8, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Location

Zoom

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Trustees Present

B. Meath (remote), J. Morgan (remote), J. Webber (remote), R. Ochoa (remote), R. Santiago (remote)

Trustees Absent

D. Boston, D. Brann

Guests Present

A. Wohlwerth (remote), Anne Tittle (remote), C. Levenson (remote), E. Green (remote), J. Hawn (remote), M. Amato (remote), M. Wunder (remote), Michael Gengler (remote), Samuel Renteria (remote), V. Bravo (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Morgan called a meeting of the board of trustees of Da Vinci Schools to order on Tuesday Mar 8, 2022 at 6:41 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

- C. Special Board Action Approve and Adopt Board Resolution for Teleconference Board Meetings Pursuant to Special Rules in Government Code Section 54953(e)
 - J. Webber made a motion to approve.
 - R. Santiago seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

- R. Santiago Aye
- B. Meath Aye
- D. Boston Absent
- D. Brann Absent
- R. Ochoa Aye
- J. Webber Aye
- J. Morgan Aye

D. Approval of Agenda

- R. Santiago made a motion to approve.
- J. Webber seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

D. Brann Absent

R. Santiago Aye

D. Boston Absent

J. Webber Aye

J. Morgan Aye

R. Ochoa Aye

B. Meath Aye

E. Public Comments

None

II. Discussion

A. Recent L.A. County Department of Public Health Masking Recommendation for Schools

Dr. Wunder introduced Dr. Emily Green, acknowledging the impact her expertise and care have had on Da Vinci Schools.

Dr. Green shared information that the State of California and L.A. County changed the mask requirement in schools to a strong recommendation, effective March 12, 2022. She shared that Da Vinci had held a Town Hall Staff meeting to hear from staff regarding their concerns around masking. Staff brought up useful questions and potential logistical issues.

Mr. Meath asked if there were any differences in how Da Vinci Schools and Wiseburn USD are moving forward regarding this issue. Dr. Green commented that Da Vinci will be moving more slowly than Wiseburn, which announced the change to their families on February 28, 2022, in order to hear from staff and families first. Da Vinci families will be informed of the changes on Wednesday, March 9, 2022.

Dr. Wunder shared that Dr. Green has created a video for families and staff, and a slide deck for staff. Dr. Green noted that staff asked for support resources, hence her video and slides.

Ms. Morgan thanked Dr. Green.

III. Action Items

A. Approve Contract Extension with Compass Group (Chartwells) for Food Services for the 2022-23 School Year

Dr. Webber inquired if a discussion had been held with the Da Vinci teacher who had made a public comment about food service during the previous board meeting. Dr. Wunder replied that the team, including himself, Dr. Hawn, Mr. Bravo, Mr. Amato, Ms. Sara Deulofeu, and Mr. Michael Gengler (Chartwells), met on two occasions: once with the teacher right away, and also with students.

Mr. Amato noted that the food service concerns were addressed, and National School Lunch Program rules were explained. The students brought up issues that were more logistical in nature, such as timing of lunches, availability of seating areas, etc., which were also noted and discussed.

- B. Meath made a motion to approve the Contract Extension with Compass Group (Chartwells) for Food Services for the 2022-23 School Year.
- R. Santiago seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

- R. Ochoa Aye
- D. Boston Absent
- B. Meath Aye
- J. Morgan Aye
- D. Brann Absent
- R. Santiago Aye
- J. Webber Aye

B. Approve and Adopt Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Soccer Field Project and Other Actions Related Thereto

- R. Santiago made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Soccer Field Project and Other Actions Related Thereto.
- J. Morgan seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

- J. Morgan Aye
- J. Webber Aye
- R. Santiago Aye
- R. Ochoa Aye
- B. Meath Aye
- D. Brann Absent
- D. Boston Absent
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IV. Closed Session

A. Conference with Legal Counsel

Closed Session entered at 6:20 p.m.

V. Closing Items

A. Reconvene for Public Session & Closed Session Reporting

Public Session reconvened at 6:50 p.m.

Ms. Morgan reported that no action was taken in Closed Session.

B. Adjourn Meeting

- J. Webber made a motion to adjourn.
- R. Ochoa seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

- B. Meath Aye
- D. Brann Absent
- J. Morgan Aye
- J. Webber Aye
- R. Santiago Aye
- R. Ochoa Aye
- D. Boston Absent

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, A. Wohlwerth

Next Regular Board Meeting: March 23, 2022