

**Volunteers of America CEDC
Ballington Academy for the Arts & Sciences**

January 21, 2020

**1525 W Main Street
El Centro, CA 92243**

**799 E. Rialto Ave
San Bernardino, CA**

Board Present: Ms. Denise Garcia
Ms. Kristi Harris
Ms. Carla Kuhns
Mr. Dilda McFadden
Mr. Gerald McFadden

Board Absent: Dr. Ann McKenzie
Ms. Elizabeth Villalobos (Leave of Absence)

Staff Present: Mr. William Anderson (staff)
Ms. Shannon Brandner (staff)
Ms. Nagham Hakeem (staff)
Ms. Doreen Mulz (staff)

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting commenced at 5:35 PM.
- II. **Approval of January Meeting:** A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. G. McFadden and seconded by Ms. C. Kuhns, the motion carried unanimously (5 votes in favor).
- III. **Public Comment:** None
- IV. **Presentation of Independent Audit 2018-2019.** Mr. Kevin Sproul, CPA presented the independent audit for 2018-2019 to the Board. A motion to accept the independent audit for 2018-2019 was made by Ms. C. Kuhns and seconded by Ms. D. Garcia, the motion carried unanimously (5 votes in favor).
- V. **Board Discussion Items:**
 - a) **Academic Performance Benchmarks:** Ms. Mulz provided the Board members with an updated report that delineated State achievement percentages to use in

comparison to benchmarks established by Ballington El Centro and San Bernardino. This format will be the template used going forward to evaluate progress on academic achievement.

- b) Re-Design & Format of Board Meetings:** Ms. Mulz provided the Board with a summary of a discussion that ensued with Ms. K. Harris and Mr. G. McFadden at Ms. K. Harris's orientation for her new position as Chair. Key points included strategies to increase Board engagement and involvement and an increased shift to a strategic focus.
- c) Board Sub Committee Discussions:** Ms. Mulz introduced the idea of Board committees and presented several examples of possible Board committees. It was agreed the next steps would to would to ascertain the requirements for Brown Act and committees prior to next steps. This research was assigned to Ms. Mulz and Ms. Harris.

VI. Consent Agenda:

- a) Approval of November 19, 2019 & November 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. G. McFadden and seconded by Ms. C. Kuhns, the motion carried unanimously (4 votes in favor, 1 abstain).
- b) Financials:** A motion to approve the financials was made by Ms. D. Garcia and seconded by Ms. C. Kuhns, the motion carried unanimously (5 votes in favor). The Board asked management to develop an expense management plan for Ballington San Bernardino.
- c) School Accountability Report Card (SARC-2018-2019):** A motion to approve the SARCs for both El Centro and San Bernardino was made by Mr. D. McFadden and seconded by Mr. G. McFadden, the motion carried unanimously (5 votes in favor).

VII. Administrative & Information Items:

- a) Principal's Report:** The Board was asked if there were any questions on the reports. There were no questions.
- b) Superintendent's Report:** The Board was asked if there were any questions on the reports. There were no questions.
- c) El Centro Elementary School District Visit:** Mr. Anderson shared this visit went well.
- d) Conflict of Interest Statements:** Ms. Mulz asked the Board to submit by March 10, 2020.

e) **PC 700 Forms:** Ms. Mulz asked the Board to submit by March 10, 2020.

VIII. Closed Session: The Board convened into closed session at 7:06 PM.

IX. Open Session. Board re-convened into open session at 7:25 PM. No action was taken in closed session.

X. Board Closing Comments: Ms. Harris thanked everyone for their participation.

XI. Adjourn: The Board adjourned to the public at 7:26 PM.

- **NEXT BOARD MEETING TIME: February 25, 2020: 5:30 PM**