

Volunteers of America CEDC
Ballington Academy for the Arts & Sciences

January 19, 2021
Telephonic Meeting

Board Present:

Ms. Denise Garcia
Ms. Lily Garcia
Ms. Kristi Harris

Ms. Dixie Krimm
Ms. Carla Kuhns
Ms. Crystal Valdez

Board Absent:

Dr. Anne McKenzie

Staff Present:

Ms. Shannon Brandner (staff)
Mr. Gerald McFadden (staff)
Ms. Doreen Mulz (staff)

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting commenced at 5:31 PM.
- II. **Welcome New Board Members:** The newly elected Board members were welcomed.
- III. **Approval of January 19,2021 Board Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. C. Kuhns and seconded by Ms. K. Harris, the motioned carried via roll call vote with 6 votes in favor.
- IV. **Public Comment:** None
- V. **Consent Agenda Items:**
 - a) **Approval of *Special Meeting December Minutes*:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. K. Harris and seconded by Ms. C. Kuhns, the motioned carried via roll call vote with 6 votes in favor.
 - b) **Approval of November Fiscal Reports El Centro & San Bernardino:** A motion to approve the fiscal reports was made by Ms. K. Harris and seconded by Ms. D. Garcia, the motioned carried via roll call vote with 6 votes in favor.
- VI. **Agenda Action Items:**
 - a) **Approval of SELPA Assurances for Ballington El Centro:** A motion to approve the SELPA assurances for El Centro was made by Ms. C. Kuhns and seconded by Ms. D. Garcia, the motioned carried via roll call vote with 6 votes in favor.

- b) **Approval of Student Accountability Report Cards (SARC) for El Centro and San Bernardino:** A motion to approve the SARCS was made by Ms. D. Garcia and seconded by Ms. K. Harris, the motioned carried via roll call vote with 6 votes in favor.
- c) **Approval of Ballington El Centro Charter Petition:** Ms. Mulz provided an overview of the charter renewal process and noted highlights of the petition. A motion to approve the petition was made by Ms. C. Kuhns and seconded by Ms. D. Garcia, the motioned carried via roll call vote with 6 votes in favor.

VII. Board Discussion Items:

- a) **Principal's Focus 2021:** Both Mr. Anderson and Ms. Brandner provided the Board with a summary of each respective school for the upcoming months.
- b) **Superintendent's Update:** Ms. Mulz provided the Board with updates on the cash flow mitigation plan, the recent status from Governor Newsom specifically on the most recent budget forecast for 2022, the tenor for re-opening and the primary differences between the Governor and Legislature's plan and the latest discussion on State Testing for this school year. The Board also discussed the latest changes in the departments at the Federal level due to the recent elections.
- c) **Care Solace:** Ms. Mulz & Mr. Anderson shared with the Board a resource that is offered from the SELPA for El Centro to link families to mental health resources.

VIII. Administrative Items:

- a) **PC 700 & Confidentiality Statements:** Ms. Mulz shared these annual forms with the Board and requested their return.
- b) **San Diego Charter School Update:** Ms. Mulz provided the Board with an update on the progress of the San Diego charter school development.
- c) **Independent Fiscal Audit Delay:** Ms. Mulz shared with the Board that due to a State law the annual audit's deadline for last fiscal year has been extended and will be forthcoming.
- d) **CDE SELPA Ballington El Centro Monitoring Report:** Ms. Mulz shared the annual report and noted Ballington El Centro was not selected for an audit this year.

IX. Board Closing Comments: Board asked the new Board members for feedback on their first Board meeting.

X. Adjourn: The Board adjourned to the public at 7:30 PM.

- **NEXT BOARD MEETING TIME: February 23, 2021 5:30 PM.**