

MINUTES

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

ARARAT CHARTER SCHOOL

6555 Sylmar Ave., Van Nuys

January 23, 2020

6:30 pm

Regular Meeting

Instructions for Presentations to The Board by Parents and Citizens

The Ararat Charter School (“School”) welcomes your participation at the School’s Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Governing Board (“Board”) is to conduct the affairs of the School in public. We are pleased that you are in attendance and hope that you will visit these meetings often. Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our School. To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided.

1. Agendas are available to all audience members at the door to the meeting.
2. “Request to Speak” forms are available to all audience members who wish to speak on any agenda or non-agenda items or under the general category of “Oral Communications.”
3. “Oral Communications” is set aside for members of the audience to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws, the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes and total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. The Board may give direction to staff to respond to your concern or you may be offered the option of returning with a citizen-requested item.
4. With regard to items that are on the agenda, you may specify that agenda item on your “Request to Speak” form and you will be given an opportunity to speak for up to three (3) minutes when the Board discusses that item.
5. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name and address from the podium and adhere to the time limits set forth.
6. Citizens may request that a topic related to school business be placed on a future agenda. Once such an item is properly agendized and publicly noticed, the Board can respond, interact, and act upon the item.

Americans with Disabilities

The Ararat Charter School adheres to the Americans with Disabilities Act. Should you require special accommodations, or more information about accessibility, please contact us at least 48 hours in advance at

818-994-2904, or agharibi@araratcharterschool.com.
All efforts will be made for reasonable accommodations.

I. OPEN SESSION

A. Call to Order

This meeting was called to order by Board’s Chairperson, Ms. Avakian at 6:32PM.

B. Roll Call

Shakeh Avakian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Henderson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Silva Karayan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Giuliana Velarde	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rosemarie Shamieh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maria Cozette	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Levi Kirkland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2019

Recommend approval
Motion by: Mr. Kirkland
Seconded by: Mrs. Shamieh
Vote: Approved Unanimously

D. APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER

Recommend approval
Motion by: Mr. Kirkland
Seconded by: Mrs. Shamieh
Vote: Approved Unanimously

II. CLOSED SESSION: -Was moved to the end of the meeting.

Adjourned to Closed Session to consider and/or take action upon any of the following items:

Public Employee Employment (G.C. 54957)

Title:

- **Conference with Legal Counsel**
- **Pupil Discipline**
- **Appointment, Employment, Evaluation and Discipline of Personnel**
- **Real Estate Negotiations**
- **Public Security**

III. PUBLIC SESSION – REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Governing Board will report out any action taken in closed session, if any

Appointment of the following positions:

- Assistant Operations
- Compliance, Office Manager
- Operations Assistant personnel

Approval of the salaries of the aforementioned positions to be effective as of January 1, 2020.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Oral Communications:

Non-agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, Board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction to staff following a presentation

Ms. Zakevosyan stated that she would like to see if the meeting day for choir could be changed to different day of the week.

b. Principal's Report (Attachment)

This is a presentation of information that has occurred since the previous Board meeting. (Per attached report)

- **Update on School Calendar of Events**
- **Update on Prop 39:**
 - ACS's ADA Projections of in-district ADA of 327.36 has not been accepted by LAUSD
 - They are stating that ACS's ADA projections will be 326.40
 - We will be reaching out to CCSA/YMC for guidance on this matter
 - There will no impact to our space allocation for 20-21 school year
 - Based on last LAUSD board agenda, they will be offering both KLA and Erwin with the same space allocation as 19-20 school year
 - We will receive our preliminary offer on or before February 1, 2020
- **Update on Educational Program**
 - End of Trimester 1 August -November Overall Report Card Results

Based on 4-point scale

Grade-Level	Math Academic Performance Level	Reading Academic Performance Level	Writing Academic Performance Level
Kindergarten	3.635	3.095	2.308
Grade 1	3.519	3.138	2.712
Grade 2	3.083	2.262	2.881
Grade 3	3.182	3.091	2.981
Grade 4	2.491	2.691	3.241
Grade 5	3.089	2.800	3.067

- **California Dashboard:** CA Dashboard takes a two-year comparison to measure student achievement growth over time Achievement is determined by using an indicator DFS (Distance from Standard) to measure how far students are from meeting state standards.

c. Financial Report

This is an update from what has transpired since the last board meeting.

- **Budget to date: Ms. Callie Turk reviewed the financial report that entailed the following items:**
 - FY2020-21 Budget update
 - FY 2019-20 P1 Update
 - FY2019-20 Forecast
 - FY 2019-20 Cash Flow
 - FY 2019-20 Balance Sheet

- Title Fund Budget
- Exhibits

- State Budget 2020-21: Governor’s January Proposal
 - Budget focuses on restricted one-time funding, investment in critical areas
- LCFF
 - COLA projection of 2.29%, down from July FCMAT COLA of 3.00% •No additional base or formula adjustments
 - \$900 Million for Teacher Shortage & Support
 - 350M: Educator Workforce Investment Grant
 - 193M: Workforce Development Grant Program
 - 175M: Teacher Residency Program
 - 100M: CA Teacher Credential Award Program
 - 64M: Classified School Employees Credentialing
- Special Education
 - 645M: increase SPED base grant in addition to COLA
- Other
 - 300M: Community school integrated service models
 - 60M: 40% increase for higher quality meals & increased access
- ADA Update:
 - P2 forecast in line with historical dip from P1
- FY 19-20 Forecast
 - The current forecast reflects a net decrease of \$202 2019-20 Cash Flow Ararat projected to end FY20 with a cash balance of \$3.5M
- Building Fund- \$2M
 - Building fund designation still leaves \$1.1M cash available for operations

V. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be approved/enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested by a Board member for further discussion or removed from the agenda, there will be no discussion of these items prior to the Board votes on them. The Principal recommends approval of all consent agenda items.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approval is Requested for position of Director of Operations and Compliance**

Recommend approval
 Motion by: Mrs. Shamieh
 Seconded by: Ms. Velarde
 Vote: Approved Unanimously

- b. Approval is Requested for 2018-2019 School Accountability Report Card:** This item will be brought back for the next meeting.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS/POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Financial School Auditors:** The contract with the current auditor expired at the end of 2018-19 school year. The school has until April 1, 2020 to select a new auditor. The list of candidates will be brought to the next Board meeting for approval.

X. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

February 20, 2020

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:44pm