



MINUTES



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ARARAT CHARTER SCHOOL

December 10, 2020

6:30 pm

Regular Meeting

This meeting will be by teleconference pursuant to Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20.

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Topic: ACS Governing Board Meeting

Time: Dec 10, 2020 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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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 and all relevant documents are available to all audience members at the meeting.
2. “Request to Speak” forms are available to all audience members who wish to speak on any agenda or non-agenda items.
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. 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 Address the Board” 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 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.

I. OPEN SESSION

a. Call to Order

This meeting was called to order by Board Chairperson, Ms. Avakian at 7:13pm

b. Roll Call

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2020

Recommend approval

Motion by: Dr. Velarde

Seconded by: Mr. Kirkland

Vote: Approved Unanimously

III. APPROVAL OF CHECK AND CREDIT CARD REGISTERS

Approval will be revisited at our next Governing Board meeting.

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.

b. Principal's Report

This is a presentation of information that has occurred since the previous Board meeting.

1. Special Education Program

- Information from the 200 and 300 reports was shared.
- SpEd Coordinator is closely monitoring the program. We have had several conversations with Ms. Avakian regarding our SpEd program and LAS Services. It may be prudent to hire our own language and speech pathologist, in the near future.

2. English Learner Program

- ELPAC assessment results are in for our 5th grade students. We will review reclassification criteria and see which 5th grade students will reclassify. The credit for reclassification will be for the 2019-2020 school year.
- We are planning and preparing for CAASPP testing as well as annual ELPAC testing of English Learners. We have approximately 196 students who will take the CAASPP and 184 students who will take the ELPAC.

3. Contracting with COVID-19 Testing Agency – CoVerify

- CoVerify cost report was shared. We recommend contracting with CoVerify.

c. Director of Operation’s Report

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

1. Update on Virtual Learning Student Accommodations

All activities have been suspended until further notice.

2. Update on Attendance

Grade	Attendance Percentage	Attendance Percentage	Attendance Percentage	Attendance Percentage
	Month 1 08/17/2020 to 09/11/2020	Month 2 09/14/2020 to 10/09/2020	Month 3 10/12/2020 to 11/06/2020	Month 4 11/09/2020 to 12/04/2020
K	97.16%	96.70%	96.63%	94.62%
1st	95.56%	96.30%	95.37%	95.38%
2nd	98.37%	97.14%	96.52%	97.53%
3rd	95.98%	95.93%	97.53%	96.49%
4th	98.39%	97.74%	98.31%	97.10%
5th	93.12%	95.70%	95.47%	91.54%
K-5th	96.41%	96.54%	96.73%	95.59%

3. Update on Enrollment

2020-2021 Enrollment Update

Grade	Sections	8/17/2020 Enrollment	11/17/2020 Enrollment	Available Seats	Waitlist Count
Kinder	2	46	50	0	149
1st	2	50	50	0	57
2nd	2	54	56	0	27
3rd	3	79	81	0	10
4th	2	51	53	0	0
5th	2	51	50	0	0
TOTAL		331	340	0	245

4. Update on State/Federal Reporting

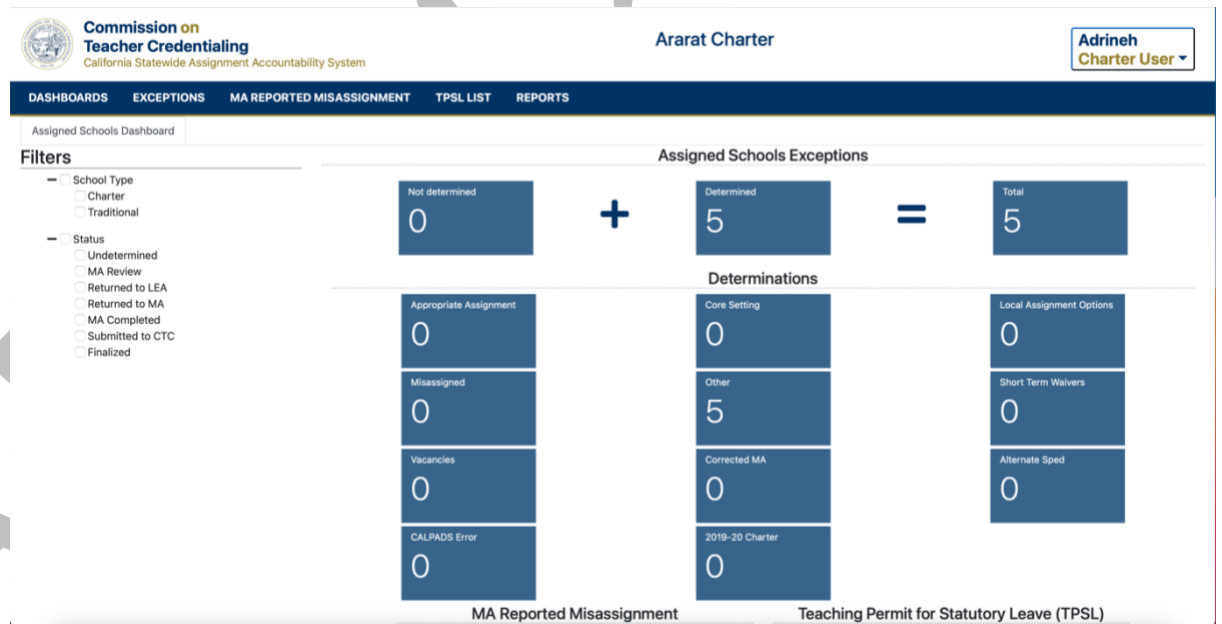
- CALPADS Fall 1 Submission
 - Must be certified by December 18, 2020
 - Primary Data Collected from Census Day (October 7, 2020)
 - Enrollment Count
 - English Language Acquisition Status
 - Immigrant Counts

- Free/Reduced-Price Meal Eligibility
- Special Education
- Kindergarten Immunization Report
 - Information for this report must be obtained from the California School Immunization Record ([Blue Card- CDPH286](#)).
 - Due via *ShotsforSchools* website to California Department of Health
 - Deadline extended to January 28, 2021

5. Update on California Statewide Assignment Accountability System (CalSAAS)

California Education Code Section 44258.9 requires each county superintendent of schools to monitor and review school district certificated employee assignment practices. Under the Every Student Succeeds Act, each local educational agency (LEA) is required to submit a plan to the state educational agency that describes how it will identify and address any disparities that result in low-income students and minority students being taught at higher rates than other students by ineffective, inexperienced, or out-of-field teachers. LEAs will need to address this provision in the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Federal Addendum.

The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) and the California Department of Education (CDE) have recently entered into a data sharing agreement that will modernize and streamline the assignment monitoring process. The CTC is in the process of developing a new California State Assignment Accountability System (CalSAAS) that will use data from the CTC and CDE to identify potential misassignments and provide a communication platform for counties and school districts to address and resolve them.



6. Update on Mandated State Hearing and Vision Testing

All screenings have been suspended until further notice.

7. Update on Picture Day

This activity has been postponed until further notice.

d. Financial Report

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

1. Budget to Date

No updated report

2. Budget Overview for Parents

Ms. Kristin Dietz reviewed and shared the Budget Overview for Parents

V. DISCUSSION INFORMATION ITEMS/POSSIBLE ACTION

After the presentations, the Board will consider which items will be removed from the list of "consent" items which will be adopted with a single vote without discussion. This is followed by the Board discussing and voting on the items removed from the list by the Board or where individuals have signed up to address the Board on the item.

a. Update on Facility Purchase

No updates

b. Update on Humanitarian Fundraising for Artsakh

With the recent developments that happened in Artsakh and Armenia we have raised \$6500. During our Cappuccino with the Principal parents engaged and recommended to have all funds support a non-profit organization named "Helping Armenia". The idea is to sponsor one family per classroom and send donations in instalments, this will give us the opportunity to have our students engage in correspondences with those families.

c. 2020-21 Compliance Monitoring and Certification of Board Compliance Review

The Board reviewed and approved the 2020-21 Compliance Monitoring and Certification of Board Compliance Review.

d. Update on Prop 39 and LAUSD's Objection to LEA's submitted ADA

After LAUSD reviewed our Prop 39 facilities request for the 2021-22 fiscal year, the District objected our ADA projection of 327.07 due to our ADA projection exceeding its authorized enrollment per Charter School's operative charter petition. The Board approved for a written communication to be submitted to the District regarding the foregoing.

e. Suicide Prevention Policy (AB 34 and AB 1767)

The Board reviewed and approved the Suicide Prevention Policy (AB 34 and AB 1767).

f. Use of Social Media by Board Members Policy (AB 992)

The Board reviewed and approved the Use of Social Media by Governing Board Members Policy (AB992).

g. Presentation of CalSTRS Pension 2 Additional Voluntary Retirement Plan (403b)

Mr. John Schiffler, a business development manager from CalSTRS presented a presentation of the CalSTRS Pension2 Voluntary Retirement Plan (403b).

h. Instructional Technology Coordinator Job Description

Dr. Tatirossian presented a tentative Instructional Technology Coordinator Job Description for the Board's consideration.

i. Budget Overview for Parents

Ms. Kristin Dietz reviewed and shared the Budget Overview for Parents and will also be presented by Dr. Tatirossian at our School Leadership Council Meeting on December 16, 2020.

j. 2020-2021 Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)

The board reviewed and approved the 2020-2021 Single Plan for Student Achievement.

VI. CLOSED SESSION

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

VII. PUBLIC SESSION – REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

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

VIII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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- a. Approval is Requested for 2020-21 Compliance Monitoring and Certification of Board Compliance Review
- b. Approval is Requested for 2021-22 Response to Prop 39 LAUSD Countering the Proposed ADA
- c. Approval is Requested for Suicide Prevention Policy (AB 34 and AB 1767)
- d. Approval is Requested for Board Member Social Media Use Policy (AB 992)
- e. Approval is Requested for Setting up CalSTRS Pension 2 Voluntary Retirement Plan (403b)
- f. Approval is Requested for Budget Overview for Parents (SB 98)
- g. Approval is Requested for 2020-21 Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)
- h. Approval is Requested for 2021 Board Meeting Calendar
- i. Approval is Requested for Board’s Standing and Ad Hoc Committees and Members
- j. Approval is Requested for contracting with COVID-19 Testing Agency (CoVerify)

Recommend approval

Motion by: Mr. Kirkland
 Seconded by: Dr. Karayan
 Vote: Approved Unanimously

Public Comment: No Public Comment
 Roll Call for Casting the Vote

Shakeh Avakian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Silva Karayan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Giuliana Velarde	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board will consider items for future Board Meeting Agendas

- Discussion of next school years auditors

X. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

February 18, 2021, 6:30pm

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned was at 10:28pm