



MINUTES



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ARARAT CHARTER SCHOOL

April 15, 2021

7:00 pm

Regular Meeting

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Instructions for Presentations to The Board by Parents and Citizens

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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 7:27pm

b. Roll Call

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2021

Recommend approval

Motion by: Ms. Shamieh

Seconded by: Mr. Kirkland

Vote: Approved Unanimously

III. APPROVAL OF CHECK AND CREDIT CARD REGISTERS

Recommend approval

Motion by: Mr. Kirkland

Seconded by: Ms. Shamieh

Vote: Approved Unanimously

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. Update on School-Wide Performance on NWEA MAP Assessment from T1 to T2.

RIT – what is it?

MAP Growth uses the RIT (Rasch Unit) scale to help measure and compare academic growth. Specifically, the scale measures levels in academic difficulty. The RIT scale extends equally across all grades, making it possible to compare a student's score at various points throughout his or her education.

NWEA MAP scores were reviewed by grade level.

2. Update on School-Wide Student Activities

- CAASPP-SBAC testing / NWEA MAP Assessments
- Student Picture Days

ACS GB will have a resolution to allow for the administration of the NWEA MAP assessments in lieu of CAASPP (SBAC) testing at the next regularly scheduled governing board meeting.

Letter dated 4/6/2021: California Assessment Accountability Waiver
Waives specific accountability and school identification requirements for the 2020 -2021 school year:

- Removing the requirement to measure progress (i.e., as reported through the California School Dashboard),
- Removing the 95 percent participation rate penalty for the Academic Indicator,

The CDE is still required to publicly report:

- Chronic absenteeism, and
- Student and/or teacher access to technology, devices, and high-speed internet.

The State Board of Education is allowing districts to use the best assessment tool available for the local context this spring, as many of them are still providing distance learning and working to reopen schools.

Options:

- 1) state's Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments
- 2) California Alternate Assessments for English language arts and mathematics
- 3) Smarter Balanced interim assessments
- 4) or another diagnostic interim assessment that:
 - is aligned with CA CCSS for English language arts and math.
 - is available for grades 3-8 and 11.
 - can be administered across a grade span.
 - provide results that can be reported to parents/guardians, educators about individual students, and to the public by school and by district and are disaggregated by student subgroup.

Plan for ACS Academic State Testing in Lieu of CAASPP (SBAC):

- 1) NWEA MAP for grades 3-5
 - i. Reading,
 - ii. Math,
 - iii. Writing - narrative
- 2) California Alternate Assessment – TBD
 - i. IEP amendments - TBD
 - ii. Documenting change of the state assessments on IEPs - TBD
- 3) California Science Test (CAST) – TBD
 - i. If state is not utilizing the CAST, there is no replacement

3. Review of LCAP Update

The LCAP Update was reviewed.

4. Review of LCAP 3-year

The 3-year LCAP was reviewed.

5. Review of Expanded Learning Opportunities Plan

The ELO was reviewed.

6. Parent Education – Instructional Technology

The school will provide workshops for parents as part of our commitment to offering parents with trainings to build their knowledge and capacity in supporting their students.

7. High Speed Dedicated Internet Service at ACS 1 and E-Rate

The school is exploring dedicated service @ ACS 1 and 2.

8. Possible Material Revision for Middle School

- The data, information, and requirements of the Community Impact Assessment was discussed.

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 School Re-Opening

In-Person Instruction to resume week of 4/19

Only students who participated in Initial COVID-19 Testing will be able to attend school the week on 4/19

Pertinent general, and cohort specific information as well as daily/weekly schedules have been shared with families

Grade Level	Room	Number of Students
TK/K	1	4
	2	7
1st Grade	3	5
	4	7
2nd Grade	5	5
	6	13
3rd Grade	49	6
	50	8
	51	4
4th Grade	44	3
	45	9
5th Grade	47	6
	48	8
Total		85

2. Update on Attendance

Grade	Attendance Percentage Month 1 08/17/2020 to 09/11/2020	Attendance Percentage Month 2 09/14/2020 to 10/09/2020	Attendance Percentage Month 3 10/12/2020 to 11/06/2020	Attendance Percentage Month 4 11/09/2020 to 12/04/2020	Attendance Percentage Month 5 12/07/2020 to 01/17/2021	Attendance Percentage Month 6 01/18/2021 to 02/12/2021	Attendance Percentage Month 7 02/15/2021 to 03/12/2021	Attendance Percentage Month 8 03/15/2021 to 04/09/2021
K	97.16%	96.70%	96.63%	94.62%	95.22%	95.79%	97.38%	95.93%
1st	95.56%	96.30%	95.37%	95.38%	94.96%	94.90%	94.72%	95.415
2nd	98.37%	97.14%	96.52%	97.53%	97.62%	96.80%	98.12%	96.43%
3rd	95.98%	95.93%	97.53%	96.49%	96.42%	96.66%	97.12%	96.32%
4th	98.39%	97.74%	98.31%	97.10%	98.52%	97.37%	98.50%	99.26%
5th	93.12%	95.70%	95.47%	91.54%	95.78%	95.58%	95.44%	95.08%
K-5th	96.41%	96.54%	96.73%	95.59%	96.46%	96.25%	96.94%	96.42%

3. **Update on Enrollment**

2020-2021 Enrollment Update

Grade	Sections	8/17/2020 Enrollment	04/12/2020 Enrollment	Available Seats	Waitlist Count
Kinder	2	46	51	0	128
1st	2	50	48	2	56
2nd	2	54	56	0	23
3rd	3	79	79	2	6
4th	2	51	52	0	0
5th	2	51	50	0	0
TOTAL		331	336	0	241

4. **2021-2022 School Year Public Lottery**

Grade	2021-2022 Sections	Projected Enrollment	Available Seats	Number of Applicants	PHBAO
Kinder	2	51	51	175	45
1st	2	50	0	50	17
2nd	2	50	0	27	2
3rd	2	56	0	14	3
4th	3	81	0	12	5
5th	2	52	2	4	2
TOTAL	13	340	53	287	74

- Lottery Application Deadline is April 23, 2021, 4:00pm
- Lottery is scheduled for Saturday May 22, 2021
 - Will be a virtual Lottery
 - Will be broadcasted live via Facebook

5. **Mandated California Supplemental Paid Sick Leave (CASPSL) - AB95**

Beginning January 1, 2021, this bill provides for COVID-19 supplemental paid sick leave for covered employees, as defined, who are unable to work or telework due to certain reasons related to COVID-19, including that the employee has been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine due to concerns related to COVID-19.

The bill entitles a covered employee to 80 hours of COVID-19 supplemental paid sick leave if that employee either works full time or was scheduled to work, on average, at least 40 hours per week for the employer in the 2 weeks preceding the date the covered employee took COVID-19 supplemental paid sick leave. The bill would provide a different calculation for supplemental paid sick leave for a covered employee who is a firefighter subject to certain work schedule requirements and for a covered employee working fewer or variable hours, as specified.

The bill provides that the total number of hours of COVID-19 supplemental paid sick leave to which a covered employee is entitled to under these provisions is in addition to any paid sick leave available under the act, as specified.

An employer shall provide COVID-19 supplemental paid sick leave to each covered employee if that covered employee is unable to work or telework due to any of the following reasons:

- a. The covered employee is subject to a quarantine or isolation period related to COVID-19 as defined by an order or guidelines of the State Department of Public Health, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or a local health officer who has jurisdiction over the workplace. If the covered employee is subject to more than one of the foregoing, the covered employee shall be permitted to use COVID-19 supplemental paid sick leave for the minimum quarantine or isolation period under the order or guidelines that provides for the longest such minimum period.
- b. The covered employee has been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine due to concerns related to COVID-19.
- c. The covered employee is attending an appointment to receive a vaccine for protection against contracting COVID-19.
- d. The covered employee is experiencing symptoms related to a COVID-19 vaccine that prevent the employee from being able to work or telework.
- e. The covered employee is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and seeking a medical diagnosis.
- f. The covered employee is caring for a family member, as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 245.5, who is subject to an order or guidelines described in subparagraph (A) or who has been advised to self-quarantine, as described in subparagraph (B).
- g. The covered employee is caring for a child, as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 245.5, whose school or place of care is closed or otherwise unavailable for reasons related to COVID-19 on the premises.

d. Financial Report

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

1. **Budget to Date** Ms. Kristin Dietz reviewed the financial report that entailed the following items:
 - **One Time Funding Updates**
 - Multiple sources across multiple years ~ \$2,570,335
 - LLM almost spent – planning for in AB/SB 86 and ESSER I, II, & III
 - **March 2021 Forecast Updates**
 - FY 20-21 Forecast Change
 - Forecast decreased \$10.7k from previous forecast
 - The current forecast reflects a net increase of \$10.7k
 - 2020-21 Cash Flow
 - Projected to end FY21 with 3.44M, 131 days Cash on Hand after reducing Building Fund and Spring deferrals
 - Cash Balance Designations
 - Building fund designation leaves \$1.04M cash available for operations
 - **Restricted Spending Tracking**
 - Ararat Title I-IV Funds
 - Special Education
 - **Budget Considerations FY22**
 - 3.84% COLA, Annual pay increase, increased Comp & Benefits
 - With a 323k increase to Comp & Benefits, net income at 171k
 - AB/SB86 and ESSER III revenue is pending and is not on the forecast yet

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. **Discussion of 2020-2021 LAUSD Annual Performance Based Oversight Visit Report**
The Board reviewed the 2020-2021 LAUSD Annual Performance Based Oversight Visit Report
- c. **Update on Prop 39 LAUSD Facilities Request Final Offer**
The Board reviewed and approved the Prop 39 LAUSD Facilities Request Final Offer
- d. **Discussion on Staff COVID-19 Vaccination and Possible Policy**
The discussion on Staff COVID-19 Vaccination and a Possible Policy will be revisited for the next school year, since vaccinations are not readily available.
- e. **Update on COVID-19 School-Wide Testing**
The Director of Operations shared details on how COVID-19 testing is currently being conducted at both campuses.
- f. **Discussion on Summer School for Selected Students**
Teachers provided names of students that are in Tier 2 and Tier 3. An email was sent to the parents to see who is interested in sending their student to Summer School. A total of 81 responses are yet to be determined. The term for Summer School is June 17 through July 2, 2021 from 8:30-11:30am for ELA and Math.
- g. **Update from Board Finance Committee Meeting**
The finance committee met prior to the Governing Board Meeting. The topics of discussion were:
 - a. Review of Certificated and Classified Salary Tables
 - b. Review of Classified ABCD (Above & Beyond Call of Duty) Stipend
 - c. Review of 2021-22 BudgetCommittee will reconvene on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 1:30pm
- h. **Update on Revision of Certificate and Classified Salary Schedules**
This item will be reviewed at the next board meeting.
- i. **Update on Classified Employees ABCD (Above and Beyond Call of Duty) COVID-19 Stipend**
The Board reviewed and approved the Classified Employees ABCD (Above and Beyond Call of Duty) COVID-19 Stipend

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

After the presentations, the Board has considered which items to 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. **Approval is Requested for 2020-2021 LAUSD Annual Performance Based Oversight Visit Report**
- b. **Approval is Requested for 2021-2022 LAUSD Prop 39 Facilities Final Offer**
- c. **Approval is Requested for Classified Employees ABCD (Above and Beyond Call of Duty) COVID-19 Stipend**

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

Recommend approval

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

- d. **Approval is Requested for Revised Certificated and Classified Employees Salary Schedules**
This item will be added for further discussion and approval at our next board meeting.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board will consider items for future Board Meeting Agendas

- o Revised Certificated and Classified Employees Salary Schedules
- o Summer Intervention Program Details
- o LCAP Update
- o 2021-2024 LCAP

X. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

6:30pm

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned was at 9:56pm