



AGENDA



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ARARAT CHARTER SCHOOL

January 18, 2024
6:30 pm

Regular Meeting Location:
Ararat Charter School – Campus 1
6555 Sylmar Avenue
Van Nuys, CA 91401

Teleconferencing is available at:
Ararat Charter School – Campus 2
13400 Erwin Street
Van Nuys, CA 91401

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. “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. Members of the public who wish to comment during the Board meeting may use the "Request to Address the Governing Board” form" available on the School’s website. Individual comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. If an interpreter is needed for comments, they will be translated to English and the time limit shall be six (6) minutes. The Governing Board may limit the total time for public comment to a reasonable time.
3. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name and address from the podium and adhere to the time limits set forth.
4. 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.
5. The Board reserves the right to mute or remove a member of the public if comments or actions disrupts the Board meeting.
6. Access to Board Materials: A copy of the written materials which will be submitted to the School's Governing Board may be reviewed by any interested persons on Ararat Charter School's website along with this agenda following the posting of the agenda at least 72 hours in advance of this meeting.
7. Disability Access: Requests for disability-related modifications or accommodations to participate in this public meeting should be made 24 hours prior to the meeting by calling (818) 994-2904 or cmenjivar@araratcharterschool.com. All efforts will be made for reasonable accommodations. The agenda and public documents can be modified upon request as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

I. OPEN SESSION

- a. **Call to Order**
- b. **Roll Call**

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING(S)

- a. December 7, 2023, Meeting Minutes

III. APPROVAL OF CHECK AND CREDIT CARD REGISTERS

Recommend approval

Motion by:

Seconded by:

Vote:

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

a. PUBLIC HEARING/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 directions to staff following a presentation.

b. ARARAT PROGRAM FOR EXTENDED LEARNING (APEX) PRESENTATION

c. PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

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

1. English Learner Instruction

- No update

2. Special Education

- No update

3. General Education

- Partnership with Student Empowerment and Choices to support student behavior and attend to social and emotional learning
- Teach Start Partnership – program pathways that create a teacher pipeline for Ararat
- School Accountability Report Card (SARC) - detailed information about Ararat’s programs and community due February 1, 2024
- 2023 CAASPP-Dashboard-5x5 Grid – sharing academic student outcomes and plans going forward

d. OPERATIONS AND/OR COMPLIANCE MANAGERS' REPORTS

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

1. Enrollment

- Latest student enrollment report by grade level

2. Attendance

- Report on the percentage of the Monthly Attendance

3. Prop 39 Related Information and Facilities

- “Status Quo” Agreement for ACS – no update
- Facilities update from Facilities Committee

4. 2024-2025 Annual Calendar

- Ararat’s 2024-2025 Annual Calendar

5. State and Local Mandated Reports

- Update on Health and Welfare benefits
- Update on Fall 1 Reporting
- Credentialing document - Declaration of need for fully qualified educators for temporary and emergency permits
- Civil Rights Data Collection due February 26, 2024

6. Update on Legislation

- No update

e. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

1. Facilities fund -12-month CD to earn a higher interest rate
2. General fund - SWEEP Money Market account to earn a higher interest rate
3. Working to secure all funds beyond the \$250,000 maximum
4. Audit Report
5. November Forecast Update

V. DISCUSSION, INFORMATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

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. Teach Start Partnership – program pathways that create a teacher pipeline for Ararat
- b. School Accountability Report Card (SARC) - detailed information about Ararat’s programs and community due February 1, 2024
- c. Ararat’s 2024-2025 annual calendar
- d. Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for temporary and emergency permits
- e. Move the Facilities Fund to a 12-month CD to earn a higher interest rate
- f. Move General Fund to a SWEEP Money Market account to earn a higher interest rate

- g. 2022-2023 Audit Report
- h. Updates on Personnel Handbook; Complaint Procedures (formal and informal) identifying Director of Operations and Compliance (DOC) and replacing with either Operational Manager (OM) and/or Compliance Manager (CM)
- i. Updates on all other policies on website identifying Director of Operations and Compliance (DOC) and replacing with either Operations Manager (OM) and/or Compliance Manager (CM)

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 the Closed Session if any

VIII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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- a. **Approval is requested for the Teach Start Partnership – program pathways that create a teacher pipeline for Ararat.**
- b. **Approval is requested for the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) - detailed information about Ararat’s programs and community due February 1, 2024.**
- c. **Approval is requested for Ararat’s 2024-2025 Annual Calendar.**
- d. **Approval is requested for Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for temporary and permits and waivers.**
- e. **Approval is requested to move the Facilities Fund to a 12-month CD to earn a higher interest rate.**
- f. **Approval is requested to move General Funds to a SWEEP Money Market account to earn a higher interest rate.**
- g. **Approval is requested for the 2022-2023 Audit Report.**

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board will discuss items for future Board meeting agendas

- Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) submission update (February 26, 2024)
- Community Schools Grant with Seneca
- 2023-2024 Second Period Interim Financial Report (approve by March 21, 2024)
- P2 Attendance Report (April 1, 2024)
- ADA Report to the LAUSD (April 1, 2024)
- Forms 700 (April 1, 2024)

- Annual Attendance Report (June 28, 2024)
- 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget (approve by June 14, 2024)
- Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) (approve by June 6, 2024)
- 2024-2025 Governing Board Meeting Calendar (approve by June 6, 2024)

X. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE
February 15, 2024

XI. ADJOURNMENT