



# ALLEGIANCE STEAM ACADEMY

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**August 23, 2018**

**7:00 pm**

**Meeting Location:**  
*5862 C Street, Chino, CA 91710*

### AGENDA

#### **I. Preliminary**

##### **A. Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order by Board Chair at 7:01 pm.*

*The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Allegiance STEAM Academy was at 5862 C. Street, Chino, Ca 91710.*

##### **B. Roll Call**

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Andrew Vestey, Chairman	X	_____
Vanessa Okamoto, Secretary	X	_____
Melanie Choi, Treasurer	X	_____
Samantha Odo, Member	X	_____

##### **C. Public Comments- Items not on the Agenda**

*There were no public comments.*

##### **D. Approval of Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting for August 23, 2018.**

*Motion (Odo), second (Okamoto), motion carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting for August 23, 2018.*

## II. Open Session:

### A. COMMUNICATIONS

#### 1. Comments from Board of Directors

*Sam Odo thanked the staff and all those who volunteered to put together the Meet your Pack day.*

*Melanie Choi agreed and said it was fun to see parents, teachers, students, and friends that they hadn't seen in a long time and thanked everyone for their hard work and all the time that was put into it.*

*Vanessa Okamoto agreed with the other board members said how happy she is to be a part of the community and how all that has happened is a reminder of why they did what they did when deciding to open the school. She's excited for the year, for the school and thinks it will be nothing short of amazing.*

*Andrew Vestey said that this will be their last board meeting before the start of school and it has been an adventure. He said the process has had its ups and down and has been well worth it. He said I was worth bringing back the option of school choice to the community. Mr. Vestey said we were lucky to have the support we did from former Superintendent Wayne Joseph, and CVUSD's board members Sylvia Orozco, James Na, and Andrew Cruz. He said we can't thank them enough for believing that a group of parents with a vision could make their dream come true. Mr. Vestey talked about when he met Dr. Cогnetta and when he told him what his vision was for his position and Allegiance. After hearing about Dr. Cогnetta's experience and qualifications he knew he would be a great fit for ASA's team. Mr. Vestey also spoke of Dr. Callie Moreno and knew instantly she'd be a great fit after hearing what others had to say about her at her former school. Mr. Vestey spoke of teachers and staff who gave of themselves, some even while working at other places of employment and volunteered their time to help with the school. He thanked Deanna Campagna, Cyndi Valenta, Synthia Calvert, Diana Urbina, Amelia Weinstock, Stacey Lazo, Carmen Lopez, April Harmer, Meredith King Jenelle Dizon, Ron McCorkle, Raina Hodge Royale, and Fox Lejhika. He also thanked all of the other employees who took a risk to make things great. He thanked the Chino Valley community, thanked the parents for all their work and for walking the community*

*spreading the news about our school. He gave a special shout out to Ross Higgins for creating our Website and for rearranging his personal schedule so he can make our website as great as it is. He also specifically thanked each lead petitioner and for all the rotating meetings at the different homes. Mr. Vestey also thanked Melanie Choi for volunteering her time in being part of the board. He wanted to remind the parents that there will be hiccups as we progress and said just because a program was created on paper doesn't mean it will always work out exactly as expected. He asked that all parents to be patient, allow Allegiance to grow and said we're a new school with an awesome staff who he knows will give their all to make sure their children are afforded an awesome experience while receiving a quality education. He said our school leaders have put a great family in place and that we are all a family, a pack.*

## **2. CEO's report**

*Dr. Moreno said she is incredibly humbled to be a part of the team and is grateful that everyone has welcomed her into the community and into their lives and said to see this come to life is surreal. She thanked the board members for getting the school started for her daughter who is so excited to be at Allegiance. She said their team is definitely hard at work. She said Think Tank is phenomenal and have taken everything in stride and are making great effort to be prepared for all of the students.*

*Meredith King said when she came on with the school everything was already running full speed. She said to see the team that Dr. Moreno and Dr. Cognition have pulled together is astounding. She said that the kids are going to be taken care of. Mrs. King said everyone has been so gracious in welcoming her in.*

*Dr. Cognition gave kudos to the board members who are easily accessible, approachable, and very clear on our vision, staff can lean on them for leadership and thanked them and said they have been remarkable.*

*Dr. Cognition said Jim with Charter Impact was there and available to talk about our finances. Dr. Cognition said due to learning more and more about our students our staffing model has increased. He said we still have a healthy budget even after the changes that have been made.*

*Dr. Cognetta gave an update about facilities and said a lot will be ready by day one and a lot will continue to be done through the school year. Dr. Cognetta said every classroom has internet, air-conditioning, furniture, curriculum, and more importantly the loving teachers.*

*Dr. Cognetta said he couldn't imagine things going any other way and he is happy the way the hiring process went for the first year staff. He said we had a hiccup with the lunch program and that we put an interim program in place until we are able to use our kitchen.*

*Dr. Cognetta gave a lot of recognition to the CVUSD staff on site and said they've been very responsive. He said that the director of Special Education over at CVUSD has been very helpful as well. He said they also got together with CVUSD's HR department as well and it couldn't have gone any more pleasant.*

*Meredith King gave an update on Wells Fargo and said they aren't particularly nimble and that she's been talking to Citizens Bank to see if they can manage our size business more efficiently and give us more attention and she feels that they might be a better fit for us.*

## **B. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:**

- 1. Resignation of Raquel Rall as a member of the Board of Directors**
- 2. July 2018 Financial Presentation**

*Jim with Charter Impact gave a presentation via speaker phone on the July 2018 Financial Presentation.*

## **C. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSENT:**

- 1. Minutes for the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors August 3, 2018**
- 2. Minutes for the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors August 5, 2018**
- 3. Check register for month of July 2018**

*Motion (Odo), second (Okamoto), motion carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the Items Scheduled for Consent for Regular Board Meeting for August 23, 2018.*

## D. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

1. **Factoring Agreement with Charter Asset Management for August 24, 2018**

*Dr. Cagnetta and the Board discussed the agreement, asked and answered questions.*

*Motion (Okamodo), second (Odo), motion carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the Factoring Agreement with Charter Asset Management for August 24, 2018.*

2. **Factoring Agreement with Charter Asset Management for September 14, 2018**

*Motion (Odo), second (Vestey), motion carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve and agree to the Factoring Agreement with Charter Asset Management for September 14, 2018.*

3. **Allegiance STEAM Academy Board Resolution of Charter School Revolving Loan Fund Program Applicant's Governing Board to Approve the Execution of the Loan Agreement with The California School Finance Authority**

*Motion (Odo), second (Okamoto), motion carried by a vote of 4-0 to adopt ASA's Board Resolution of Charter School Revolving Loan Fund Program Applicant's Governing Board to Approve the Execution of the Loan Agreement with the California School Finance Authority.*


4. **Governance Committee: Board Member Recruitment and Selection Process**


*Motion (Okamoto), second (Choi), motion carried by a vote of 4-0 for The Allegiance STEAM Academy Board of Directors nominate Andrew Vestey and Sam Odo to serve on the Governance Committee.*

## E. ADJOURNMENT

*Motion (Vestey), second (Choi), motion carried 4-0 to adjourn the meeting*

Andrew Vestey, Board Chair, adjourned the Regular Meeting of Board of Directors for August 23, 2018 at 7:55 pm.

  
Andrew Vestey, Board Chair

  
Vanessa Okamoto, Board Secretary