



**ALLEGIANCE STEAM ACADEMY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**September 9, 2019
Minutes**

I. Preliminary

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair at 7:32 pm.

B. Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Samantha Odo, Secretary	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Jason Liso, Treasurer	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Marcilyn Jones, Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Troy Stevens, Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

C. Public Comments- Items not on the Agenda

There were no public comments for items not on the agenda.

D. Approval of Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting for September 9, 2019

Motion (Stevens), second (Jones), motion carried by a vote of 3-0 to approve the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting for September 9, 2019.

II. Open Session:

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

1. Resignation of Andrew Vestey as Board Chairperson and Member

Dr. Cognetta thanked Mr. Vestey for his service. He said that Mr. Vestey and Mr. Stevens were the two who discussed the possibility of Allegiance before it existed. He said he is forever grateful to Andrew for getting Allegiance to this point.

Troy Stevens said that if it wasn't for Andrew none of us would be there (students, staff, Board Members, etc.) and that he couldn't thank him enough. He said he'll miss him being on the Board. He also thanked Mr. Vestey's wife, Laura, and their kids, for sharing him with us.

2. Resignation of Samantha Odo as Board Secretary

Mrs. Odo's resignation allows her to be voted in as Board Chairperson if the Board Members decide to.

3. Update from Parents and Community for Kids

Melissa Solomon gave an update from the PACK:

- *The In-n-Out lunch truck fundraiser raised approximately a little over \$2,000.00.*
- *The recent Book Fair was a big success and they are still waiting for the final amount that was raised.*
- *Ice cream sales have been a success.*
- *The donation drive raised over \$7,000.00.*
- *They're currently working on the upcoming Fall Festival.*
- *The PACK will be purchasing tricycles and wagons for the Kindergarten students.*
- *The PACK purchased a piano for the Music class.*
- *The PACK will provide approximately \$50.00 per 6th grade student for those going to Science Camp.*

4. CEO's Report

Dr. Cognetta gave an update on the following:

- *He thanked ASA parents and students for choosing Allegiance.*
- *He gave a shout out to teachers and the Office Staff.*
- *Last week we were visited by a CVUSD Board Member Christina Gagnier. She was here to see our digital, financial literacy and coding classes.*
- *Next week Senator Connie Leyva will be visiting our campus and he thanks her for accepting the invitation to visit.*
- *Next week Joe Schaefer, CVUSD Board member, will be visiting as well.*
- *Dr. Cognetta expressed the importance of being seen as part of the community and that hosting some of these visitors is part of showing that.*
- *Dr. Enfield has invited us to be part of CVUSD's Student Advisory Council. Dr. Cognetta will be attending the meetings with a few students throughout the year. This is telling us to how we are very much a part of CVUSD and how we are working collaboratively with them, not separate from them. He thanks Dr. Enfield for the invitation.*
- *He said that the California School Board Association recently put out a recommendation for those who oversee charters and that he looked it over with*

Laurie Warner and they were both pleased to see that much of what ASA is doing is in line with the recommendation. An example is that our demographic breakdown looks much like CVUSD's. Another example is that it is recommended that charters be transparent with their authorizers, which we are; our authorizer has access to our student registration information, bank accounts, etc.

- *We recently hosted two oversight visits from our authorizers in the last month. The first one was on Human Resources; he thanked Sara Lopez, Director of Business Services, for organizing it. He said it was a quick conversation because Sara had everything in order and provided what was needed. They also went over our Risk Management program. He thanked our Health Technician, Gina Willocks, and Sara Lopez, as well for providing all of the needed documents.*

5. Staff Report

Teacher, Mrs. Deanna Campagna, gave an update on the following:

- *Per our charter teachers participate in weekly Professional Development Learning Networks (PLN). They collaborate together on topics that have to do with instruction. At a recent PLN, each grade level created a wheel (PLN Success Wheel) on a board and the wheel includes student data, challenges, and additional information to help teachers know what to work on and what's working.*
- *Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten kicked off their Service Learning Project on Friday, Gold Together for Childhood Cancer. She gave an overview of the project and what it will consist of.*

6. PAL Report

- *Teacher, Mrs. Tammy Lohoff, spoke about the program and explained the work it took on the student's part to qualify and be selected to be in the program. She introduced all students (most were present). She also gave an overview of what the students will be working on in the coming months.*
- *Troy Stevens thanked the students for getting involved and for all that they've done and will do in the future for the school.*

7. Hiring Protocol

Dr. Cognetta gave an overview of the Hiring Protocol and answered questions from the Board Members.

8. Standards-based Grading and Report Cards Update

Dr. Cognetta gave an update of the Standards-based Grading and Report Cards and answered questions from the Board Members as well as received feed-back from the Board Members. Mr. Stevens expressed that he'd like a study session so the Board Members may get more of an understanding of the update. Mr. Stevens also emphasized that we need to be careful not to deviate from the charter and is eager to work with Admin to be sure our report cards reflect what it states.

C. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSENT:

1. Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors August 5, 2019

Motion (Jones), second (Odo), motion carried by a vote of 3-0 to approve the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting for August 5, 2019.

2. Check Register for the month of July, 2019

Motion (Stevens), second (Jones), motion carried by a vote of 3-0 to approve the Check Register for the month of July, 2019.

D. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

1. Nomination and Election of Board Chairperson

Motion (Stevens), second (Jones), motion carried by a vote of 3-0 to approve Sam Odo as Board Chairperson.

2. Nomination and Election of Board Secretary

Motion (Jones), second (Stevens), motion carried by a vote of 3-0 to nominate and approve Marcylin Jones as Board Secretary.

3. Financial Update for July, 2019

Jim Weber with Charter Impact gave a presentation on the Financial Update for July, 2019.

Motion (Jones), second (Stevens), motion carried by a vote of 3-0 to approve the Financial Update for July, 2019.

4. Updated FY20 ASA Budget

Jim Weber with Charter Impact gave a presentation on the Updated FY20 ASA Budget.

Motion (Stevens), second (Odo), motion carried by a vote of 3-0 to approve and adopt Updated FY20 ASA Budget.

5. Job Description- Community Liaison

Motion (Stevens), second (Odo), motion carried by a vote of 3-0 to approve the Community Liaison Job Description.

6. Request for Proposal Policy

Motion (Jones), second (Stevens), motion carried by a vote of 3-0 to approve and adopt Request for Proposal Policy.

7. Wellness Policy 2019-2020

Motion (Stevens), second (Jones), motion carried by a vote of 3-0 to approve and adopt the Wellness Policy 2019-2020

8. Wellness Goals and Maintenance

Motion (Odo), second (Stevens), motion carried by a vote of 3-0 to approve and adopt the Wellness Goals and Maintenance Plan 2019-2020

9. Paid Meal Collection Policy 2019-2020

Motion (Jones), second (Odo), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve and adopt the Paid Meal Collection Policy 2019-2020

10. Charter Petition Renewal

The Board Members discussed the Charter Petition Renewal and decided to table the Charter Petition Renewal.

11. Nomination and Election of New Board Member

Motion (Odo), second (Jones), motion carried by a vote of 3-0 to nominate Mrs. Claudia Reynolds and approve as a Director for Allegiance STEAM Academy Board of Directors.

III. Public Announcement of Reason for Closed Session:

A. Public Comments on Closed Session Items:

There were no public comments on Closed Session Items.

B. Closed Session- For Discussion/Possible Action

Samantha Odo, Board Chair, announced closed session at 8:54 pm so The Board of Directors could discuss Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Gov. Code 54957(b)) Title: CEO/Principal with Dr. Cognetta joining the board.

Samantha Odo, Board Chair, announced the meeting was back in session at 9:51 pm. No comments regarding closed session were made by Board Members.

IV. Open Session:

E. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Comments from Board of Directors

- *Mr. Stevens thanked everyone for staying late. He also apologized for missing the In-n-Out fundraiser. He also had the pleasure of helping with ice cream on Fridays and said it's been fun. He also is looking for Patriot Day and will be here for it.*
- *Mrs. Jones welcomed the new Board Members. She's excited for the new year and welcomed the new Board Member and congratulated Mrs. Odo in her new position on the Board.*
- *Mrs. Reynolds said she's eager to be here and hopes to see everyone soon and is looking forward to getting to know everyone better. She's happy to be here for the kids, families, and the school.*
- *Mrs. Odo said she was able to help with the In-n-Out fundraiser and it was nice seeing how excited the kids were. She's also been helping with ice cream and said it's a lot of fun and the kids love it. She also welcomed Mrs. REynolds to the*

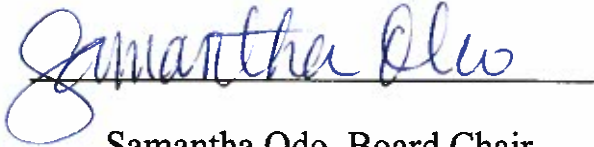
board. She thanked PACK and is excited about the ideas they have and what is coming.

F. ADJOURNMENT

1. It is recommended the Board of Directors:

Motion (Stevens), second (Odo), motion carried by a vote of 4-0 (includes Mrs. Reynold's vote) adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors for September 9, 2019.

Samantha Odo, Board Chair, adjourned the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors for September 9, 2019 at 9:55 pm.



Samantha Odo, Board Chair



~~Marcylin Jones, Board Secretary~~

Troy Stevens, Board Member