



ALLEGIANCE STEAM ACADEMY

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

April 19, 2021

Minutes

I. PRELIMINARY

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair at 4:02pm

B. Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Samantha Odo, Board Chair	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Jason Liso, Treasurer	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Marcilyn Jones, Secretary	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Troy Stevens, Member	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Claudia Reynolds, Member	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

C. Public Comments, Items not on the agenda

No public comments.

D. Approval of Agenda for Regular Board Meeting on April 19, 2021

Motion (Marcy Jones), second (Claudia Reynolds), motion carried by a vote 5-0 to approve the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on April 19, 2021.

II. OPEN SESSION

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Items Scheduled for Discussion/Action

1. Suspension of Spring 2021 Administration of CAASPP and Use of an Alternative Assessment to Meet Federal and State Testing Requirements

- *Sebastian recommended the suspension. Sebastian stated that we have the authority at the local level. He also stated that we have the approval of the District without jeopardizing our renewal.*
- *Considerations:*
 - *Access to stable broadband with adequate bandwidth (reliable testing experience)*
 - *The amount of time schools have been providing full in person instruction.*
 - *Instructional model transitions due to COVID-19.*
 - *Benefits for suspending CAASPP is gained instruction time.*
 - *We have access to the NWEA/Map testing is a nationally used test and comparison data will be available.*
 - *When it comes to our renewal, we do need to have data that tells the story of the impact on students.*

Discussion:

- *Sam Odo asks what the testing schedule looks like with NWEA/Map. Mrs. Lohoff said she believes we can have it done in a week. She also stated that this assessment can be used on the dashboard. It is comprehensive and can help us understand our learning losses.*
- *Marcy Jones asks if a (LCAP) goal will be formed around the Map testing data. Dr. Cognition said that it would inform the goal and likely be the baseline data point.*
- *Claudia Reynolds and Sam Odo agree that they are glad to see that if this decision is made that students will not lose instructional time with testing.*
- *MAP is one of the assessments approved for charter schools to use in their renewals per AB1505*

Motion (Troy Stevens), second (Jason Liso), motion carried by a vote 5-0 to approve the Suspension of Spring 2021 Administration of CAASPP and Use of an Alternative Assessment to Meet Federal and State Testing Requirements.

C. Communications

- *Troy Stevens: Congratulated the team and said that he knows the kids will be happy with the decision.*

- *Marcy Jones: Felt that we made an informed decision and she was happy that everyone weighed out the pros and cons.*
- *Jason Liso: No Comment*
- *Samantha Odo: Thanked the admin and Sebastian for bringing this to their attention. She stated that she thinks that three weeks of CAASPP testing does not make sense right now. She thanked Margarita, Mindi and Clara for having such an organized meal service. She thanked Laura for taking the board meeting minutes. She also welcomed and thanked Mindi who will be taking the notes now.*

D. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the April 19, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors at 4:28pm. Motion (Troy Stevens), Second (Mercy Jones), Motion carries by a vote of 5-0.

Samantha Odo, Board Chair

Marcilyn Jones, Board Secretary