

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ALTUS-MIRUS CHARTER SCHOOL
A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation

Debbie Giaquinta – Chairperson, Mary Searcy Bixby - Member, Arlene Gluck – Member

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

14135 Main Street, Suite 3, Hesperia, CA 92345 and telephonically at
16706 N. 109th Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85255

1. OPEN SESSION
 - 1.1. Call to Order- Chairperson Giaquinta called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM at the Topaz Learning Center, 14135 Main Street, Hesperia, CA 92345 and at 16706 N. 109th Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85255.
 - 1.2. Roll Call: Giaquinta present, Bixby present and Gluck present by phone. Staff members Lynne Alipio and Tim Tuter as well as Altus Institute Board member Jane Gawronski were also present.
 - 1.3. Quorum: A quorum was established.
 - 1.4. Pledge of Allegiance: Chairperson Giaquinta led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - 1.5. Agenda: Gluck moved to approve the Agenda as presented and Giaquinta seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - 2.1. Non-agenda Public Comment – No comments were made.
 - 2.2. Agenda Items Public Comment -No comments were made.
3. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS
 - 3.1. President’s Report
 - 3.1.1. Teacher Traveled Statewide to Capture the Spark in California Classroom article. Bixby indicated they would follow up with the schools cited in the article.
 - 3.1.2. CalPERS Cuts Earnings Forecast: School districts to Pay More for pensions article. Alipio shared the planned increases and the impact on the Budget.
 - 3.1.3. System Will Help Public Evaluate Schools Article. The article includes information about the new accountability system to evaluate schools and districts.
 - 3.1.4. WASC Update; CSSD and Laurel in early fall and Mirus will have a site visit in March. Mirus renewal was approved in November for five years.
 - 3.2. Strategic Plan Update
 - 3.2.1. School Participation Report for the period of Month 2: 07/252016 – 08/19/16. Board members reviewed the report.
4. ACTION ITEMS
 - 4.1. Meeting Minutes from October 4, 2016 Gluck moved to approve the October 4, 2016 Minutes and Bixby seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - 4.2. Special Board Meeting: After discussion February 21 seemed to be the best date for a Budget Meeting. Giaquinta moved to approved a Special Board Meeting on February 21, 2017 at 2:45 pm. Bixby seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - 4.3. Rescheduling the May 24, 2017 Board Meeting. Gluck moved to approve rescheduling the Annual Meeting to June 21, 2017 at 1:00 p m. Giaquinta seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- 4.4. Action Items Specific to Mirus Secondary School.
 - 4.4.1. Audit Report 2015-2016. Board members reviewed the Audit Report and commended staff for the very clean report. Gluck moved to accept the Audit Report for 2015-2016 and Giaquinta seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - 4.4.2. Amended Final Charter Governance Document Submitted to Hesperia Unified. Gluck moved to approve the Amended Final Charter Governance Document submitted to Hesperia Unified and Giaquinta seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - 4.4.3. First Interim Report: Gluck moved to approve the First Interim Report and Giaquinta seconded the motion. Motion passed 2- 0 -0. Bixby recused herself.
 - 4.4.4. Ratifying the Negotiations and Renewal of Lease of Property for Location of Resource Centers.
 - 4.4.4.1. Apn 3057121190000
 - 4.4.4.2. Apn 640140031-9
Gluck moved to ratify the negotiations and renewal of Lease of Property for Location of Resource Centers and Giaquinta seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - 4.4.5 Resolution to participate in the San Diego County Schools Risk Management Joint Powers Authority for Workers' Compensation, Property and Liability or any Other Risk or Plan Authorized by Law. Giaquinta moved to approve the Resolution to participate in the San Diego County Schools Risk Management Joint Powers Authority for Workers' Compensation, Property and Liability or any other Risk or Plan Authorized by Law and Gluck seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - 4.4.6 Resolution to participate in a Joint Powers Authority for Fringe Benefits. Gluck moved to approve the Resolution to participate in a Joint Powers Authority for Fringe Benefits and Giaquinta seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - 4.4.7 Employee Manual Amendment: Board members reviewed the Executive Summary Update and then Giaquinta moved to approve the Employee Manual Amendment and Gluck seconded the motion. Motion Passed unanimously.
 - 4.4.8 College Readiness Block Grant: The Board reviewed and discussed the College Readiness Block Grant. There were no comments from the public. Gluck moved to place on the June Board Meeting Agenda for Final Approval and Giaquinta seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - 4.4.9 2026-2017 Safety Plan: Gluck moved to approve the 2016-2017 Safety Plan and Giaquinta seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT AND COMMENTS

- 5.1. Board members commended staff for the significant changes and improvements made in the Resource Center and were looking forward to a guided tour after the meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT: Bixby moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 PM and Gluck seconded. Motion passed unanimously.