

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, December 12, 2019

El Dorado Hills Campus

Lunch Room

1102 Investment Blvd., El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

X John J. Brennan 1/16/2020  
Board Signature Date

**CLOSED SESSION- CONFERENCE ROOM - 3:00-3:30 p.m.**

*Closed session began at 3:14 pm.*

- A. Conference with Legal - Anticipated Litigation (1)  
(Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov. Code §54956.9 (d(2))

**OPEN SESSION - GYM - 3:30 p.m.**

**I. PRELIMINARY**

- A. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Forman at 3:33 PM.
- B. PLEDGE
- C. ROLL CALL
  - Dean Forman Present
  - Tricia Nielsen Present
  - Roy Braatz Present
  - John Brennan Present
  - Tamara Bennett Present (Late, arrived at 4:12 pm)
  - Scholar Government Absent

**D. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

*Nothing to report from closed session.*

**E. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

i. November 14, 2019

Motion to approve November 14, 2019 minutes made by Tricia Nielsen.

Seconded by Roy Braatz.

Vote:

- Dean Forman Yes
- Tricia Nielsen Yes
- Roy Braatz Yes
- John Brennan Yes
- Tamara Bennett Absent

**F. THOUGHT OF THE DAY - Tricia Nielsen**

Ms. Nielsen gave an overview on what Kintsugi was; a Japanese practice of fixing pottery. She shared an analogy comparing this art with people, and how we should reflect on how to 'repair' cracks that we see in ourselves and our Academy.

### II.(3:40-4:00) COMMUNICATIONS

A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Non-agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than two (2) 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 direction to staff following a presentation. *(The Board has the discretion to restrict public comments to those matters it deems relevant to its subject matter jurisdiction. Gov. Code §54954.3)*

#### B. PSO Update

Ms. Bratz from the ROS PSO gave a verbal update on how the Thanksgiving meal went that was arranged for the teachers and staff at the ROS campus. She also shared that new equipment was recently purchased for drama and choir.

#### C. Scholar Government Update

#### D. Leadership Updates

#### a. Administration Reports

Mr. Joseph Benson reported that finalized financing for Lincoln campus was close, and that bond rates have been very favorable. The bonds are expected to close next week. He also shared that Lincoln construction has begun. Ms. Heather Brown reported that the second round of ready testing appears to have moved forward in growth according to the data. She also let the Board know that CA dashboard was released today. Our schools show improvement. Full report coming to the board soon. Absences are an issue that is being targeted.

#### b. Volunteer Hours

The Board noted that volunteer hours from the RDH campus was leading the other two campuses. They also gave honor and respect to those in the community that have contributed volunteer hours.

#### E. Board Announcements

Tomorrow is the hearing/voting at the El Dorado County Board of review. Mr. Joseph Benson shared that a parent square had gone out to notify parents of the open session. Chairman Forman shared how he went caroling with the ROS Seniors to various businesses in the community. He shared what great ambassadors they were of our school.

### III.(4:00-4:30) CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Warrants & Credit Card Expenditures
- B. Approval & Ratification of Contracts
- C. Approval of Resignations & Terminations

IV. (4:30 - 5:30) DISCUSSION & ACTION AGENDA

D. Approval of New Hires  
 E. Approval of Additional Job Description and Use of FTES (Non-Profit Services Division)

Motion to approve the consent agenda made by John Bratz.  
 Seconded by Tricia Nielsen.

Vote:  
 Dean Forman Yes  
 Tricia Nielsen Yes  
 Roy Bratz Yes  
 John Brennan Yes  
 Tamara Bennett Absent

A. El Dorado Hills Campus - Art Group  
 Ms. Mia Hernandez, a third-grade scholar, addressed the board about her request for the art class. This included having fingerprinted volunteers present to mentor and supervise the scholar led class and they would also provide all the materials.  
 Board requested that Mr. Jordan Zacharia be responsible for the art group. Motion to approve an after-school scholar led art group made by Tricia Nielsen.

Seconded by Roy Bratz.  
 Vote:

Dean Forman Yes  
 Tricia Nielsen Yes  
 Roy Bratz Yes  
 John Brennan Yes  
 Tamara Bennett Absent

B. Presentation on Recreation Area Proposal for El Dorado Hills and other facilities updates

Mr. Joseph Benson and Mr. Bill Hagman presented the plans of what they would like to do with the several acres that the EDH school is currently leasing, and is in the process of purchasing. The first two priorities for the EDH campus include a monument sign and a lunch pavilion. The board requested that they would like to see in the next annual budget how much the Academies will be contributing to the project annually, so that they can communicate clearly to our parent community how much would need to be raised to complete each project phase.  
 An overall facilities update was given on all three campuses at this time as well. Particularly the status of the ROS pavilion.  
 C. Progress on Academic Achievement Plan for Math

Ms. Heather Brown shared that they identified lead math teachers and sent them to Singapore math training over the 2019 summer. This proved to be very beneficial. They are currently trying to develop assessments and essential standards. She shared that all three campuses are talking regularly about math, and training instructional aides in Singapore math, so that they may provide appropriate support in the classroom.

Mr. Troy Henke shared that the pilot program they were using is not a good fit and they will not be using it next year. He is currently looking at other curriculum that would provide better at home support.

PSAT scores were recently released. Per the scores they are creating a plan to better support the 11<sup>th</sup> grade ROS class in math.

D. Approval Tuition Support for Path to Credential

Ms. Heather Brown presented.

Board requested a more fortified reading list that would help fill the classical education component that Western Governor's is lacking, as well as a formalized mentor component when the Academy gives tuition assistance.

Ms. Heather Brown and Ms. Meghan Muyanja will work on this formal plan and present to the board in the future.

Motion to approve authorization to the Executive director or designee to expand the current Professional Development Tuition Assistance Program to include the PCOE Education Specialist Intern Program and Western Governor's University continued education program for California Teacher Credentials following the same guidelines, expectations and requirements as previously approved in the Professional Development Tuition Assistance Program and to implement the same made by Tricia Nielsen.

Seconded by Tamara Bennett.

Vote:

Dean Forman	Yes
Tricia Nielsen	Yes
Roy Bratz	Yes
John Brennan	Yes
Tamara Bennett	Yes

E. Approval of Contract for Safety Services

Mr. Joseph Benson requested that this item be postponed until next meeting.

F. Presentation and Approval of 1<sup>st</sup> Interim Budget

Mr. Aaron Adams and Mr. Randy Davis presented.

Motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Interim Budget and to accept the Gilbert Audit made my Roy Bratz.

Seconded by John Brennan.

Vote:

Dean Forman	Yes
Tricia Nielsen	Yes

Roy Braatz  
John Brennan  
Tamara Bennett

Yes  
Yes  
Yes

G. Allocation of funds from the Nonprofit Services Division Resource Fund  
Mr. Joseph Benson presented that EDH's cash flows will be tight until  
February as the funding for the additional 200 scholars that happened this  
school year will not begin until February. He requested an interfund advance  
to the EDH bank account from the NSD Resource Fund which will be repaid  
over time at an interest rate at 1.5 %.

Motion to approve the allocation of funds from the Nonprofit Services  
Division Resource Fund to El Dorado Hills per the terms outlined in the  
attachment made by Tricia Nielsen.

Seconded by Roy Braatz.

Vote:

Dean Forman  
Tricia Nielsen  
Roy Braatz  
John Brennan  
Tamara Bennett

Yes  
Yes  
Yes  
Yes  
Yes

H. Roseville Campus - Debate Team  
Mr. Eric Reslock and Mr. Christian Martin (ROS Seniors) presented to the  
board their senior project proposal of the debate team.

Board asked what the difference was between the different debate team  
ruling boards and why they chose the one they did.

Motion to approve the addition of a secondary John Adams Academy  
Roseville debate team made by John Brennan.

Seconded by Tamara Bennett.

Vote:

Dean Forman  
Tricia Nielsen  
Roy Braatz  
John Brennan  
Tamara Bennett

Yes  
Yes  
Yes  
Yes  
Yes

V. BOARD INITIATED BUSINESS - 5 MINUTES

None.

VI. NEXT MEETING: Regular Board Meeting - Thursday, January 16, 2020 @ 5:00  
p.m.

It was noted by Chairman Forman that the date on the agenda for the next board  
meeting was incorrect and it would in fact be on January 16<sup>th</sup> NOT January 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 pm made by Roy Braatz.

Seconded by Tamara Benneth.

Vote:

Yes	Dean Forman
Yes	Tricia Nielsen
Yes	Roy Braatz
Yes	John Brenman
Yes	Tamara Benneth

### VII. ADJOURNMENT

#### Vision

The John Adams Academies are restoring America's heritage by developing servant leaders who are keepers and defenders of the principles of freedom for which our Founding Fathers pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor.

#### Values

The John Adams Academies are preparing future leaders and statesmen through principle-based education.

#### Our Core Values:

Appreciation of our Nation Heritage

Public and Private Virtue

Emphasis on Mentors and Classics

Scholar Empowered Learning

Fostering Creativity and Entrepreneurial Spirit

High Standards of Academic Excellence

Modeling What We Teach

Abundance Mentality

Building a Culture of Greatness

Self-Governance, Personal Responsibility and Accountability

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