



Community Learning Center Schools, Inc.

a Non-profit Public Benefit Corporation Operating

Nea Community Learning Center & Alameda Community Learning Center

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2014 - 6:45 PM

This meeting was held in Nea Community Learning Center's Tree (Multi-Purpose Room),
Located at 1900 Third Street, Alameda CA 94501

A. Call to Order and Attendance

Meeting is called to order by the Board President at 7:03 pm

<u>Board Members</u>	Present	Absent
Hameed Abbasi (Treasurer)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Jennifer Afdahl Rice (President)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Daniel Chesmore (Community Member)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Brendan Doherty (Community Member)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Sam Felsing (Community Member)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Gretchen Finer (Community Member)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Ryan Kelley-Cahill (Learner)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Alphonso Mance (Community Member)	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Lisa Maxwell (Community Member)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Jim Nations (Secretary)	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Lyan Pernala (Community Member)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Will Robison (Community Member)	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Joan Uhler (Community Member)	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Mike Williams (Community Member)	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>

B. Review and Approval of Agenda

Motion: Brendan Doherty motion to approve agenda

Second: Daniel Chesmore

In Favor: Jennifer Afdahl Rice, Hameed Abbasi, Sam Felsing, Lisa Maxwell, Gretchen Finer, Lyan Pernala, Ryan Kelley-Cahill, Brendan Doherty, Daniel Chesmore

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Jim Nations, Alphonso Mance, Will Robison, Joan Uhler, Mike Williams

C. Action Items

1. Approval of Xavier Sanders as new CLCS Board member.

Motion: Jennifer Afdahl Rice

Second: Brendan Doherty

In Favor: Jennifer Afdahl Rice, Hameed Abbasi, Sam Felsing, Lisa Maxwell, Gretchen Finer, Lyan Pernala, Ryan Kelley-Cahill, Brendan Doherty, Daniel Chesmore

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Jim Nations, Alphonso Mance, Will Robison, Joan Uhler, Mike Williams

D. Presentations from the floor 7:05 PM

Daniel Davenport (7:07 pm):

“Dear CLCS Board of Directors, Thank you for this opportunity to speak in front of you today. Today I wish to notify you of 2 things: One, I am excited about the opportunity for our community to welcome a minority Spanish instructor. I first met Maria Puerta through the new Nea family program during this summer. Earlier this week I learned she is currently providing after care service at Nea and she may have the opportunity to be a language instructor for 8th grade. Talking to Mrs. Puerta resulted in my pride of her accomplishments in school. I also learned of her excitement about this opportunity to educate our learners.

The second item I wish to notify you all is in reference to my concerns with Dr. Wilczek. There are two occasions where Dr. Wilczek [seemed] to perform in a manner towards me which I thought to be inappropriate. I believe Dr. Wilczek’s actions, whether she realize[s] it or not, are seemingly biased towards me. Last night Dr. Wilczek brought up concerns about me during a public Nea Governing Board meeting. Dr. Wilczek stated, [“my complaints are expensive, time-consuming.”] It’s my belief that these statements were in response to 3 formal complaints I made regarding ACLC’s Brown Act compliance on October 6, 2014, and one formal complaint I made to her about Nea’s Brown Act compliance on October 9, 2014.”

Anna Martin (7:09 pm):

An ACLC parent and ACLC board member, Anna wishes to communicate ACLC students’ desire for lockers. They must carry everything all day, including bathrooms.

Jennifer: Is this issue already addressed at ACLC board? Anna: It keeps taking time, so I came here to see if the process could be expedited.

Patti: Ken Cavala (volunteer parent) needs to plan out state architecture code in the new building - old plans will not work. May do a bid for other company, lockers will be very expensive to install.

Joyce Saad (7:13 pm):

I want to follow up on concerns from last meeting about the decrease in project periods, less interaction, less inter-grade interaction, less democracy. I sent 3 docs to CLCS board. 1 is the extensive population study at ACLC, presented in Jan 2014. There were a number of distressed comments about changes at ACLC. Who sets population targets at the 2 schools? A mentor in education agreed that without due process, no democracy. Facilitators are excluded. We lost some people, due to lack of democracy--Carlton, Julian, Gabrielle, Rebecca. We may lose more legacy facilitators.

Martina Schniederger (7:17 pm):

I have 2 daughters at Nea including 1 junior. I'm concerned about new changes, in particular the new humanities curriculum. We have WASC coming soon, Nea will look bad. Why do these changes have to be made right now? WASC will scrutinize even further. Was Nea modeled after ACLC? But ACLC has different humanities model than Nea. Also, there are space concerns at Nea, which makes the new curriculum even worse. I heard that Nea declined 2 Alameda students, why? Not all classes are offered. All these problems will make new students not choose Nea. Affects learning for all.

Patti: ACLC has separate English and history classes.

Jennifer Afdahl Rice speaking on a non-agenda item on behalf of the CLCS board (7:20 pm):

A Statement from the
Community Learning Center Schools Inc. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors ("Board") of Community Learning Center Schools Inc. is focused on student achievement and maintaining the high quality and innovative educational options available at Nea and Community Learning Center Schools.

The Board recently learned that credits in Nea's high school program had not been appropriately applied in prior years. Upon discovering these discrepancies, CLCS and Nea leadership has taken immediate steps to remedy any issues that might negatively impact our learners.

Our goal is to ensure that our learners will not only graduate on time, but also meet the high educational standards of CLCS and admission standards for the University of California system. CLCS and Nea will work with each individual family to meet that goal.

We are confident in the measures taken by our Executive Director and Nea's Interim Lead Facilitator (and also condoned by the AUSD Interim Superintendent) to remedy this situation. These measures have included, or may include:

- Contracting with a curriculum evaluator to perform a comprehensive review of Nea's high school program.
- Ensuring best practices by swiftly implementing recommendations made by the evaluator.
- Adjusting classes and schedules of impacted learners to ensure they are on course to meet graduation standards.
- Providing additional classroom or online courses to impacted learners, as needed.
- Hiring facilitators to teach classes and assist learners, as needed.
- Working closely with affected learners and their families to answer questions and address concerns.

We are excited about how these actions and upgrades will benefit our learners and strengthen Nea's high school program.

The CLCS Board is dedicated to our schools' progressive and learner-centered educational model, and preserving our schools' innovative structures, spirits and traditions. At the same time, we are also committed to maintaining educational best practices and fully satisfying the admission standards for the UC system to ensure the broadest range of college options for our graduates.

Sincerely,
Jen Afdahl Rice
President, CLCS Board of Directors

E. Reports from Administration

1. Nea Interim Lead Facilitator Report - Annalisa Moore 7:24PM
See Nea Interim Lead Facilitator Report available in the public materials.
2. ACLC Lead Facilitator Report - David Hoopes 7:30 PM
See ACLC Lead Facilitator Report available in the public materials.
3. Chief Operating Officer Report - Theresa Quigley 7:51 PM
See Chief Operating Officer Report available in the public materials.
4. Executive Director Report - Patti Wilczek 7:57 PM
See Executive Director Report available in the public materials. CLCS atty will reach out to legal counsel at the district re interpretation of Ed Code on district oversight fee for charter schools. The district oversight fee should be calculated on LCFF revenue, not all federal and state revenues. Net impact would be positive \$31K.

F. Financial Presentations

8:06 PM

1. ACLC Financial Update -EdTec
2. Nea Financial Update - EdTec

See EdTec presentation and September financials available in the public materials.

G. Consent Agenda

8:12 PM

1. Approval of September 29, 2014 CLCS Special Board Meeting Minutes
Motion: Jennifer Afdahl Rice
Second: Daniel Chesmore
In Favor: Jennifer Afdahl Rice, Hameed Abbasi, Sam Felsing, Gretchen Finer, Brendan Doherty, Daniel Chesmore
Opposed: None
Abstentions: Ryan Kelley-Cahill, Lyan Pernala, and Lisa Maxwell
Absent: Jim Nations, Alphonso Mance, Will Robison, Joan Uhler, Mike Williams
2. Approval of September 18 2014 CLCS Board Meeting Minutes
[Clarification of Alameda Parcel Tax discussed in September.]
Motion to approve: Jennifer Afdahl Rice
Second: Sam Felsing
In Favor: Jennifer Afdahl Rice, Hameed Abbasi, Sam Felsing, Gretchen Finer, Brendan Doherty, Daniel Chesmore, Ryan Kelley-Cahill, Lyan Pernala, Lisa Maxwell
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: Jim Nations, Alphonso Mance, Will Robison, Joan Uhler, Mike Williams
3. Approval of final August 2014 CLCS Board Meeting Minutes
Motion: Jennifer Afdahl Rice
Second: Ryan Kelley-Cahill
In Favor: Jennifer Afdahl Rice, Sam Felsing, Brendan Doherty, Gretchen Finer, Lisa Maxwell, Lyan Pernala
Opposed: None
Abstentions: Hameed Abbasi, Daniel Chesmore, Ryan Kelley-Cahill
Absent: Jim Nations, Will Robison, Joan Uhler
4. Approval of final June 2014 CLCS Board Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve, with Hameed's name correction and inclusion of Sam in favor of removing all paid employees from the CLCS board: Jennifer Afdahl Rice
Second: Sam Felsing

In Favor: Lisa Maxwell, Gretchen Finer, Sam Felsing, Jennifer Afdahl Rice, Hameed Abbasi
Abstentions: Patti Wilczek, Daniel Chesmore, Brendan Doherty, Ryan Kelley-Cahill, Lyan Pernala
Absent: Jim Nations, Will Robison, Joan Uhler

H. Discussion Items

8:23 PM

1. Measure I presentation: David Teeters (not present)
Nea board voted to endorse the measure. ACLC board voted to encourage CLCS to endorse. CCEF will also endorse.

2. Special Education presentation: Katie Matheson

See Nea Special Education Presentation.

[[Remaining discussion items were tabled - moved to closed session, 8:55 pm]]

3. Creation of a facilitator/staff advisory body to the CLCS Board.

4. New CLCS Board members: Mentors

5. Create Board goals, identify necessary tasks for the Board for 2014-15 (e.g., public relations, by laws), with Board member sign-ups.

6. Board member email addresses on the website.

7. District required enrollment percentages: In-District & Out-of-District.

I. Action Items

8:30 PM

1. Approve ACLC Charter Renewal documents.

Motion to approve: Brendan Doherty

Second: Lisa Maxwell

In Favor: Hameed Abbasi, Jennifer Afdahl Rice, Daniel Chesmore, Brendan Doherty, Sam Felsing, Gretchen Finer, Lisa Maxwell, Lyan Pernala

Abstentions: None

Absent: Ryan Kelley-Cahill, Alphonso Mace, Jim Nations, Will Robison, Joan Uhler, Mike Williams

2. Approve Nea's WASC Self-Study documents.

Motion to approve: Lyan Pernala

Second: Daniel Chesmore

In Favor: Hameed Abbasi, Daniel Chesmore, Brendan Doherty, Sam Felsing, Gretchen Finer, Lisa Maxwell, Lyan Pernala

Abstentions: Jennifer Afdahl Rice

Absent: Ryan Kelley-Cahill, Alphonso Mace, Jim Nations, Will Robison, Joan Uhler, Mike Williams

3. Approve revision of CLCS By-Laws.

Tabled.

4. Approve CLCS Board's endorsement of Measure I

Motion to approve: Daniel Chesmore

Second: Brendan Doherty

In Favor: Jennifer Afdahl Rice, Daniel Chesmore, Brendan Doherty, Sam Felsing, Lisa Maxwell

Against: Gretchen Finer

Abstentions: Lyan Pernala, Hameed Abbasi

Absent: Ryan Kelley-Cahill, Alphonso Mace, Jim Nations, Will Robison, Joan Uhler, Mike Williams

J. Public Comments on closed session topics:

The Board reserves the right to limit public comments to 10 minutes.

K. Adjourn to closed session:

8:40 PM

1. With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54957.6:
Conference with Labor Negotiator
Employee organization: California Teachers Association

2. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54959.9: Two cases

3. With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54957:
 - a. Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: Interim Lead Facilitator Nea
Title: Lead Facilitator ACLC
Title: Chief Operations Officer
Title: Executive Director

 - b. Public Employment Appointment
Title: Resource Specialist (ACLC)
Title: Spanish Facilitator (ACLC)
Title: Campus Supervisor (Nea)

L. Reconvene public session

9:30 PM

Announcement of action(s) taken in closed session and the vote of every member regarding these actions.

1. No action was taken

2. Motion to approve the settlement negotiation: Hameed Abbasi
Second: Jennifer Afdahl Rice
In Favor: Hameed Abbasi, Jennifer Afdahl Rice, Daniel Chesmore, Brendan Doherty, Sam Felsing, Gretchen Finer, Lisa Maxwell, Lyan Pernala
Abstentions: None
Absent: Ryan Kelley-Cahill, Alphonso Mace, Jim Nations, Will Robison, Joan Uhler, Mike Williams

3. Tabled.

4. Motion to approve the addition of a Resource Specialist (ACLC), Spanish Facilitator (ACLC), Campus Supervisor (Nea): Brendan Doherty
Second: Jennifer Afdahl Rice
In Favor: Hameed Abbasi, Jennifer Afdahl Rice, Daniel Chesmore, Brendan Doherty, Sam Felsing, Gretchen Finer, Lisa Maxwell, Lyan Pernala
Abstentions: None
Absent: Ryan Kelley-Cahill, Alphonso Mace, Jim Nations, Will Robison, Joan Uhler, Mike Williams

Adjournment

11:02 PM

Next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:30 on November 20, 2014, to be held in Nea's Tree, located at 1900 Third Street, Alameda CA 94501.