

**Notice of a Special Meeting
of the Board of Directors of Educational Leadership (charter holder)
Of Southwest Schools (charter school)**

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southwest School (Charter School) will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 12:00 PM in the Administration Building at 3333 Bering Drive, Houston, Texas 77057;

1. Call to order
2. Read and approve minutes from May 19, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.
3. Discuss and Consider for approval Southwest Schools waiver for missed instruction day on May 26, 2015.
4. Discuss and Consider for approval Teacher Grievance.
5. Discuss and Consider for approval Annual Bowling Bash.

If during the course of the Board meeting covered by this Notice, the Board should determine that a closed or executive session of the Board should be held or is required in relation to any item included in this Notice, then such closed or executive session will be held as authorized by the following Section of the Texas Government Code:

- 551.071 – For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board’s attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law.
- 551.072 – For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
- 551.073 – For the purpose of considering a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation.
- 551-074 – For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee.
- 551.082 –For the purpose of considering discipline of a public school child or children, or to hear a complaint by an employee against another employee, if the complaint or charge directly results in need for a hearing.
- 551.083 – For the purpose of considering the standards, guidelines, terms or conditions the Board will follow, or instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups in connection with consultation agreements provided for by Section 13.901 of the Texas Education Code.
- 551.084 – For the purpose of excluded witness or witnesses from a hearing during examination of another witness.

Such closed meeting will be held by the Board of Directors at that date, hour and place given in this Notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this Notice as the Board may convene meeting in such closed or executive session. Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the board with regard to any matter considered in such

closed executive meeting or session, then such final action, final decision, or final vote shall be at either:

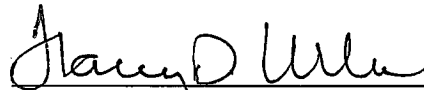
- (a) the open meeting covered by this Notice upon the reconvening of this public meeting, or
- (b) at a subsequent public meeting of the Board of Directors upon Notice thereof, as the Board of Directors shall determine.

The items listed in this notice may be considered in any order at the discretion of the Board of directors or the Board President, items listed for closed session discussed in open session, and item listed in this notice may be tabled and considered at a subsequent public meeting of the Board of Directors upon proper notice.

6. Adjourn

Certificate of Posting or Giving of Notice

On this 12 day of June, 2015 at 12:00 PM. this Notice was posted on a bulletin board located in the main lobby of the administrative offices for Southwest Schools, at 3333 Bering Drive Houston, Texas 77057, a convenient place to the public and readily accessible to the general public at all times.



Tracey Urban
Business Manager

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Board of Directors of Education Leadership, Inc. (charter holder)
of Southwest Schools (charter school)
Date: May 19, 2015

Minutes

The Board of Directors of Educational Leadership Corporation, charter holder of Southwest Schools, ("Charter School") met on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. in the Administration Building at 3333 Bering Drive, Houston, Texas 77057.

The following Board members were present:

Ed Vesely
Dr. Fernando Morales
Angela Murphy
Jai Daggett
Maria Rios
Patti Kelly

The following Board members were not present:

Hugh Conway
Melva Meronek

Also present were:

Dr. Spyros Cateches
Janelle James
Brenda Arteaga
Tracey Urban
Charlotte Mitchell

1. Call to order
Ed Vesely called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.
2. Read and approve minutes from March 24, 2015 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors. The minutes will be corrected to reflect Angela Murphy as the recorder in lieu of Patti Kelly. Angela Murphy motioned to approve the March 24th minutes with corrections and Jai Daggett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Discuss and Consider for approval Southwest Schools 2015-2016 Operating Budget. Tracey Urban advised that there are no significant changes from last year's budget. There is a 2% salary increase for teachers. Funding for 2015-2016 is not available as yet, but an update will be given if there is a slight change. Jai Daggett commended Tracey for a job well done and motioned to approve the Southwest Schools 2015-2016 Operating Budget. Patti Kelly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Discuss and Consider for approval SB 149 Resolution. Brenda Arteaga advised that SB 149 impacts our graduates this year. SB 149 has revised the state's assessment graduation requirements for students in 11th and 12th grade for the 2014-2015, 2015-2016, or 2016-2017 school years. A student who failed the EOC assessment graduation requirements for no more than 2 courses may receive a high school diploma if the student has qualified to graduate by means of an individual graduation committee (IGC). Southwest Schools has modeled implementation of SB 149 from information gathered from Regions 4 and 10. Following discussion, Angela Murphy motioned to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fernando Morales. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Discuss and consider for approval Southwest Schools Grading Policy. Brenda Arteaga requested approval from the Board for students that did not pass core subject(s) but passed EOC to receive course credit (without taking the course again) for the 2014-2015 school year. The credit will be awarded as a "Credit By Exam (CBE)" for all core subjects, i.e. Algebra I, English I, English II, Biology and U.S. History. Brenda further advised that other districts use this method also. The question was asked about student preparation for the exam. Brenda advised that we have people and software in place to help prepare students for the exam and District faculty and staff is well-trained in administering and coordinating the state mandated examinations. Passing ratio and alternative accountability was discussed. Jai Daggett motioned to approve the Southwest Schools Grading Policy. Patti Kelly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. Discuss and Consider for approval Lease extension for Mangum Campus. This item was pulled from the agenda under attorney advisement.
7. Discuss Superintendent Report. Brenda Arteaga advised that the grades are in and information will be shared with the Board upon receipt of data from all four indexes. Tracey and Brenda are presently attending a Future Ready Conference. Our team is presenting on Southwest Schools and will bring back exciting information for our District and classrooms. The practices on teaching and learning are amazing. The District's Teacher of the Year is Bobby Cotton. He was in retirement, but returned to teach science for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. "Coach Cotton" will participate in the Region 4 competition. Chevron will sponsor Coach Cotton to travel to the Bahamas for a Jason Project Conference. Graduation is scheduled for 6/2/2015 at Houston Baptist University at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Catechis asked Board members to please confirm attendance with him. Board members will submit their e-colors to Tracey Urban to be included on the business cards. Board members will be added to the distribution list for the District newsletter. Brenda will email curriculum information to Board members. Brenda Arteaga informed the Board that teacher contracts will be changed from "contracts" to "At Will Agreements".
8. Adjourn – Board member Ed Vesely asked for motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Patti Kelly to adjourn and seconded by Angela Murphy. The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Item 3

Southwest Schools waiver for missed instruction day on May 26

Southwest Schools will apply for a waiver from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for the District's missed instruction day on Tuesday, May 26, due to extensive flooding and weather-related conditions in the Houston. The District made the decision based on a statement released by the TEA Commissioner.

Commissioner of Education Michael Williams issued the following statement regarding issues related to flooding in various parts of the state:

"I want to assure superintendents who have closed their districts today due to flooding and other weather-related issues that a waiver for this missed instructional day will be granted. The Texas Education Agency staff is also ready to assist those districts that may need to request additional attendance waivers beyond today. I urge superintendents to stay focused on addressing the immediate needs of their students, staff and communities. The waiver requests can be submitted after the immediate crisis has passed. We will work with you."