



Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 14th, 2012 4:00 P.M.
John Adams Academy campus
One Sierragate Plaza, Roseville, CA 95678

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I. PRELIMINARY

- A. Call to order: Time 4:03pm
- B. Pledge
- C. Roll Call

Dean Forman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Cindi Sherrod	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Norman Gonzales	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Paul Savage	<u> X (4:23) </u>	<u> </u>
Bryan Favero	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>

II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES– May 10th, 2012 minutes

Sherrod motioned for approval of May 10, 2012 minutes. Gonzales seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

III. THOUGHT OF THE DAY – Cindi Sherrod

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

This is the time in which anyone in the audience may address the Board for two (2) minutes on any item that is not on the agenda. (The Board has the discretion to restrict public comments to those matters it deems relevant to its subject matter jurisdiction. Govt. Code Sect. 54954.3)

Jennifer Wright, a parent from Mrs. Swanson's class, spoke on behalf of several of Swanson's families (three stood to show their support). Mrs. Wright handed letters to

the board written by the families with their expressions of gratitude toward Mrs. Swanson and all she did for their scholars.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Information Only Section

A. Update regarding Gilbert and Associates Audit – (Brophy)

We have not yet been given the preliminary reports; we should have this available for the next board meeting, with recommendations. The next review is scheduled for the fall.

B. Financial Update (Stewart, Brophy)

Jay Stewart, with Loomis Union School District gave an overview of the projected budget for 2012 - 2013. He stated that if the state had not mandated deferrals, John Adams would be in good standing. However, due to trigger cuts and deferrals, cash management will be critical. Dean Forman publicly thanked Loomis for all they have done for us, and the faith they have placed in us.

C. Parent Participation Update (Happoldt)

There are 30 families with zero hours completed, and 78 families with incomplete hours. There are still some hours yet to be reported. Gonzales asked what the response had been from the families who had yet to complete their hours. Happoldt responded that there have been various responses, with mixed signals.

D. Music and Arts Committee Update (Blankenbuehler/Jensen)

The minutes from the Music and Arts Committee meeting were passed out to board members. The board was informed that Mr. Blankenbuehler and Mrs. Jensen would be collaborating on the program for next year. The next Music Committee Meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2012 at 7pm., and the following one is scheduled for August 14. Sherrod expressed her support for the new music instructor.

E. UC/CSU approved transfer class policy for grades 9 – 12 (Happoldt/Schug)

Happoldt discussed accepting A-G courses from outside entities.

F. Board Committee Updates:

Finance/Budget (Forman, Gonzales) - Forman strongly encouraged the need for donations to the school.

Fundraising (Sherrod) – Sherrod is looking forward to working with the fundraiser, when identified and hired, with a goal being that we become independent from the state.

Administrative/Personnel (Savage, Sherrod) – Sherrod explained that we redesigned two office positions, and developed a communication position to improve the level of communication for the Academy.

Marketing/Communication (Favero, Gonzales) – No update

Site Council (Sherrod) – Site Council is in the process of rewriting the by-laws.

Academic/Curriculum/Accreditation (Favero, Forman) – Johnson explained the sub groups and five key areas of WASC.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Accept letter of resignation from Office Manager, Richanne Roope
- B. Accept letter of resignation from Elementary Teacher, Ciara Magnussen
- C. Accept letter of resignation from Math Teacher, Joy Krausse
- D. Confirm hire of Elementary Teacher, Tuesday Mahlberg
- E. Confirm hire of Elementary Teacher, Lindsey Montross
- F. Confirm hire of Elementary Teacher, Lindsay Nagle
- G. Confirm contingent hire of Spanish Teacher, Anissa Konieczny
- H. Confirm hire of Secondary Math Teacher, Randall Minskey
- I. Confirm hire of Dean of Students
- J. Approve part time hire for summer office work

Gonzales requested that we pull (I.) for further discussion. Savage then motioned that we pass A-H and J. Sherrod seconded the motion.

Ayes 4 Nays 0

Forman then offered an explanation of Consent Agenda Item I, explaining the importance of having three Deans (including the job descriptions for each) and diagramming how each Dean will have an area of specialty allowing them to focus more attention on specific tasks, and to collaborate for unity. Motion will be brought back to the board once a candidate has been selected.

VII. ACTION AGENDA

- A. Weighted Honors and AP Courses
Board approval of JAA AP Courses to increase from 4.0 GPA to a possible 5.0 GPA (Johnson)

Proposed: The JAA board adopts the increase of GPA for AP classes

Motion: Sherrod Second: Gonzales

Ayes 4 Nays 0

- B. Increase the JAA Board from five (5) members to seven (7) members (Forman)

Proposed: Board approval to amend JAA bylaws to increase the membership of the Board. (Forman)

Motion: Savage Second: Gonzales

Ayes 4 Nays 0

Effective July board meeting

- C. Create policy regarding distribution of parent Surveys.

Proposed: Board approval to create a policy by which parent survey data is shared with teachers. (Savage)

Motion: Sherrod Second: Savage

Ayes 4 Nays 0

- D. JAA Rifle Club: Sport Letter Awards; Varsity and Junior Varsity. (Marchese)

Proposed: JAA Rifle Club was Chartered as an official JAA Club in 2011, and fields a Rifle Team: The "Patriots".

Issue: Competitive rifle shooting is both an American and internationally recognized athletic/Olympic sport. JAA Scholars participating in the JAA Rifle team can be recognized for this athletic participation and skill. American High Schools have traditionally designated and awarded "sports-letters" to its Scholar-Athletes. These sports letters are commonly designated "Junior Varsity" and "Varsity". Sports, athletics and especially the proficiency in the use of rifles should be recognized and encouraged at JAA.

The JAA Board authorizes the Rifle Club Faculty Advisor and Parent Mentors to issue and award "Junior Varsity" and "Varsity sports-letters for JAA Rifle Club Scholars.

Forman made the motion to award letters to the rifle club pending agreement of legal council and insurance company. Gonzales seconded the motion.

Ayes 4 Nays 0

- E. Formal uniform dress for upper grade students. (Sherrod/Mangune)

Proposed: Board approval to amend the current dress code to allow scholars in 8th – 12th grades to wear a more professional uniform including, button-down dress shirts with the embroidered JAA logo, blazers in Navy or Red embroidered with the JAA logo and/or approved sweaters, both cardigan and pull-over embroidered with the JAA logo, all of which can be purchased through the John Adams Academy store.

Several Items were discussed, regarding changes to the uniform policy. Gonzales motioned to amend the policy and bring it back to the board for adoption at the next meeting.

Motion: Gonzales Second: Sherrod

Ayes 4 Nays 0

F. Timing of Spring Break. (Savage)

Proposed: Board Approval to change timing of Spring Break to coincide with that of other School districts in the area, who release students for Spring Break the week before Easter.

Ayes _____ Nays _____

Current Spring Break in aligned with districts in the area, no action required.

G. Physical Education Program (Savage)

Proposed: Approve exercise classes for students in all grades, either formally with a Physical Education Teacher, informally with our current teachers rotating for ½ hour one day per week, or ask PSA to help fund and support.

Ayes _____ Nays _____

Tabled

H. Soundproof Music Room (Foman)

Proposed: Review proposal from DesCor builders to soundproof Room 13 to be used as the music room.

Ayes _____ Nays _____

Tabled

I. Adoption of 2012 – 2013 Charter School Budget Report

Proposed: Board approval of 2012 – 2013 Charter School Budget

Motion by Sherrod to adopt the Budget as presented. Second by: Savage

Ayes 4

Nays 0

VII. CLOSED SESSION

A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: 1 Case

No action taken

VIII. NEXT MEETING – Thursday, July 12th, 2012 4:00 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Time 7:50pm

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

John Adams Academy is preparing future leaders and statesmen through principle-based education. Our core values include:

*Appreciation of our national heritage
Public and private virtue
Emphasis on mentors and classics
Student-empowered learning
Fostering creativity and entrepreneurial spirit
High standards of academic excellence
Modeling what we teach
Abundance mentality
Maintaining a culture of greatness*