

**Public Academy For Performing Arts
Governing Council Minutes
Minutes of Special Meeting 7/21/08**

Voting Members Present: Charles Pettitt, Doug Redfield, Valerie Scott, Sheryl Garcia, Tom Moore and Julian Rivera

Quorum Achieved: Yes. There are 6 voting members present.

Non-Voting Members Present: Ginny Wilmerding, David Margolin

Members Absent: Nancy Oriola, RoseAnn McKernan

Guests: Brad and Donna Jacobsen, Parents; Curtis Johnson, Parent; Courtney Lawton, Faculty; Kathie Deja, Community; Joanne Carter, Faculty; Amy Anderson, Parent; Karen Cal Wright, Parent; Hallie Taylor Wright, Student; Sojourner Oya, Faculty; Emily Awes, Faculty; Randy Costales, Parent; Kathleen Mo Taylor, Parent; Dale Baltz, Parent; Jaffa Frank, Parent; Kurt Weber, Parent; Brian Gutierrez, Parent; Christopher Koller, Faculty; Debbie Dozier, Parent; Nicole Dozier, Student.

Agenda Convene Meeting, Roll Call for Quorum

Item 1 Have 6 voting members. It's a quorum.

Agenda Approval of Agenda

Item 2 Julian made the motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Tom and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Open Forum

Item 3 Joanne Carter said that given the volatility of the situation, she is suggesting the selection of an Interim Principal from the outside for staff morale. Karen Wright said that she agreed with that. She wasn't here last week. There was parental and faculty voice last week. Sorry to have to deal with this. A parent last week had idea of how other voices could be heard. Julie Dexter said that asking for her not to be the Interim Principal was not a problem since she didn't want the position. She had been maligned. Ron Romero was contacted by a parent accusing her of being responsible for the Blog and that I had it shut down from this campus. I am not responsible for the Blog. Two years ago, the principal mentioned that she was grooming me for the principal position. She was going to retire in December but changed it to a 25 year retirement plan. The person, H Piezan wrote horrible things about me having an affair with one Board member. She asked the principal to do something. Mrs. Harvey did nothing. She said that she wrote to the Board about it. I am working as the Assistant Principal and Special Ed. Director with one salary. The last person got \$50,000 for that position. I saved PAPA \$50,000. I am not having an affair. My daughter hasn't been rehired even though she signed a Letter of Intent. Kurt Weber wanted to know if the Board discussed Katy's resignation. It seemed sudden. Charles said that we couldn't say anything in this forum. There are lots of things going on. Jaffa Frank said that the Blog is 99.9% lies. We need to move on with transparency and integrity. We need an outside

Interim Principal with a rigorous and clear process. Courtney Lawton says that she can say, with confidence and speak for a lot of the staff that they have no confidence in the present administrators stepping in. Tom requested a stop of the use of names. (Secretary's note – I did not put in the names.) Mrs. Taylor, parent of a 6th & 9th grader coming in, said that she knew it was difficult because she is on several boards. She suggested a parent support group that could assist the school. It's clearly fragile and we need to make a positive environment for the children. Donna Jacobsen wanted clarification of what personnel the Council would be talking about in Closed Session. Charles said that we didn't have to put that on the agenda. The Interim Principal will be our focus.

Agenda Closed Session Under NMSA 1978 10-15-1(H) For Limited Personnel Matters
Item 4 Sheryl made the motion to go into Closed Session under what's stated above. Julian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Everyone left.
Roll Call for Closed Session – present – Valerie, Charles, Ginny, David, Doug, Julian, Sheryl and Tom.

Agenda Interim Principal Announcement
Item 5 Back to Open Session. Charles made the announcement that matters discussed in the Closed Session were limited only to those specified in the motion for closure or in the separate closed session. No notes and no votes were taken. We didn't select an Interim Principal. We have two more people to talk to. We will have an emergency meeting on Wednesday to announce someone. An agenda will be posted tomorrow. We will have a short Closed Session. We want to make sure that we make the right decision. The motion to adjourn was made by Julian and seconded by Sheryl. It was passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Valerie Scott, Secretary. GC Members, please read these minutes carefully and let me know if there are any corrections to be made. Note that I have sent copies to GC members who were absent so that they will be brought up to date. When minutes are presented for approval, the absentees should not vote on the minutes since they did not attend the meeting.

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