

**SAN LORENZO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*Mission Statement*

**Working Together to Ensure All Students Learn  
and are Fully Prepared for College and Career**

**Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
July 26, 2018  
District Office Board Room  
325 Marion Avenue, Ben Lomond, CA  
5:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**I. OPEN SESSION: 5:00 p.m.**, District Office Board Room, 325 Marion Ave., Ben Lomond

**A. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Wylie, Board President, called the Open Session to order at 5:01 pm.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mr. George Wylie, President Ms. Jacqui Rice, Clerk  
Ms. Laura Dolson, Trustee Mr. Mark Becker, Trustee  
Ms. Gail Levine, Trustee

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Chappell, Director of Human Resources.

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MSC Rice/Levine to approve the July 26, 2018 Board Agenda as presented. The Motion carried with the following vote:**

**AYES – 5 (Wylie, Rice, Levine, Becker, Dolson)**

**NOES – 0**

**ABSENT – 0**

**ABSTENTION – 0**

**E. REPORTS**

1. Executive Summary – Integrative Leadership Academy Charter Petition..... Lisa Mori

Ms. Mori, Legal Counsel, reviewed the process and the timeline for the Charter petition. Specific Ed Codes were cited and it was stated that the District may not deny a petition unless it makes written factual findings to support one or more of the required findings. The required areas were stated as well as the additional requirements in accordance with governing law. Ms. Mori explained that there were three main areas in the factual findings for the denial of the Charter Petition. They are as follows:

1. Petitioners are demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition.
2. The petition presents an unsound educational program.
3. The petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive description of all required elements set forth in Section 47605(b).

Ms. Mori provided detailed information under each finding stated above. Additional issues were also provided regarding inaccurate use of data to support the demand for

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an additional charter school in the SLV District, insufficient budget for safety issues, and the suspension/ expulsion procedures were lacking necessary substance. The findings are available as an Exhibit to the Resolution. Ms. Mori’s presentation is available for review in the Superintendent’s Office.

**F. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION**

Ms. Nicky Ramos-Beban, lead petitioner, addressed the Board regarding concerns of the June 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Minutes.

Ms. Nicky Ramos-Beban, lead petitioner, referenced a letter that she had sent to Mr. Wylie, Board President, and Dr. Bruton, Superintendent, at 4:50 p.m. prior to the Board Meeting. The letter stated that the Resolution provided in the Board Packet had inaccuracies regarding the requirement of the number of signatures. She also stated that the Exhibit, Exhibit “A”, which was attached to the Resolution, contained factual errors. Her statement reflected that these inaccuracies led to serious concerns that the Board and District Administration had not reviewed the correct petition and expressed her dismay as to why no one contacted ILA for clarification or for more information regarding these issues.

**G. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. First Reading (\* indicates items that may be acted upon at First Reading)**

- \*a. Adoption of Resolution #2018-19-01 – Denying the Charter Petition for the Establishment of the Integrative Leadership Academy and Written Findings in Support Thereof (Due to Timeline)..... Bruton

It is recommended that the Board adopt Resolution #2018-19-01 denying the Integrative Leadership Academy Charter School Petition and the written findings in support thereof as the Petition contains numerous deficiencies and concerns and does not satisfy the requirements set forth in Education Code § 47605.

Dr. Bruton, Superintendent, referenced the concern of the signatures brought up earlier by lead petitioner. She explained that this information was included to explain the code and that it is one of the areas that can be used to deny a petition, however, the District was not citing this area as a reason for this specific denial.

Dr. Bruton, Superintendent, then turned this item over to Mr. Wylie, Board President, for Board discussion.

The Board asked Ms. Mori, legal counsel, clarifying and hypothetical questions. The Board then discussed the ILA Charter Petition.

The Board members expressed their concerns regarding the petition, which included budget concerns, options for the families that were counting on this Charter school, the reliance on a large percentage of donation funding, budget does not reflect adequate professional development, concerns regarding technology, staffing requirements regarding counseling support for students, concerns regarding the viability of the STEAM program, and lack of computer science curriculum was reflected in the petition

The Board also pointed out that the petition mistakenly asserts justification for a new charter school by reason of Ocean Grove’s ADA growth of over 300 students residing within SLVUSD boundaries, when in fact less than one percent of that growth is from students who reside in SLV. That enrollment in the charter schools within SLV has been flat for several years. They also asked additional questions for clarification and understanding.

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The Board President concluded with the statement, "It is our obligation to approve or deny the Charter Petition based on the factual findings and the recommendations of the District Administration and legal counsel".

**MSC Rice/Levine to Adopt Resolution #2018-19-02 – Denying the Charter Petition for the Establishment of the Integrative Leadership Academy and Written Findings in Support Thereof as presented.**

**The Motion carried with the following roll-call vote:**

**Mr. Wylie, President – Yes**

**Ms. Rice, Clerk – Yes**

**Ms. Levine, Trustee – Yes**

**Mr. Becker, Trustee – Yes**

**Ms. Dolson, Trustee – Yes**

**II. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Wylie, President, adjourned the Open Session at 6:07 pm.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

**WITNESSED BY:**

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Dr. Laurie Bruton, Superintendent and Secretary  
Board of Trustees

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Ms. Jacqui Rice, Clerk  
Board of Trustees