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Pensar Academy Governing Board Meeting
February 24, 2025
10:00am

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Location

Pensar Academy
6135 N Black Canyon Hwy
Phoenix, AZ 85015

Board Members Present (at location):

Sandra Zupetz

Board Members Absent:

NONE

Board Members Present (Zoom):

David Pearsall
Martin Zupetz
Antonio "Tony" Reyes

Member of the Public Present:

Gerry Garcia

Quorum: Established. Present board members: 4; Absent board members: 0.

Minutes taken by: Sandra Zupetz

Call to order of the Pensar Academy Governing Board:

Meeting was called to order at 10:00am by S. Zupetz.

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion to adopt the agenda with the tabling of Agenda Item 2: S. Zupetz.
Second: T. Reyes. Motion passes unanimously.

Agenda Item 1: Recognition Award for Pensar Academy: US News and World Report acknowledges Pensar Academy as a 2024 BEST Middle School.

Agenda Item 2: Consideration of the FY26 Calendar. Calendar not attached in materials. The Board will consider this motion at the next meeting.

Agenda Item 3: Consideration of the following policies:

- Foods Program Policies: Motion to approve the Foods Program Policies: D. Pearsall. Second: M. Zupetz. Motion passes unanimously.
- English Language Learner Policies: Motion to approve the English Language Learner Policies: D. Pearsall. Second: S. Zupetz. Motion passes unanimously.
- Immigration Agency Policies: The Board decided to table until the next meeting.

Agenda Item 4: New Business

- Consideration of 21st Century Learning Center Grant for FY26-FY30 cycle: Motion to apply for the 21st Century Learning Center Grant for the FY26-30 cycle: D. Pearsall. Second: M. Zupetz. Motion passes unanimously.
- Consideration of expansion to include kindergarten, first, second, and third grade beginning the FY27 school year: Motion to approve the application process for expansion of Pensar Academy to serve students in kindergarten, first, second, and third grade with the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools: S. Zupetz. Second: D. Pearsall. Motion passes unanimously.

Agenda Item 5: Financial Audit Presentation for FY24. Gerry Garcia, Pensar Academy Director of Operations presented the findings. The financial audit reported no findings. The two findings were explained to the board as a Arizona Corporation Commission reporting issue even though Pensar Academy is in good standing. The second finding was a SAIS issue.

Agenda Item 6: Consideration of staff salary base increases for the FY26 school year. Motion to approve a 3% base pay increase for all salaried employees for the FY26 school year: D. Pearsall. Second: T. Reyes. Sandra Zupetz recused herself. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

Principal Report: Ms. Zupetz provided insight into the school enrollment, plan for FY26 Enrollment, staffing, and academic progress report.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to adjourn-S. Zupetz; Second-D. Pearsall. Motion passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:23am.

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