



American Indian Model Schools

171 12th Street Oakland, CA 94607

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 6:00 PM*
171 12th Street Suite 300
Oakland, CA 94607

***6 P.M.: CLOSED SESSION**

***7 P.M. PUBLIC SESSION**

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I. CALL TO ORDER:

1. The Board Chair called meeting to order at 6:28 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL:

	Present	Absent
1. Ms. Toni Cook, Chair	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
2. Ms. Jean Martinez, Vice President	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
3. Mr. Ronald Grant, Vice President	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
4. Mr. Steven Leung, Treasurer	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
5. Mr. Jordan Locklear, Secretary	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
6. Mr. Nedir Bey, Director	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
7. Dr. Laura Armstrong, Director	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

III. CLOSED SESSION: §54956.9. Pending Litigation.

IV. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION: President Cook states that in closed session the board authorize her and Interim Director, Mr. Hodges, to conduct the following actions:

1. Secure three bids of charter schools management firms
2. Secure the services of Alfred L. Watts and Associates to conduct the appraisal for 171 12th Street Oakland, California 94607
3. Hire the services of Mr. Branché Jones in regards of AIM Schools' charter appeal to Alameda County Office of Education

All three items were approved unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Regular AIM Schools Board Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 19, 2013: Vice President Grant makes the first motion to approve the minutes for March 19, 2013. Vice President Martinez seconds the motion. The minutes are approved unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS: The public may address the Board on any agenda item and any item not on the agenda. The board chair will only call on those who have filled out comment cards before the meeting, and each speaker will be allotted three (3) minutes. The Board will not respond or take action on any non-agenda. The item may be added at a later date (Ed. Code



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35145.5). The comments shall be made from the podium. In accordance with Government Code 54954.2 - *No action or discussion* shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda.

- a. Ms. Charlette Green, parent of an AIM Schools student, states that she would like to know the status of AIM Schools revocation appeal and find out if AIM Schools will have legal representation throughout the appeal process.
- b. Ms. Cecilia Wong, parent of two AIM Schools students states that she would like to have a copy of the revocation appeal, so parents can better prepare to support AIM Schools. In addition, Ms. Wong expresses her time concerns in regards with the write up of the new charter.
- c. Mr. Chao Hun Tang, parent of an AIM Schools student, states his concerns regarding the revocation appeal. Mr. Tang states that he would like to have a written copy of AIM Schools report regarding the revocation appeal. He adds that AIM Schools' written revocation appeal must be accessible to the parents of AIM Schools' students and the community.
- d. Dr. Givan, grandparent of an AIM Schools student, states that she will take a further action by hiring an attorney to represent the schools throughout AIM Schools' revocation appeal and asks the support from the parents on this action.
- e. Mrs. Susan Tang, parent of an AIM Schools student, states that some of the board members should resign from their positions. She adds that AIM Schools should present the steps taken to improve the schools' policies and procedures to Alameda County Board of Education.
- f. Mrs. Renee Williman, parent of an AIPCS II student and member of the Family Advisory Committee (FAC), asks the board which strategy is the board going to employ as AIM Schools moves towards the appeal process.
- g. Mrs. Bernadette Coleman, parent of an AIPHS student and President of the Family Advisory Committee (FAC), begins by thanking the parents for the support and effort to try to keep AIM Schools open. Ms. Coleman adds that during this revocation and appeal processes FAC feels pushed aside and, as a consequence, parents feel pushed aside as well. Ms. Coleman states that parents want to continue to support the board during the appeal process by donating money to hire an attorney that will represent AIM Schools. In addition, Ms. Coleman invites parents and the community in general to continue to support AIM Schools. Finally, Ms. Coleman asks specifically what services Mr. Branche Jones will be providing and if AIM Schools has the funds to hire him.
- h. Ms. Lise Rehbock, a parent of AIM Schools' student, states that she would like a better communication between the parents, Interim Director Hodges and the board.
- i. Dr. Ben Chavis, AIM Schools founder and parent of three AIM Schools' students, states that OUSD has lied to AIM Schools' parents about AIM Schools' board not doing their job correctly. In addition, Dr Chavis states his concerns about AIM Schools not following the American Indian Model of Education closely.

VII. NON ACTION ITEMS:

1. AIM Schools Director's Report: Mr. Sylvester Hodges, Interim Director, responds to AIM



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Schools' parents in regards to the status of the appeal process as well as providing copies to AIM Schools' families of (1) the AIM Schools' revocation and (2) Director Hodges's report on the work done towards AIM Schools appeal to Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE). Director Hodges states that he met with Mr. Timothy White, OUSD Assistant Superintended for Facilities, to investigate if there were any facilities within the public schools in which AIM Schools could relocate under the quoted rent estimate, and he states that there is none. Further, Director Hodges attempted to meet with "the people from charter office" three times; however, he states that the charter office personnel did not want to meet with him. Next, Director Hodges states that he met with Ms. Jacqueline Minor, General Council of OUSD, to gather more information about proceeding with AIM Schools' appeal to ACOE. Moreover, Director Hodges adds that he met with Ms. Sheila Jordan, ACOE Superintendent. He states that during their meeting he shared all the documentation that he is providing to AIM Schools' parents. Director Hodges states that one year has passed since the allegations against Dr. Chavis from OUSD and according to Ms. Minor there is no information filed regarding charges against Dr. Chavis. Director Hodges recognizes the hard work and outstanding academic performance of AIM Schools' students and states that AIM Schools' academic achievements make Oakland public schools dysfunctional. Finally, Director Hodges states that AIM School's will hire Mr. Branche Jones to help AIM Schools.

President Cook encourages AIM Schools' families to address in writing their stories and messages to all members of ACOE.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Approval of Payment to Unity High School for ASES Grant: This item is tabled.
2. Approval of Appraisal for 171 12th Street Oakland, California 94607: Item approved in closed session per Vice President Grant.
3. Approval of Services of Mr. Branche Jones in Regards to Charter Appeal: Item approved unanimously in closed session per Vice President Grant.
4. Approval of Payment to the Law Offices of Young, Minney & Coor, LLP: Dr. Armstrong makes the first motion to approve the payment on the amount of \$15,000 to the Law Offices of Young, Minney & Coor, LLP. Vice President Martinez seconds the motion. Item is approved unanimously.

Vice President Grant makes the first motion for a board recess. Vice President Martinez seconds the motion. Board unanimously approves for a board recess.

Vice President Grant reconvenes the meeting at 9: 24 P.M. There is no report.

IX. ADJOURNMENT TIME: Director Armstrong moves to adjourn the meeting. Vice President



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Martinez seconds the motion. Meeting adjourns at 9:27 P.M.