



SOAR Board of Directors Meeting
April 12, 2024, 9:45 am - 12:00 pm

Staff Attendance: Kate Bergles Principal, Sonia Sisneros Senior Director, Christi Goetz Director of Academic Programming & Multilingual Education.

Board Attendance: Rona Wilensky Board President, Liane Morrison Treasurer, Michelle Tyrus Board Member.

Board Absence: Marisela Toscano Vice President Board Jamita Horton Secretary (

Staff Absence:

Location: Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87990834535?pwd=b2poZEpVZFpTcysrYWZdm1ZdzEzQT09>

9:45 AM Welcome and Check in:

9:46 AM Rona Wilensky Board President:

- Motion to convene meeting – Liane Morrison Treasurer
- Second – Michelle Tyrus Board Member
- All in favor, approved unanimously.

9:50 AM Consent Agenda:

- Minutes:
- Monthly dashboard:
- Monthly financials:

- Motion to approve the consent agenda – Michelle Tyrus Board Member
- Second – Liane Morrison Treasurer
- All in favor, approved unanimously.

9:55 AM FY24 Budget Reapproval

- Budget line over \$50k, per financial policies and procedures.

- Professional Services, The Center Program contract, new PA system for the building, and other misc. professional services.
- Motion to approve the consent agenda – Rona Wilensky Board President
- Second – Michelle Tyrus Board Member
- All in favor, approved unanimously.

10:00 AM FY25 Budget High-level review for approval in May.

- Estimated Salaries for Open Positions
- Mirrored Expenses for Professional Development, Supplies, Tutoring and Summer Intensive.
- Student Count 475 General Education, 10 Autism Center Program, Total 485.
- Per Pupil Revenue (PPR) 6% increase, this added an additional \$167k revenue (DPS assumption is a 6.3% increase).
- Mill Levy 9.2% increase, this added an additional \$163k revenue.
- Total additional revenue of \$370k since last review of FY25.
- Autism Center Program, \$67,793 expense to SOAR operating budget.

10:10 Sonia Sisneros Senior Director Report:

- 2 Additional Staff Not Returning, 5th Grade Teacher and SpEd Teacher Leader.
- Hired for The Center Program Teacher, Abigail Schiller.
- Hired 4th Grade Teacher.
- Wellness in March.
- Wellness in April.
- Enrollment.
- Summer intensive.

10:09 Christi Goetz Director of Instruction and Multi-Lingual Education

- I-Ready Growth Monitoring Results for April 2024

10:25 Kate Bergles Principal Report:

- Staff absences.
- Changes/Decisions for school year 2023 – 2024:
 - Psychologist.
 - Attendance clerk.
 - Gift and Talent students.
 - Assistant Principal vs hiring Primary Instructional Specialist (early literacy & math) and Coordinator of School Culture & Restorative Practices.

10:47 Rona Wilensky Board Business

- Continuation ceremony, board representative attentive.
- Annual board meeting/work session May 31, 2024, 10:00am.
- Potential board parent board member.
- Hiring/Search process for new Principal & survey.
 - o Search Process
 - Deadline Sunday, Monday, April 15th at midnight.
 - Elevate Momentum sorted and reviewing with the board.
 - Elevate momentum will do an hour interview.
 - May 3rd interviewing with 4 SOAR staff including Sonia Sisneros and Christi Goetz
 - May 6th discuss and decide on finalists
 - May 13th bring finalists to building.
 - Later that week, debrief, and offers. Target date May 24th.
 - o Questions/Suggestions:
 - Instructional coaches to observe the classroom at the same time as candidates to give and understanding and to hear what the candidates after classroom visits.
 - Being able to ask questions to candidates, will be a topic to next Thursday meeting.
 - o Survey Results:
 - Most align with the job description.
 - o Setup process for May 13th at school for candidates, board members, teachers, parents, and organization.

11:41 am move to executive session:

- Motion to adjourn: Rona Wilensky Board President made the motion to adjourn.
- Liane Morrison Treasurer Board Member second.
- All in favor, approved unanimously.

11:45 AM Executive Session



Preparer: Kelly Moulton


Reviewer: Rona Wilensky Board President