

The Farmworker's Institute of Education and Leadership Development FIELD SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Location: University of La Verne
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August 4, 2016 11:45 AM

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1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 11:52 AM by Mr. David Villarino. David Villarino, Anthony Chavez, and Nora Dominguez were present in person. Rick Najera joined by phone. Dr. Mark Martinez joined us at 11:59 AM.

2. ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Roll Call: David Villarino (*Present*)

Joseph Casas (General Counsel – nonvoting) (*Joined by phone during closed session*)

Anthony Chavez (*Present*)

Inez DeLuna (*Not Present*)

Mark Martinez (*Present*)

Jenny Freeman, Secretary-Treasurer (nonvoting) (*Not Present*)

Rick Najera (*Present by phone*)

Nora Dominguez (*Present*)

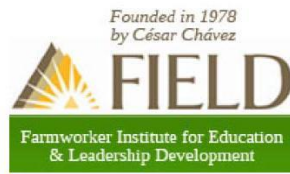
Staff Present: Tamar Asatryan and Richard Alvarez

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG / FARMWORKER POEM

Anthony Chavez led the flag salute. Mr. Villarino read the Farmworker Poem.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Villarino said that he would like to amend the agenda & move action item. There were some mistakes in the Certificated and Classified Salary Schedule and thus it had to be moved to a later date which will be determined.



5. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

It is appropriate for the public to address the FIELD Board regarding items of public interest within the jurisdiction of the board before or during the Board's consideration of the items. Time allowed may be limited to three minutes per item. If a large number wish to speak on a specific item, the board may limit total input to 30 minutes on any item. Individuals or groups may address the board on items not listed on the agenda; however, no action can or will be taken on the unlisted items.

Further, Education Code §35145.5 also establishes the right of the public to place items on the agenda directly relating to business of the FIELD/EPIC Board of Directors. Agenda requests must be made in writing ten days prior to board meetings.

In accordance with the law, the public and Board are hereby given notice that a tape recording of today's meeting is being made. This recording is to assist in the completion of the minutes. It is NOT a transcript of the meeting and may be disposed of in 30 days. The official transcript of this meeting will continue to be the adopted minutes.

Mr. Villarino opened public forum at 11:57 AM.

6. CLOSE PUBLIC FORUM

Public forum was closed by Mr. Villarino at 11:58 AM and there were no comments by the public.

7. CLOSED SESSION

The board may call for a closed session to discuss confidential personnel matters, potential litigation, or other matters allowed under the Brown Act.

- Litigation update

Closed session started at 11:58 AM. Joseph Casas gave an update on the litigation.

Closed session ended at 12:25 PM.

8. OPEN SESSION

A report out from closed session

Open session started back up at 12:29 PM. No action was taken by board during closed session and as such, there was nothing to report.

9. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

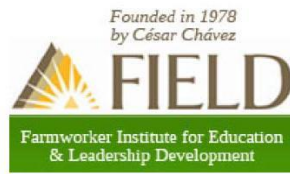
All consent agenda items for the FIELD BOARD OF DIRECTORS are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item. Approval recommended on all items listed:

No items listed.

10. REPORTS: THE BOARD MAY, IF TIME PERMITS, TAKE BOARD REPORTS AND SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AT ANY TIME DURING THE MEETING AND NOT AT A SPECIFIC TIME.

There is very limited board discussion, between the board, except to ask questions or refer matters to staff, and no action will be taken unless listed elsewhere on the agenda or on a subsequent agenda:

No reports at this time.



11. INFORMATION ITEMS (nonvoting):

Nora Dominguez gave an update on the possible partnership between La Verne & FIELD.

Anthony Chavez gave an update on KSACC and said that they sent a letter to CCC requesting certification.

Mr. Villarino mentioned that the planning sessions have started for FIELD and that we should have plans ready for board approval by September.

12. OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

FIELD:

1. Action Item- Shall the FIELD Board approve the Certificated and Classified Salary Schedule?

This item was moved earlier during the meeting to a later date.

EPIC:

1. Action Item- Shall the FIELD Board approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2016-17 school year?

Rick Najera made a motion to approve this action item. It was seconded by Anthony Chavez.

Then, Richard Alvarez spoke to the board about why we have this need. He mentioned that it is hard to find fully credentialed educators who are highly qualified. He said that we are asking to hire folks that have not cleared their credentials yet but who are working on getting them cleared or will work on them if they come on board with us. He mentioned that 7 of the 12 total teachers we have were just hired and some are very close to being intern eligible. He mentioned that we need an agreement with La Verne as soon as possible. He mentioned that we need to meet with CSUB President and the credentialing coordinator to get a pipeline of teachers for our school.

Richard Alvarez also mentioned that we will have to move in that direction or we will be hurting without teachers in the future.

No one had any questions and everyone said "aye" and it was passed unanimously.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting Date: Regularly Scheduled FIELD Board Meeting; Friday September 9 and Saturday September 10, 2016. Time and location to be determined

This Meeting Agenda was posted at least 24hours in advance of the meeting at the FIELD Main Office, 410 West J. Street, Suite A, Tehachapi, CA 93561, online on the website, and at the meeting location.

Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Anthony Chavez moved and Nora Dominguez seconded it.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:48 PM.