

**Regular Meeting of the  
Lewis Center for Educational Research Board of Directors**

**Minutes  
March 8, 2021**

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:** Chairman Rib
2. **ROLL CALL:** LCER Board Members Pat Caldwell, Torii Gray, Omari Onyango, Sharon Page, Kevin Porter, David Rib and Rick Wolf were present during roll call. Members Jessica Rodriguez and Jim Morris arrived later.

Staff Members Valli Andreasen, Fausto Barragan, Jisela Corona, Ryan Dorcey, Teresa Dowd, David Gruber, Lisa Lamb and Stacy Newman were also in attendance.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** A public comment from NSLA parent Duberly Beck was read commending Dr. Barragan.
4. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**
  - .01 Presentation of Certificate and Plaque to Retirees Kim Bunnell and Sandra Perea – David Rib presented a retirement plaque on behalf of First District Supervisor Paul Cook and a retirement certificate on behalf of the Lewis Center Foundation to Kim Bunnell, 21 years of service, and Sandra Perea, 7 years of service.
  - .02 AFJROTC Unit Presentation – Colonel Armstrong and Cadet Jennifer Weis, Cadet Jacqueline Garcia, Cadet Faith Zinn, Cadet Austin Conant, Cadet Nelson Rojas, Cadet David Alva, Cadet Diego Toranzo presented on the AAE AFJROTC program. The program is in the process to try to convert to the Space Force JROTC.
  - .03 University of New Mexico Research Study – Jennifer Kong presented on the “Growth in Math, Language and Cognition in Children with Math Difficulties who are English Language Learners: Bridging the Achievement Gap” Research Study with the University of New Mexico in partnership with UC Riverside. The study was funded by the National Science Foundation for 4 years. The study was regarding English language learners with Spanish as a first language in the U.S, who have been found to yield low math scores when compared to other groups on assessments. They are now analyzing the data collected.
  - .04 2019-20 Audit Presentation – Jeff Nigro, from Nigro and Nigro presented the High Desert “Partnership in Academic Excellence” Foundation, Inc. audit for 2019-20 and reviewed the audit process. David Rib asked if we addressed the finding regarding the procurement policy. We are working with YM&C on the draft policy to bring before the Board.

5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
  - .01 Discuss AAE and NSLA Elementary Reopening and Plans for Secondary – Lisa Lamb reported that we have all AAE and NSLA elementary attending in hybrid, or distance only if they so choose. We are planning for MS/HS to return after spring break. AAE HS and NSLA MS are scheduled to return April 5, and AAE MS April 12.
  - .02 Discuss Assembly Bill 86/Senate Bill 86 Regarding Increased Funding for In Person Instruction – Lisa Lamb reported that new funding legislation was passed. The In Person Grant will provide funding in two payments in May of 2021 and August of 2022. The funding supports testing, cleaning, PPE, salaries and social and mental health services. The Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant helps with learning loss mitigation, extending instructional learning time, student services, support for credit deficit students and training. Omari Onyango asked about infection rates at the schools. We do not have any positive cases. All staff who wanted to receive vaccines have been vaccinated. Testing is not required for students, but staff are doing surveillance testing.

- .03 Discuss NSLA March 18, 2021 Lottery and Projected 2021-22 Enrollment - Lisa Lamb presented information on NSLA's upcoming lottery and projected enrollment. The recruitment team has been working really hard to get the numbers to fill the seats. Not all students roll over to the next grade so we try to anticipate those numbers and know how many seats are available to fill.
- .04 COVID has made things a little more difficult, but numbers are increasing daily with recruitment efforts, which will be continuing. We are no longer able to enroll students until they are age eligible. We are creating an interest list for those that are ineligible until they reach age eligibility and then they will be sent an application. If asked how to enroll in a Lewis Center school, direct people to our website for an application to enroll in the lottery.
- .05 Lewis Center Foundation Update – Jessica Rodriguez updated the Board that as in person gatherings are still uncertain. We are hoping to still coordinate with the High Desert Chamber regarding a golf tournament in June. We will postpone the gala to the fall as long as the Orangeshow supports gatherings at that time. We could have an open house at NSLA prior to the gala. The Foundation needs more support from LCER Board members. Jessica is the only appointed LCER Board member. Teresa will send a calendar of meetings.

## **6. ACTION ITEMS:**

- .01 Approve BP 3500 Health and Safety Policy for COVID-19 Revision – Stacy Newman reported that there were just a couple minor changes regarding face masks. She received changes at the time, so it will come back before the Board again next month. On a motion by Sharon Page, seconded by Jessica Rodriguez, vote 9-0 the LCER Board of Directors approved BP 3500 Revisions.
- .02 Approve 2022-2023 LCER Calendar to Include Alignment with AAE/NSLA – Lisa Lamb shared the fiscal impact of the current calendars. Both school should have a little bit of increased funding with the alignment. We have not heard any additional comments regarding the changes. It has been presented in a number of formats. On a motion by Torii Gray, seconded by Pat Caldwell, vote 9-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved the 2022-2023 LCER Calendar.
- .03 Approve College and Career Access Pathways Agreement between SBCCD and NSLA/LCER for 2021-22 – Lisa Lamb reported that this is a standard agreement, and AAE has this agreement in place with VVC. It allows concurrent enrollment for NSLA students. On a motion by Kevin Porter, seconded by Jessica Rodriguez, vote 9-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved the CCAP agreement.

## **7. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- .01 Approve Minutes of February 8, 2021 Regular Meeting
- .02 Approve AAE and NSLA Comprehensive School Safety Plans
- .03 Approve AAE and NSLA COVID-19 Safety Plans and School Guidance Checklists
- .04 Approve Continuing AAE ASB and Student Activities Spending Plans

On a motion by Pat Caldwell, seconded by Torii Gray, vote 9-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved Consent Agenda Items 7.01-7.04.

## **8. INFORMATION INCLUDED IN PACKET: *(Board members may ask questions on items for clarification.)***

- .01 President/CEO Report – Lisa Lamb will update the strategic planning goals and objectives in the report. Jim asked about progress on construction. We are trying to stay within budget for AAE. We tried to negotiate with the Town of AV on impact fees. The statues are fixed. At NSLA we are trying to get the Edison poles underground. They are currently building around the poles. This could cause delays which will adjust the calendar a bit. We will inform families as soon as we know more. We are planning for summer schools as well. The NSLA impact fee negotiations are now with the City Attorney's office. We will plan for ceremonies if we're allowed.
- .02 LCER Financial Reports
  - Checks Over \$10K
  - Budget Comparisons
  - AAE and NSLA Cash Management Data Collection for Categorical Funds
- .03 Lewis Center Foundation Financial Report

- January 2021
- .04 LCER Grant Tracking Sheet
- .05 AAE and NSLA Enrollment Data
- .06 LCER Board Attendance Log
- .07 LCER Board Give and Get

**9. BOARD/STAFF COMMENTS:**

- .01 Ask a question for clarification
- .02 Make a brief announcement – Lisa Lamb reminded the Board to submit their Form 700. Also CCSA is next week if anyone wants to join us on site at the Lewis Center. Legislation regarding a later start is required beginning in 2022. If local districts start the later start in 2021, we may as well as it would be easier to make a change now rather than after a year of coming back.
- .03 Make a brief report on his or her own activities
- .04 Future agenda items

**10. ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Rib adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.