

**Minutes for Regular Meeting of the Lewis Center for Educational Research Board
May 13, 2024**

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:** Chairman Caldwell called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** LCER Board Members Pat Caldwell, Yolanda Carlos, Steve Levin, Sharon Page, David Rib, Jessica Rodriguez and Marisol Sanchez were present. Members Omari Onyango and Pat Schlosser were absent.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
4. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**
 - .01 NSLA and AAE School Updates – LCER Ambassadors – no update presented.
 - .02 Retirement certificates and gifts were presented to Donna Hackney (26 years), Sally Ritchea (10 years) and Victor Uribe (2 years). Julie Merrell will be presented her certificate and gift (21 years).
 - .03 AAE School Update – Chet Richards, Principal, reported that suspensions have gone down significantly, we have implemented Saturday detention for tardies and attendance, the baseball field is almost done, and the admin building is almost done as well. A TK-2 playground is being added to the grass area. The P building restrooms are being remodeled as well. The N building will be converted into a special ed hub with offices, a conference room and classrooms. South elementary is getting artificial grass. Testing has been going on the last couple weeks. Heather Muir has been working hard getting the students ready. Military Ball was amazing. Upcoming events were noted as well.
 - .04 NSLA School Update – Victor Uribe, Principal, reported that San Bernardino Valley College concurrent enrollment opportunities were presented to students, a parent information night for 5th and 8th grade parents was held, testing has been occurring and an AP boot camp was held as well. The Multicultural festival was largely attended and went well, a parent safety summit was held regarding vaping and lock downs, therapy dogs came to campus to help with student morale, staff appreciation week was last week, the students loved the surf camp field trip, and students attended a Museum of Tolerance field trip as well.
5. **PUBLIC HEARING:**
 - .01 The LCER Board sought public input regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed to be included in the AAE and NSLA Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) annual updates. Community members and stakeholders were given the opportunity to comment on the plan. Chet Richards, AAE Principal, gave an overview of the LCAP and State and local priorities for expenditures. There was a lot of community engagement in developing the LCAP. The goals and the action plans were reviewed. Chet commended Heather Muir for her work on the LCAP. Victor Uribe, NSAL Principal, reported that they also had a lot of community engagement in developing the LCAP. The goals and the action plans were reviewed. David Rib asked about parent feedback. We do need to present it more frequently to parents to understand it and what we are using the survey data for. Lisa noted that our parents understand that we use parent feedback, but they may not know the term LCAP. Steve noted that maybe it could be pointed out where in the LCAP the feedback is used. Sharon noted that we could report things as “this is your LCAP funding at work”.
6. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - .01 Approve Minutes of April 5, 2024 Special Meeting and April 8, 2024 Regular Meeting
 - .02 Approve 2024-25 LCER Board Meeting Schedule
 - .03 Approve 2024-25 AAE School Calendar Revision
 - .04 Approve 2024-25 NSLA School Calendar Revision
 - .05 Approve 2025-26 AAE School Calendar and Bell Schedule
 - .06 Approve 2025-26 NSLA School Calendar and Bell Schedule

.07 Approve AAE Knights Team Destination Imagination Field Trip to Compete at the Global Tournament May 21, 2024 - May 26, 2024 in Kansas City, MO

On a motion by David Rib, seconded by Jessica Rodriguez, vote 7-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved the Consent Agenda by roll call vote. David Rib noted what a highlight and honor it is for the AAE Knights Team to compete in Globals, and we wish them the best.

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- .01 Stacy Newman and Rebecca McCoy reported that we are struggling finding dual immersion teachers for NSLA next year. Mr. Funaki has been a long term sub and is entering a teacher prep program in the fall. We would like to hire him on this permit. On a motion by Sharon Page, seconded by Yolanda Carlos, vote 7-0, the LCER Board approved the request for Ernesto Funaki to serve as a full time 3rd grade elementary teacher for the Norton Science and Language During the 2024/2025 School Year on a Multiple Subject Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) by roll call vote. David Rib thought he took some interesting course work and wanted to know where he attended. He does have a Bachelor's degree and he has been accepted to 2 universities for the teacher prep program.
- .02 Discuss May 28, 2024 Budget Workshop – David Gruber reported that the Exec Team has been working hard to prepare the budget to present as a draft before approval. They will be attending a CSDC interpretation of the May revise next week, and another workshop the following week. The May 28 workshop will be at AAE in room A101. Steve will be calling in.
- .03 Discuss J-13A Applications for AAE and NSLA School Closures on 8/21/23 due to Hurricane Hillary and AAE School Closure on 2/7/24 due to Electrical Failure from Rainfall Flooding – David Gruber reported that we have to meet a minimum number of instructional minutes, and due to these closures, we are at risk of not meeting the minimum number of minutes. Pat asked if the applications are routine and typically approved. Yes, they are. They were both due to state of emergencies as declared by the Governor. Many other Districts are submitting as well. Sharon asked how long the process is for approval. It should take several weeks and we hope to know by July.
- .04 Discuss AAE Senior Graduation June 7, 2024 at High Desert Church, Victorville – Lisa Lamb wanted to be sure to remind the Board of these ceremonies. The graduations are great ceremonies.
- .05 Discuss NSLA 8th Grade Promotion June 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at NSLA Gym – Lisa Lamb this is the last year the 8th grade promotion will be the big event, as next year will be the first senior graduation. Pat C. echoed how great these events are.
- .06 Lewis Center Foundation Board Update – Marisol Sanchez reported that we made just over \$1,000 at the Social and it was a fun time! A lot of staff were able to attend. We are planning for the Gala on September 28, and will be reviewing Distinguished Award nominations next week.

8. INFORMATION INCLUDED IN PACKET:

- .01 President/CEO Report
- .02 Grant Tracking Report
- .01 LCER Financial Reports
 - Checks Over \$10K
 - Budget Comparisons
 - Lewis Center Foundation Financial Reports
- .03 LCER Board Attendance Log
- .04 LCER Board/Lewis Center Foundation Give and Get

9. BOARD/STAFF COMMENTS:

- .01 Ask a question for clarification
- .02 Make a brief announcement or a brief report on his or her own activities – David reported that Mitsubishi contributed \$3,000 towards the Bud Biggs scholarship this year. Lisa commended the schools on testing and gave a shout out to Heather Muir and Toni Preciado, as well as Administration for their work.

.03 Future agenda items

- 10. CLOSED SESSION:** The LCER Board convened into closed session at 6:00 p.m. regarding:
.01 Pupil Personnel Administrative Hearing Panel Recommendation on NSLA Expulsion Case #33443

The Board reconvened into open session at 6:38 p.m. Pat Caldwell, Chairman, reported that Board approved the hearing panel recommendation of expulsion of NSLA Case #33443 for the rest of this semester and the following semester by unanimous vote.

- 11. ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Caldwell