

**MINUTES**  
**of the meeting of the**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS of SOMERSET ACADEMY OF LAS VEGAS**  
**March 4, 2019**

The Board of Directors of Somerset Academy of Nevada held a public meeting on March 4, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at 4650 Losee Road, North Las Vegas, NV 89081.

**1. Call to order and Roll Call**

Board Chair John Bentham called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m. with a quorum present. In attendance were Board members John Bentham, Sarah McClellan, Travis Mizer, Gary McClain, Will Harty, and Cody Noble.

Board members Carrie Boehlecke was not present at this meeting.

Also present were Executive Director John Barlow, Assistant Principal Michele Lorig, and Academica representative Crystal Thiriot.

**2. Public Comment and Discussion**

Rhonda Crostic-Maglietti, a parent, spoke concerning new school hours, high school credit hours, the snow day make-up day, and communication.

Executive Director John Barlow addressed the Board and stated that, although the Clark County School District would not have school on March 22nd, Somerset would not be able to use that day as a make-up day. Executive Director Barlow stated that he had, with the help of Academica, submitted a proposal to the State for the snow day to be considered as an inclement weather day, which would not need to be made up; adding that if the State were not to approve the proposal, then May 27th could be considered for the make-up day. Executive Barlow stated that he would notify the Board when the State responded.

**3. Discussion and Possible Action to Designate Michele Lorig as Interim Principal at the Losee Campus**

Executive Director Barlow stated his appreciation to the Board for considering the recommendation of Dr. Michele Lorig as Interim Principal. Executive Director Barlow stated that he had the opportunity to work with, and observe, Dr. Lorig at several campuses and felt that she would bring stability back to the Losee campus at a very important time; adding that teachers were currently being hired to fill vacancies and the master schedule was being built. Executive Director Barlow stated that it was his recommendation to designate Dr. Lorig as Interim Principal at the Losee campus.

Dr. Michele Lorig addressed the Board and stated that she had considered it an honor to serve as Interim Principal at the Losee campus for the last few months; adding that she it had been a wonderful experience getting to know the students, teachers, and families. Dr. Lorig stated that, going forward, she would make some changes that would include initiating more communication to the parents; adding that weekly informational emails were being sent to families and that parents could also be informed of campus

happenings through Facebook, Instagram, and the school's web page. Dr. Lorig added that the parent survey information indicated where improvements could be made.

Member McClellan stated that she had the opportunity to get to know Dr. Lorig and expressed her appreciation for her qualifications. Member McClellan asked Dr. Lorig what, besides parent communication, were the challenges at Losee and how she would address them, to which Dr. Lorig replied that the biggest challenge had been the unification of becoming a K-12 campus and the communication across sites. Dr. Lorig stated that she had been working with Executive Director Barlow and Principal Pendleton on the schedule changes for next year to unify the Losee site more as a K-12 and to align with the sister campuses at North Las Vegas and Lone Mountain. Dr. Lorig stated that she had tasked the administrative team with creating a flex schedule that would work for a K-12; adding that start and end times had been included in the Parent Handbook that had been distributed to those who had registered through the current lottery. Dr. Lorig further stated that they were currently building the master schedule and that they would continue to operate and give students all the opportunities they had always given them. Member McClellan thanked Dr. Lorig for stepping up to the big job.

**Member Mizer moved to designate Dr. Michele Lorig as Interim Principal at the Losee campus. Member McClain seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve.**

**4. Member Comment**

John Bentham asked whether was another in-service day in May to consider as a possible make-up day, to which Executive Director Barlow replied that the May in-service day was already part of their academic calendar and counted towards the total number of days in the system. Member Bentham asked whether the teachers could come in on a Saturday to avoid coming back the Monday after Memorial Day, to which Executive Director Barlow replied that they could do anything as long as it was not replacing a day already in their calendar; adding that Losee had held a make-up day after the last day of school the previous year and only nine students had attended.

**5. Public Comment and Discussion**

No request for public comment

**6. Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.**

Approved on: March 18, 2019

  
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**Secretary of the Board of Directors**  
**Somerset Academy of Las Vegas**