



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Meeting Minutes**

May 27, 2021

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was held via Zoom as authorized by Act 15 of 2020. Adequate notice of this meeting was advertised in The Morning Call as well as the school website stating that this meeting would take place at 6:00 PM on Zoom and the Zoom link was posted on the AA ECS website on Monday, May 24, 2021. At the beginning of the meeting, the President read the statement attached as exhibit A.

***Flag Salute***

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

***Roll Call***

***Present:*** Ms. Amy Best, Board President; Ms. Zanetta Groff, Board Member, Ms. Rosalee Sabo, Board Vice President; Ms. Angela Sigley-Grossman, Board Member; Ms. Sally Ann Hanzlik, Board Member; Mr. Aldo Cavalli, Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Janear Hankerson, Board Secretary; Ms. Cristal McCollum, AA ECS Principal; Mr. Brandon Leydic, Director of Operations; Mr. Daniel Fennick, ESQ, Board Attorney, Ms. Liliana Fischer, Attorney

***Absent:*** Mr. Casey Gallagher, Treasurer

Motion to amend agenda: 1st Sabo                      2nd Sigley-Grossman    All Unanimous

**II. Reading of the Mission Statement**

Ms. Sigley-Grossman recited the AA ECS Mission Statement.

**III. *Public comments for items listed on the agenda***

As this meeting took place over Zoom, members of the public could not physically attend. The notice advertising the meeting provided the public with a mechanism to comment in advance or during the meeting. The board secretary advised the President that no one had sent comments in advance and no one requested the opportunity to comment during the meeting. No comments were received after the meeting.

**IV. *Motion to approve Board Minutes***

A motion to approve the April 22, 2021 Board minutes was made by Ms. Hanzlik, seconded by Ms. Sigley-Grossman, and unanimously approved.

**V. *Reports & Announcements***

There were no reports and announcements this month.

**VI. *Chief Executive Officer's Recommendations***

The following recommendations were presented in the Chief Executive Officer's report:

**A. CEO Report**

1. The CEO's report is based on the departmental reports and contributes information as appropriate.

**B. Technology**

1. Mr. Leydic stated AAECs is continuing to provide remote support for families and staff for virtual learning and in person support for hybrid learning in the building.

**C. Principal's Report**

1. Ms. McCollum stated that hybrid learning started on April 8 and provided information on student schedules, meals, and recess during the hybrid learning.
2. Ms. McCollum stated that 5th Grade PSSAs were implemented in person and 60% of the students came into the building to take the test. Students who did not participate in PSSAs were asked to complete the iReady benchmark associated with their grade level.
3. Ms. McCollum provided information on the summer program that was created for students to remediate any skills that were lost during the virtual school year.

4. A 5th grade graduation has been planned and it will be an in-person ceremony with a drive thru ceremony planned in case of rain. A Kindergarten moving up ceremony has also been planned for the last day of school for the hybrid students.

#### **D. Middle States Update**

1. Ms. McCollum stated that no requests have been received from the Middle States organization, however the next phase of curriculum writing is the next step in the plan.

#### **E. Facilities**

1. There was no facilities report.

#### **F. Policies**

1. A motion to approve Policy 104.2 Additional Conflicts of Interest Provisions with regard to procurement of goods and services pursuant to state or federal programs and to approve the modification of Policy 104 Conflicts of Interest was made by Ms. Sigley-Grossman, seconded by Ms. Sabo, and unanimously approved.

#### **G. Personnel**

1. Ms. Hankerson provided the following personnel updates
  - a. Notification of the hiring of Shandel Sedgwich as a Teacher effective May 3, 2021.
  - b. Notification of the hiring of Nicole Rush as a Teacher effective May 6, 2021.
  - c. Notification of the hiring Kristofer Concepcion as a Paraprofessional effective May 17, 2021.
  - d. Notification of the hiring of Samantha Thompson as a Special Education Teacher effective June 1, 2021.

#### **F. Finance**

1. A motion to approve the April 2021 financials as submitted by the Finance Committee was made by Ms. Sabo, seconded by Ms. Hanzlik, and unanimously approved.
2. A motion to approve a new salary scale for teaching staff to become effective in the budget for the 21-22 school year was made by Ms. Sabo, seconded by Ms. Sigley-Grossman, and unanimously approved.
3. A motion to allocate \$2,160 for annual membership dues to join the Pennsylvania Coalition of Public Charter Schools. The expense will be allocated to the dues and fees

line item in the budget, was made by Ms. Sabo, seconded by Ms. Hanzlik, and unanimously approved.

4. State Ethics Commission Statement of Financial Interests were due by May 1, 2021.

## **VII. *Old Business***

1. Ms. Fisher provided an update on the charter renewal.

## **VIII. *New Business***

1. A motion to approve the annual contract with Hutchings, Gillahan, & Freeh, P.C. for the base fee of \$7,200.00 was made by Ms. Sabo, seconded by Ms. Hanzlik, and unanimously approved.
2. A motion to approve the 2021-2022 Prospective Board Meeting Dates was made by Ms. Sigley-Grossman, seconded by Ms. Sabo, and unanimously approved..
3. A motion to ratify the May 21, 2021 signatures of Aldo Cavalli and Janear Hankerson as trustees on the “Arts Academy Elementary Charter School, Inc. Health Benefit Trust” agreement with an effective date of July 1, 2021. The trust has been established as a trust to hold assets which are to provide health care under one or more plans established by the Arts Academy Elementary Charter School, Inc. was made by Ms. Best, seconded by Ms. Sabo, and unanimously approved.
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## **IX. *Public Comment***

1. There was no public comment.

## **X. *Executive Session***

1. There was no executive session this month.

## **XI. *Adjournment***

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Sabo, seconded by Ms. Hanzlik and unanimously approved at 6:33 P.M.

*Janear D Hankerson*  
Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.