



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2020

I. Call to Order

The Arts Academy Elementary Charter School (AAECS) Board of Directors meeting, located in the cafeteria at 601 West Union Street, Allentown, PA, was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Ms. Best.

Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Present: Ms. Amy Best, Board President; Ms. Rosalee Sabo, Board Vice President; Ms. Sally Ann Hanzlik, Board Member, Mr. Aldo Cavalli, Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Janear Hankerson, Board Secretary; Mr. Brandon Leydic, Director of Operations, Ms. Cristal McCollum, AAECS Principal; Mr. Casey Gallagher, Treasurer via phone.

Absent: Ms. Angela Sigley-Grossman, Board Member; Ms. Zanetta Groff, Board Member, Mr. Daniel Fennick, ESQ, Board Attorney

Motion to amend agenda: 1st Sabo 2nd Hanzlik All Unanimous

II. Reading of the Mission Statement

Ms. Hanzlik recited the AAECS Mission Statement.

III. Student Spotlight

There was no student spotlight this month.

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

There were no public comments on items listed in the agenda.

V. *Motion to approve Board Minutes*

A motion to approve the December 2019 Board minutes was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Hanzlik, and unanimously approved.

VI. *Reports & Announcements*

There were no reports and announcements this month.

VII. *Chief Executive Officer's Recommendations*

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

A. Technology

1. Mr. Leydic provided the Board with an update on the arrival date of the new Ipads and stated the new Chromebooks will be distributed within the week.

B. Principal's Report

1. Ms. McCollum informed the Board of Spanish language classes for faculty sponsored by the Spanish Immersion Learning Center. The classes are free of charge and conducted on site at AAECs after school.
2. Ms. McCollum gave an update on student activities such as the the school library opening and the living history museum.

C. Middle States Update

1. Ms. McCollum provided the Board with a Middle States update.
2. A motion to adopt the Middle States goals and objectives goals and objectives as presented was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Hanzlik, and unanimously approved.

D. Facilities

1. A motion to replace the exterior sign with a new logo was made by Ms. Sabo, seconded by Ms. Hanzlik, and unanimously approved.
2. A motion to complete phase 2 of the security enhancement project was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Sabo, and unanimously approved.

E. Policies

1. A motion to approve policies 205, 206, 212.5, 237, 301.1, 315, 316, 815, and the Title I School Parent Involvement Policy was made by Ms. Hanzlik, seconded by Ms. Sabo, and unanimously approved.

F. Personnel

1. Ms. Hankerson provided a personnel report that included the following notifications:
 - a. Notification of the hiring of Felicia Stone as a Building Substitute effective January 6, 2020.
2. A motion to add three additional Paraprofessionals positions at budgeted salary of \$30,000 per year and the currently approved job description was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Sabo, and unanimously approved.

G. Finance

1. A motion to approve the December 2019 financials with the recommended changes by the Finance Committee was made by Ms. Sabo, seconded by Mr. Gallagher and unanimously approved.
2. State Ethics Commission Statement of Financial Interests are due to the Board Secretary by May 1, 2020.
3. A motion for the amended budget to be submitted to PDE upon Board approval was made by Ms. Sabo, seconded by Ms. Hanzlik, and unanimously approved. .

VIII. *Old Business*

1. There was no old business.

IX. *New Business*

1. A motion to transition away from the Sapphire SIS to the Jupiter SIS to reduce costs and implement a more user friendly system was made by Ms. Hanzlik, seconded by Ms. Sabo, and unanimously approved.

X. *Public Comment*

There was no public comment.

XI. *Executive Session*

A motion to move into executive session was made at 6:44 P.M. by Mr. Sabo, seconded by Ms. Hanzlik, and unanimously approved.

A motion to exit executive session was made at 7:12 P.M. by Ms. Sabo, seconded by Ms. Hanzlik and unanimously approved.

XII. *Adjournment*

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Hanzlik, seconded by Ms. Sabo and unanimously approved at 7:13 P.M.

Janear D Hankerson
Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.