



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2019

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 6:01 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; Mr. Casey Gallagher, Treasurer, Ms. Sally Ann Hanzlik, Board Member, Ms. Angela Sigley Grossman, Board Member; Mr. Aldo Cavalli, Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Brandon Leydic, Director of Operations, Ms. Janear Hankerson, Board Secretary; Ms. Cristal McCollum, AAECS Principal; Mr. Daniel Fennick, ESQ, Board Attorney; Ms. Brianna Fulginiti, Repice & Taylor.

Absent: Ms. Zanetta Groff, Board Member,

Motion to Approve Agenda:

1st Gallagher 2nd Sabo All Unanimous

II. Reading of the Mission Statement

Ms. Sigley-Grossman 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 June 2019 Board minutes was made by Ms. Sabo, 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 an update on the installation of the Key FOB door system.

B. Principal's Report

1. Ms. McCollum provided an update on the classroom changes including transitioning a classroom into a school library.
2. Ms. McCollum presented the Board with options for a school logo and requested feedback.
3. Ms. McCollum informed the Board of the new hire staff orientation for the 2019-2020 school year.

C. Middle States Update

1. A motion to approve the Vision, Mission and Belief Statements, which the Steering and Leadership Committees are required to generate this document as part of the Middle States Accreditation process was made by Ms. Sabo, seconded by Ms. Sigley-Grossman and unanimously approved.

D. Facilities

1. Mr. Leydic provided an update on the building renovation progress, including the completion of the lower level renovation, painting, the floors and the faculty room.

E. Policies

1. There was no update from the policy committee.

F. Personnel

1. Ms. Hankerson provided a personnel report that included the following notifications:
 - a. Notification of the resignation from Kristen Smith as a 4th Grade Teacher effective July 1, 2019
 - b. Notification of the resignation from Emily Smith as a Visual Arts Teacher effective July 31, 2019.
 - c. Notification of the resignation from Brittney Force as a 2nd Grade Teacher effective June 20, 2019.
 - d. Notification of the resignation from Nneka Ortiz as a 3rd Grade Teacher effective July 2, 2019.
 - e. Notification of the resignation from Liana Simao as a 5th Grade Teacher effective July 18, 2019.
 - f. Notification of the resignation from Rhiannon Witty as a 4th Grade Teacher effective July 31, 2019.
 - g. Notification of the resignation from Elissa Hoogerhyde as a Dance Specialist effective August 1, 2019.
 - h. Notification of the resignation from Angela Lichtenwalner as a Dance Specialist effective August 1, 2019.
 - i. Notification of the resignation from Marie Colvert-Louesy as a 3rd Grade Teacher effective August 5, 2019.
 - j. Notification of the resignation of Maria Nagle as a 5th Grade Teacher effective August 6, 2019.
 - k. Notification of the resignation of Jaime Miller as a 3rd Grade Teacher effective August 6, 2019.
 - l. Notification of the resignation of Catherine Murray as a Kindergarten Teacher effective August 12, 2019.
 - m. Notification of the resignation of David Huebner as a 5th Grade Teacher effective August 15, 2019.
 - n. Notification of the resignation of Tricia Babilonia as a Special Education Teacher effective August 13, 2019.

- o. Notification of the hiring of Stephanie Grabowski as the Creative Movement/Gymnastics Instructor effective August 26, 2019.
- p. Notification of the hiring of Bliss Fallon as a 4th Grade Teacher effective August 26, 2019.
- q. Notification of the hiring of Jenna Hermany as a Visual Arts Teacher effective August 26, 2019.
- r. Notification of the hiring of Emilie Elias as a 5th Grade Teacher effective August 26, 2019.
- s. Notification of the hiring of Rebecca Sutton as a 2nd Grade Teacher effective August 26, 2019.
- t. Notification of the hiring of Linda Gallo as a 4th Grade Teacher effective August 26, 2019.
- u. Notification of the hiring of George Mitakos as a 4th Grade Teacher effective August 26, 2019.
- v. Notification of the hiring of Alyssa Spengler as a Dance Instructor effective August 26, 2019.
- w. Notification of the hiring of Laura Antrim as a Kindergarten Teacher effective August 26, 2019.
- x. Notification of the hiring of Carolann Green as a 3rd Grade Teacher effective August 26, 2019.

G. Finance

1. Mr. Gallagher presented the July 2019 monthly financial statements to the Board as accepted by the Finance Committee.

A motion to approve the July 2019 financials as presented by the Finance Committee was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Sabo and unanimously approved.

2. Mr. Cavalli advised the Board of a proposal from ASD, and explained the impact of the proposal on the AAECs budget. The Board Chair acknowledged that she would open the floor to a motion to accept the proposal as a new business item.

VIII. Old Business

There was no old business to report.

IX. New Business

1. The chair opened the floor for a Motion to Accept the Proposal to from A.S.D. to accept a reduced per pupil allocation. No board member made such a motion.
2. The chair opened the floor for a Motion to Notify Allentown that there was no support by board members to accept the proposal. A motion was made by Ms. Hanzlik, seconded by Ms. Sabo, and unanimously approved.

X. *Public Comment*

There was no public comment.

XI. *Executive Session*

There was no executive session.

XII. *Adjournment*

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Sabo seconded by Ms. Sigley-Grossman and unanimously approved at 6:55 P.M.

Janear D Hankerson
Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.