



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2023

I. *Call to Order*

The meeting was held in person at the school and members of the public were free to attend the meeting in person. 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 at 601 W Union Street, Allentown, PA 18101 and on Zoom.

Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Present (Virtually): Ms. Amy Best, Board President; Ms. Zanetta Groff, Board Member; Mr. Daniel Fennick, ESQ, Board Attorney; Ms. Lilliana Fisher, ESQ, Board Attorney; Mrs. Rosalee Sabo, Vice President; Mrs. Cristal McCollum, AAECs Principal; Mr. Casey Gallagher, Treasurer

Present (In-Person): Mr. Aldo Cavalli, Chief Executive Officer; Mr. Brandon Leydic, Director of Operations; Mr. Jalen Rosario, Board Secretary

A. Resolution to approve the February 23, 2023 Agenda:

1st: Gallagher 2nd: Sabo All: unanimous

II. *Reading of the Mission Statement*

Mrs. Sabo recited the AAECs Mission Statement.

B. Resolution me to approve the Board minutes from the January 26, 2023 meeting.

1. Motion to approve the Board Minutes:

1st Gallagher 2nd Sabo All unanimous

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

There were no public comments.

IV. Reports & Announcements

There were no reports and announcements this month.

V. Chief Executive Officer's Recommendations

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

A. CEO Report

1. On February 7 Judge Cohn Jubelirer of the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania declared the state's system for funding higher education to be unconstitutional. This has implications for all students in poorer districts, including Allentown, and applies to charter students as well. Our solicitor will give some brief comments on the decision.

B. Director of Operations Report

1. Mr. Leydic reported that the freezing issue with the Math diagnostic has been resolved.
2. Mr. Leydic informed the board that the renovations for the visual arts classroom will begin soon. The new stools for the classroom have arrived and the new tables have an arrival date of mid-April. The custodians will begin prepping and painting the walls in March.

C. Principal's Report

1. Mrs. McCollum reported that the iReady Diagnostic Mid-Year Testing and Oral Reading Fluency Testing has been completed. She will share the data with the board next month.
2. The PTO held a successful movie night at the school with 200 people attending. The money raised from the movie night will be used to plan and host the Royal Snowball for grades K-2. 100 of the instrumental music students took part in a walking trip to Miller Symphony Hall. The hall put on an educational musical show for the students. Fourth Grade is also taking part in a walking trip to the Allentown Art Museum for their Dark Matter Exhibit. They will also get to meet the artist via zoom sometime next month.

D. Middle States Update

1. There was no Middle States Update

E. Policies

1. No new policies

F. Personnel

1. Notification of hire: Carly Groff, Arts Instructional Support Teacher; Gretchell Mateo, Paraprofessional; Kimberly Reilly, Paraprofessional
2. Motion to approve new hires: 1st Sabo 2nd Gallagher All Unanimous
3. Notification of resignation: Julissa Arias, Paraprofessional effective February 10, 2023
4. Motion to approve Personnel Report: 1st Gallagher 2nd Sabo All Unanimous

G. Finance

1. Monthly Financials
 - a. Motion to approve the January 2023 financials:
1st Gallagher 2nd Sabo All unanimous

VI. Old Business

1. There was no old business.

VII. New Business

1. There was no new business.

VIII. Public Comment

1. There was no public comment.

IX. Executive Session

1. There was no executive session.

X. *Adjournment*

1. A motion to adjourn at 6:35 P.M. was made by Mrs. Sabo, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, and unanimously approved.

Jalen Rosario
Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.