



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2022

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. Because of continuing concerns regarding Covid-19, the meeting was also open to board members via Zoom as authorized by the bylaws of the school regarding remote attendance by board members at board meetings. The meeting was also broadcast on YouTube Live so that members of the public could attend virtually. 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. The Zoom link was posted on the AAECs website on Monday before the meeting.

Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Present: (In-Person) Mr. Brandon Leydic, Director of Operations Mr. Aldo Cavalli, Chief Executive Officer; Ms. Cristal McCollum, AAECs Principal; Mr. Jalen Rosario, Board Secretary. Mr. Casey Gallagher, Treasurer; **(Virtually):** Ms. Angela Sigley-Grossman, Board Member; Ms. Amy Best, Board President; Ms. Zanetta Groff, Board Member; Mr. Daniel Fennick, ESQ, Board Attorney; Ms. Sally Ann Hanzlik, Board Member.

Motion to approve agenda for the August 25, 2022 BOT meeting:

1st: Gallagher 2nd: Sigley-Grossman All: Unanimous

II. *Reading of the Mission Statement*

Mr. Gallagher recited the AAECs Mission Statement.

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. The CEO's report is based on the departmental reports and contributes information as appropriate.
 - a. General Insurance.
 - b. Audit.

B. Director of Operations Report

1. Mr. Leydic reported that the building cleaning and renovations were completed. The kitchen wall was closed off and a new wall was installed along with windows to better monitor the lunch program and student behaviors. A kindergarten class was renovated and transformed into a Special Education classroom with an Autism Support room inside of it.
2. Mr. Leydic reported that all of the chromebooks have been cleaned and updated. They are charging in their carts so they are ready for the first day of school.

C. Principal's Report

1. Mrs. McCollum updated the board about the positive energy from the staff. The school is now fully staffed. The school is ready for the children to return.

D. Middle States Update

1. Ms. McCollum reported that she will be moving forward with a curriculum task force and arts integration.

F. Policies

1. The Anti-Harassment and Bullying Policy was updated in August 2022 to include Cyber Bullying as was required by the PDE.

G. Personnel

1. Notification of Resignation of Clifford Simpson, 2nd Shift Custodian, effective August 1, 2022
2. Notification of the resignation of Mark Peterson, Special Education Teacher; Karen Hnatowicz, Visual Art Teacher; Sarah Horwath, 4th Grade Teacher; Gina Curry, 5th Grade Teacher; Adam Neil, EL Coordinator; Donald McGorry, EL Teacher; Alyssa Spangler, Dance Teacher; Stephanie Grabowski, Creative Movement Teacher; Kiera Paris, Kindergarten Teacher; Rebecca Sutton, 2nd Grade Teacher; Carolann Green, 3rd Grade Teacher; Felicia Stone, 3rd Grade Teacher; Bethany Mensinger, 2nd Grade Teacher, all effective August 31 2022
3. Notification of hire: Amber Rome, Health and PE Teacher (Creative Movement); Ashley Waldraff, Dance Teacher; Samantha Deily, Dance Teacher; Nicolas Gomez Amin, General Music Teacher; Arian Plemenos, Special Education Teacher; Renee Cerimele, Kindergarten IST; Kaleigh Bobeck, 2nd Grade Teacher; Colleen Cos, 2nd Grade IST; Wadiyah Vines, 3rd Grade Teacher; all effective August 22, 2022; Tatiana Holowathy, 2nd Shift Custodian.

Motion to approve new hires: 1st Gallagher 2nd Hanzlik All Unanimous

4. Notification of current employees' transition to new positions; Daniel Djuro-Goiricelaya, Arts IST to Visual Arts Teacher; Lissa Scarce, 5th Grade Teacher to 3rd Grade Teacher; Julissa Sanchez, 5th Grade IST to EL Coordinator; Jessie Geist from Kindergarten IST to Kindergarten Teacher; Corinne Krieg from 1st Grade IST to 1st Grade Teacher, Kerby Antoine, Special Education IST to 1st Grade IST, Susan Marth, 2nd Grade IST to 2nd Grade Teacher.
5. Motion to approve Personnel Report:
1st Sigley-Grossman 2nd Gallagher All unanimous

H. Finance

1. Monthly Financials

May, June and July financials were all approved. May was delayed to provide further review. We did not have a scheduled July Board Meeting. As a result, June and July financials are approved at the August Meeting.

Motion to approve the May, June and July 2022 financials
1st Gallagher 2nd Hanzlik All unanimous

VI. Old Business

1. There was no old business.

VII. New Business

- A. Resolution to approve 2021-2022 Application for Charter School Lease Reimbursement Program

Motion to approve 2021-2022 Application for Charter School Lease Reimbursement Program: 1st Gallagher 2nd Sigley-Grossman All unanimous

VIII. Public Comment

1. There was no public comment.

IX. Executive Session

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X. Adjournment

1. A motion to adjourn at 6:25 P.M. was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Hanzlik, and unanimously approved.

Jalen Rosario
Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

Statement Regarding Virtual Board Meetings

This meeting is being held in person and on line due to the covid emergency. Although the Governor has ended the emergency, the Arts Academy will continue to provide a safe mechanism for board members and the public to attend the meetings and participate. In order to accomplish that, we are holding a live meeting at the school and we are also broadcasting the meeting over the internet as we have done for the past year.

The school's bylaws provide that board members may attend the meeting virtually as long as they are able to hear the other participants in the meeting and as long as they can hear the public comments. When the secretary takes the roll, he will note which board members are attending virtually

1. The meeting may be viewed by the public. We have made this meeting available to the public by a notice in the Morning Call and by an announcement on the school website posted on Monday prior to this board meeting. Copies of these notices will be attached to the minutes.
2. The notices advised the public that this meeting may be viewed by joining the Zoom link posted on the school's website and via the school's YouTube channel or by attending the meeting in person.
3. We have made provisions for public comment, before, during and after the meeting. Those who wish to comment and are attending virtually may comment by following the procedures outlined in the meeting notice and on the school website. Those who attend in person and wish to comment may do so by following the instructions in the notice and on the school website.

- a. **If you have already submitted written comments**, those comments were distributed to board members.
 - b. As far as I know, we have not received notice that anyone wishes to comment during the meeting. I will verify that at the conclusion of this statement.
 - c. **If you wish to submit written comments after the meeting**, you may do so by first class mail addressed to: Jalen Rosario, Board Secretary (Right to Know Officer) at 601 Union Street, Allentown, PA 18101 or by email addressed to jrosario@artsacademyecs.org.
 - d. **All comments must be about the subject on the agenda**
 - e. All votes will be taken by roll call.
4. We are using the record feature of zoom to record this meeting. This link to access the recording will be posted to the school's website.
 5. If any members of the public sent comments to us before the meeting, those comments will be added to the minutes.

Board secretary, did we receive any advance comments?

Did anyone register to make a comment during the meeting?