



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Meeting Minutes

October 27, 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. 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. Sally Ann Hanzlik, Board Member; Ms. Zanetta Groff, Board Member; Mr. Daniel Fennick, ESQ, Board Attorney; Ms. Lilliana Fisher, ESQ, Board Attorney

**Present (In-Person):** Mr. Aldo Cavalli, Chief Executive Officer; Mr. Brandon Leydic, Director of Operations; Mrs. Cristal McCollum, AAECs Principal; Mr. Jalen Rosario, Board Secretary; Mrs. Rosalee Sabo, Vice President; Mr. Casey Gallagher, Treasurer

**Absent:** Ms. Angela Sigley-Grossman, Board Member

A. Resolution to approve the October 27, 2022 Agenda:

1st: Gallagher 2nd: Sabo All: unanimous

#### II. *Reading of the Mission Statement*

Mr. Gallagher recited the AAECs Mission Statement.

B. Resolution me to approve the Board minutes from the September 22, 2022 meeting.

1. Motion to approve the Board Minutes:

1st Sabo 2nd Hanzlik 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. The CEO's report is based on the departmental reports and contributes information as appropriate.

##### **B. Director of Operations Report**

1. Mr. Leydic reported that the building's high standards of cleaning are looking good. Teachers are very happy with the cleanliness. Technology will run network expansions to run PSSA testing online so WIFI access points will be added to all classrooms and outside to be able to run SDM app more efficiently during dismissal.

##### **C. Principal's Report**

1. During Mrs. McCollum's academic update, she shared a report of the history of PSSA scores and the school's performance. For ELA, our 5th grade students maintained their scores and showed some growth throughout the years. The school's participation for the PSSA's was higher than Allentown School District schools. The AAECs Universal Screenings also show that there are multiple years of data tracking which proves that there is evidence that the growth standard was met for PSSA's. Although PVAAS shows that the i-Ready data is indicating well below for growth, it is only because there are not two years worth of data in the system. Once the 2022 i-Ready scores are uploaded the growth indicator will be updated. Despite the challenging environment, our staff and our students have been able to exceed Allentown School Districts proficiency levels.

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

1. Ms. McCollum reported that the school has had Parent Advisory Council meetings. The academic update will be shared with the parents in the group. Cast training will also be picking up again. The school is meeting its academic, attendance and engagement needs for Middle States.

## **E. Policies**

1. No new policies

## **F. Personnel**

1. Notification of hire: Katrina Nehmeh, Arts Instructional Support Teacher
2. Motion to approve new hire: 1st Gallagher 2nd Sabo All unanimous
3. Notification of resignation: Nilbana Maldonado, Student Enrollment Administrator effective September 30, 2022; Norma Rosario, Kitchen Manager; Guillermo Rosario, Kitchen Assistant both effective October 7th, 2022.
4. Motion to approve Personnel Report: 1st Hanzlik 2nd Sabo All unanimous

## **G. Finance**

1. Monthly Financials
  - a. Motion to approve the September 2022 financials:  
1st Gallagher 2nd Sabo All unanimous

## **VI. *Old Business***

1. There was no old business.

## **VII. *New Business***

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 6:27 P.M. was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Mrs. Sabo, and unanimously approved.

*Jalen Rosario*  
Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.