

ALA Board Meeting 5/27/2020

Location: 283 Harvey Faulk Road, Sanford NC

Members Present: L. Malone, S. Gatlin, A. Fonke, T. Fox , E. Arrington

Members Absent:

Non-Members Present: J. Smith (Director), C. Draughon (Charter Success),

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:35 by L. Malone

Agenda

Open Session

1. **Approval of April Meeting minutes:** The April meeting minutes were distributed to board members prior to the meeting for their review. S. Gatlin made a motion to accept the April meeting minutes as written, A. Fonke seconded, motion passed unanimously.
2. **Public Comment:** L. Malone opened the meeting for public comment. There were no participants for public comment.
3. **Administrative Report: Reviewed by J. Smith and attached in Board Book.**
 - a. **General:** ALA is still closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. ALA is working to close out the 2019-20 school year and is documenting withdrawals and increasing acceptances based on these responses. Student enrollment remains at 300 students.
 - b. **Mission and Vision:** ALA faculty provided social/emotional activities throughout the current week to close out the school year. Remote learning concludes this week and students will return devices to ALA on June 1st -5th.
 - c. **Student Achievement:** ALA will not implement EOG/EOC testing this year due to COVID-19 school closure. ALA will implement the new grading policy for final grades recently passed by the State Board of Education. Teachers will also provide written feedback to parents regarding student achievement throughout the school year.
 - d. **Student Leadership and Character Development:** Teachers are incorporating social activities during virtual learning to address student emotional needs.
 - e. **School Culture/Climate:** ALA hosted Virtual Sports Banquet on May 21st and will host a virtual Awards Day on May 28th.
 - f. **Personnel:** ALA has posted open positions for the 2020-21 school year. ALA administration will present 4 new hires for Board approval at today's meeting.
4. **Charter Success Partners Report: Reviewed by C Draughon**

- a. **Financial and Budget Report:** C. Draughon reviewed significant line items in the budget. He highlighted areas that were slightly over budget and gave rationale. The fund balance is still a surplus and the budget is healthy. CSP staff updated projections based on projected spending. Budget Surplus is still anticipated.
- b. **Operation Services Report:** C. Draughon shared the areas in which Charter Success Partners executed the operations services ALA is contracted for. He updated the board on specific services including Board Member support, Human Resources, Technology Infrastructure support, Community Outreach, Staff Support, and Operations. All services were executed by CSP staff members. CSP will contract with Steve Joyner Consulting Services to provide technology services for ALA.

Items for Discussion

1. **Facility Update:** Schoolhouse Development provided an outlook on the new facility construction. Drywall has begun and external siding will begin soon. Electrical and HVAC work has begun. Facility construction is still on schedule.
2. **SB 704 Revisions:** J. Smith discussed the recently passed Senate Bill 704. He discussed how schools are required to have 5 remote learning days during the 2020-21 school year. It also requires district schools to begin school on August 17th. Charter Schools have the option to set their calendar as they see fit. J. Smith suggested keeping the start date August 24th due to the facility construction. The Board agreed with J. Smith's recommendation.

S. Gatlin made a motion to enter Closed session to discuss personnel for the 2020-21 school year. A Fonke seconded. Board entered closed session at 7:19pm.

Closed Session

20-21 Personnel Approvals

L. Malone made a motion to enter Open Session at 7:39 pm. Seconded by E. Arrington.

S. Gatlin made a motion to accept Personnel Recommendations made by J. Smith, Seconded by T. Fox.

S. Gatlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm, E. Arrington seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40.