

ALA Board Meeting 6/23/2021

Location: 283 Harvey Faulk Road, Sanford NC

Members Present: S. Gatlin T. Fox , B. Grindle, E. Arrington

Members Absent: A. Fonke,

Non-Members Present: J. Smith (Director), D. Perez, C. Draughon, D. Goodson

Call to Order: S. Gatlin called the meeting to order at 6:34pm

Agenda

Open Session

1. **Approval of June 2021 Meeting Agenda:** Motion to approve by S. Gatlin, seconded by B. Grindle, unanimous approval
2. **Approval of May Board Meeting minutes:** Motion to approve by S. Gatlin, seconded by B. Grindle, unanimous approval
3. **Interview of Board Candidate Drew Goodson:** Dean at CCCC, CPA background, community member, no children enrolled at ALA, tinks community involvement is important as well as giving back to the education, believer in school choice/options, attended our groundbreaking, impressed with conversations with J. Smith. In 5-10 years he would like people to look at Ascend and see how far we have come, and how we have strengthened the paths of our students.
4. **Celebration of Board Members whose term is ending:** J. Smith conveyed his thanks and appreciation to Steven Gatlin and Ebony Arrington. They commented on their time on the board, and positive feelings of being a part of this board. Plaques will be delivered as a token of appreciation.
5. **Administrative Report:** Presented by J. Smith, Managing Director of ALA
 - a. **General:** School year has come to an end. Approx. 95% of students were on site for testing. Summer school and credit recovery sessions begin in July.
 - b. **Student Achievement:** Student award ceremonies took place the week of June 1 virtually via zoom.
 - c. **Student Leadership and Character Development:** Digital Media Curriculum will begin next year to ensure we meet the technology needs of our students for the 21st century. Fine arts exhibit presented online, as well as the play The Brothers Grimm.
 - d. **School Culture and Climate:** Leadership retreat occurred at the end of the school year, positive feedback received. Lots of excitement for next year.
 - e. **Personnel:** Structure changes to make administrators not specific to grade levels. Dr. Jetts role is changing to reduce responsibilities.

6. **Charter Success Partners Report:** Presented by C. Draughon and J. Smith from Charter Success Partners.
 - a. **Operation Services Report:** Covid relief funds have been spent. EOG preliminary math scores have been released, and will be used as a baseline for next year. Reading scores are still pending. Lots of regulatory and funding changes have been a large change for the CSP team, and they have been navigated well. Looking forward to next year with less restrictions and progress on the build. On track with Hubrich for the next building phase.
 - b. **Financial and Budget Report:** Most overages are from covid expenses, and were pulled for other areas. We are trending towards a small surplus, approximately \$25k. Waiting on retention credits from the IRS.

Items for Discussion

1. **2021-22 ALA Board Calendar:** Proposed calendar presented by J. Smith. Motion to approve by S. Gatlin, seconded by B. Grindle, unanimous approval.

Board Members entered into close session to discuss new board member appointments and new personnel.

S. Gatlin made a motion to enter into close session, seconded by A. Fonke, motion carried unanimously. Entered into closed session at 7:27 pm

Closed session ended at 7:40pm

Motion to adjourn meeting by S. Gatlin, Seconded by E. Arrington, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41