

ALA Board Meeting 9/29/2021

Location: 283 Harvey Faulk Road, Sanford NC

Members Present: A. Fonke, B. Grindle, D. Goodson, Jason Smith, R. Scott

Members Absent:

Non-Members Present: Justin Smith (Director), C. Draughon, D. Perez, D. Hostelter, B. Dunagan, A. Egan

Call to Order: Jason Smith called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Agenda

Open Session

1. **Recitation of Mission** - Justin Smith recited Ascend Leadership Academy's mission statement.
2. **Approval of September 2021 Meeting Agenda:** Motion to approve the meeting agenda was made by R. Scott, seconded by Ja. Smith Unanimous approval by the board.
3. **Approval of August Board Meeting minutes:** Board members received a copy of the August meeting minutes prior to the meeting. Motion to approve made by J. Smith, seconded by R. Scott, Unanimous approval by the board.

Motion made by Ja. Smith to move to bond resolution, Items for discussion 1. Seconded by A. Fonke, unanimous approval by the board.

4. **Bond Resolution:**
 - a. TEFRA Resolution - C. Draughon of Charter Success Partners provided an explanation of the TEFRA Resolution related to the School Bonds process. The TEFRA hearing took place on September 28,2021.
 - b. Bond Resolution- C. Draughon of Charter Success Partners provided an explanation of the Bond Resolution and Plan of Finance related to the School Bonds process. Motion to approve the Bond Resolution and Plan of Finance was made by B. Grindle, seconded by Ja. Smith. Unanimous approval by the board.
 - c. The Not to Exceed Price was Explained by C. Draughon of Charter Success Partners. The contract and finalized numbers will need to be discussed by the board at a later date.
5. **Administrative Report:** Presented by Justin Smith, Managing Director of ALA

- a. **General:** Progress reports went out last week. Technology is out and in use by students. Upcoming events Theatre Arts Fall Program and the ALA Fall Festival. Fall sports and school pictures will be happening soon.
 - b. **Student Achievement:** “Justice League” members have been selected. Student council elections will occur soon.
 - c. **Student Leadership and Character Development:** 10 dual enrollment students through partnerships with CCCC and the School of Science and Math.
 - d. **School Culture and Climate:** Extra curricular activities such as E-Sports, Japanese Club, and Robotics club have started. MS/HS Soccer and Volleyball teams are growing and performing well.
 - e. **Personnel:** Math I teacher has resigned. A full-time teacher has been added for Health/PE.
6. **Charter Success Partners Report:** Presented by C. Draughon from Charter Success Partners.
- a. **Operation Services Report:** Board members were given the CSP Operation Services Report a week prior to the meeting. There was nothing to review.
 - b. **Financial and Budget Report:** We are 2 months into the fiscal year. We have pulled in over \$400k from the state. Minor adjustments made to expenses such as salaries, anticipating savings in the benefits category. No significant change to the end of the year estimates.

Items for Discussion

1. **COVID Update:**
 - a. **Mask Policy:** Masks are required by everyone on campus. Motion to keep current mask policy in place made by B. Grindle, seconded by R. Scott. Unanimous approval by the board.
 - b. **Remote Instruction Plan:** Justin Smith informed us that the plan is to continue with in-person instruction unless Remote instruction is needed. A survey has been prepared in the event that we need to have remote instruction.
2. **Special Meeting:** C. Draughon informed us there will be a specially called meeting date to approve the audit and final GMP. Anticipating the meeting will occur the week of October 13th. A poll will be sent out to determine a meeting time.

Motion to adjourn meeting by B. Grindle, seconded by Ja. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm