

ALA Board Meeting 8/29/18

Location: 283 Harvey Faulk Road, Sanford NC 27332

Members Present: D. Draughon, A. Fonke, E. Arrington, S. Gatlin, and L. Malone (phone)

Members Absent:

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

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:37pm by D. Draughon.

1. **Administrative Report:** J. Smith began the meeting by giving board members a brief tour of the facility as many had not seen the building since its completion and receipt of the certificate of occupancy. The day of the meeting was also the first day of school. J. Smith then gave the administrator report.
 - a. Enrollment: J. Smith shared data regarding the first day of school and enrollment. ALA had 162 students show up on the first day of school (86 6th graders and 76 7th graders). We expect one more student to show up by Sept. 10th and 3 students administration will need to call and check their status.
 - b. Facility: We received Certificate of Occupancy on Tuesday at 5:00pm. The CO is a temporary CO as some landscaping needs to be completed. The temporary CO has been approved by the Office of Charter Schools. Building is 18,000 sq. feet and all functional.
 - c. Academics/Teachers/Schedule: All teachers reported for initial work days and have been very flexible with all of the construction and delays. We have 9 full-time teachers and 3 part time teachers. Part-time teachers are for enrichments PE, art, and music.
 - d. Athletics: Athletic teams have begun meeting. The delay in the start of school has affected their ability to get started. We will have Boys soccer, Girls volleyball and co-ed cross country. We will try to have soccer and cross country on site and will need to find facility space for Volleyball.
 - e. Finance: Cory Draughon of Charter Success Partners gave financial report. He stated that now we will have access to state funds since we have the Certificate of Occupancy. Charter Success put in a call with NCDPI today through Friday to get access to funds. For the first payroll Schoolhouse has already deposited the amount needed for August. We will reimburse once state funds are received.

2. Items for discussion

- a. Transportation Fee: J. Smith discussed ALA's transportation system. We have three buses obtained from Lee County Schools. Buses were \$3000 a piece with 25% off since we purchased more than 2. Fuel has been expensive. J. Smith asked the board about the possibility of a transportation fee. D. Draughon said that if we plan to add a transportation fee at some point we should begin with one. C. Draughon mentioned that

the bus purchase was included as a construction cost and freed up some room in the budget for fuel and maintenance. Board will monitor fuel expenses and may initiate a fee if fuel cost becomes excessive.

- b. Facility Development: J. Smith posed a question to the board about what to do next facility wise. He mentioned that in order to be ready for Year 3 with a brand new facility we would need to start the process now with rezoning, planning, etc. The Board discussed what to do with the current building which was intended to be temporary. Board decided they will need to make this a topic of discussion in upcoming meetings.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. June Meeting Minutes: The Board was sent the June meeting minutes prior to the meeting for review. S. Gatlin made a motion to accept the June meeting minutes. Seconded by D. Draughon. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Revised Calendar: Board members discussed how to revise the schedule due to the two day delayed start of school. Board will need to make up the initial first two days. J. Smith proposed making the scheduled Conference days early release days instead of full work days. Other options include adding time to our school day to increase our number of instructional hours. Board decided to table the calendar until next meeting.

D. Draughon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by S. Gatlin. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.