
Ascend Leadership Academy

August 2022

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

Location: In Person

Members Present: R. Scott, D. Goodson, B. Grindle, J. Smith, M. Iskandar

Members Absent:

Non-Members Present: J. Smith (Director), C. Draughon (CSP), D. Perez (Administrator), R. Sims (Administrator) Melanie Jacobs

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:27pm by Jason Smith, seconded by D. Goodson

School Mission:

The mission of Ascend Leadership Academy is to develop successful student leaders by growing their self-efficacy, intellectual understanding, and social competence. ALA will accomplish this by applying innovative teaching methods, incorporating student cultural realities and cultivating student ownership in the learning community.

Agenda

Open Session

1. Melanie Jacobs Board Member Interview

Experienced Occupational Therapist, Assisted with Robotics team at ALA last year, likes ALA's current leadership structure and would like to see continued advancement in the technology sector. Motion made by D. Goodson to offer Melanie Jacobs a position on the board beginning in January 2023. Seconded by R. Scott. Unanimous approval

2. Recitation of Mission by Justin Smith

Consent Agenda

- [Approval of Minutes: June 2022](#) - Motion made by R. Scott to approve June minutes, seconded by D. Goodson. Unanimous approval
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- Approval of August Agenda - Agenda items added by Jason Smith- Microwave availability and parking fees. Motion to approve August minutes with additional items added made by B. Grindle, seconded by Jason Smith. Unanimous approval.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

4. Public Comment: No public attendees

Public comment is a time for the community to provide feedback to the Board of Directors. For in-person meetings attendees must sign up at the start of the meeting in order to give public comment. Each community member is limited to 2 minutes of comment, with a total time allotted to public comment of 10 minutes. During remote meetings attendees may add their public comments to the chat feature which will be sent directly to the Board of Directors. Board members will then share the comments with the meeting attendees for up to 10 minutes.

Public comment is also a time for the Board of Directors to listen to the feedback of the community. Board members can not respond to public comments during the meeting. However, the Board recognizes that each stakeholder is a vital part of our community and will take comments into consideration when making decisions, planning, providing feedback to administration, and completing committee work.

5. Tour of New Facility led by Justin Smith

6. Administrative Report:


[School Administrative Report -August](#) Presented by Justin Smith

7. Finance Report:

[Finance Report -_13th Mo](#) Presented by C. Draughon

[Finance Report - July 2022](#) Presented by C. Draughon

8. Available Bond Funds

- a.  **ALA Bond Financing 2022** Presented by Justin Smith
 - b. Open discussion on items, board has requested quotes for proposed items
9. Motion made by D. Goodson for all board meetings to be held in person with a virtual attendance option at the request of the individual board member. Seconded by R. Scott. Unanimous approval

Closed Session (If Needed): Not Needed

Purpose of Closed Session Discussion Item #3: 143-318.11. Closed sessions.(a) Permitted Purposes.
- It is the policy of this State that closed sessions shall be held only when required to permit a public

body to act in the public interest as permitted in this section. A public body may hold a closed session and exclude the public only when a closed session is required:

(6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee...

Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn the meeting made by Jason Smith, seconded by R. Scott. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm