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**Addison Central School District
Executive Committee
Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 21, 2024, 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm
VIRTUAL ONLY**

ACSD District Vision and Mission

OUR VISION

Our vision is for all ACSD students to reach their full learning potential, have a sense of belonging in our schools, and enrich our community and the communities where they live in the future.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provide high-quality, equitable, and varied learning environments that inspire a passion for learning and growth among our students.

Remote Attendance

Barbara Wilson; Mary Heather Noble; Suzanne Buck; Tim Williams

A. Call to Order Upon Reaching a Quorum

Meeting called to order at 4:06 p.m.

1. Introductions: Board Members, Administrators and Staff

Introductions: Barb Wilson, Mary Heather Noble, Suzanne Buck, Tim Williams

B. Public Comment - Agenda Items

No public comment.

C. Committee Discussion:

1. Board Committee Assignments

Barb Wilson shared her progress on committee assignments, again noting the challenges around accommodating member interests in serving on the Finance and Facilities Committees. She had a discussion with incoming Superintendent Dr. Wendy Baker, who suggested keeping the committees the same until after the Board retreat. Dr. Baker requested holding off on the retreat until June 2024 so that she has had some time to work with the admin team on Strategic Plan implementation before meeting with the full Board. Barb thought that was a good idea.

Suzanne Buck and Mary Heather Noble pushed back on the proposal to delay committee assignments, noting that the committee work was not contingent on Strategic Plan implementation. There will need to be coordination between the Strategic Plan implementation teams and the Facilities & Finance Committees, but neither saw the benefit of postponing committee assignments until after June. There was also discussion about each committee setting its work plan to be consistent with the Board's work plan and strategic plan goals.

The Committee decided to proceed with committee assignments, striving to balance committee with members from Middlebury and rural towns, as well as having at least 1 experienced Board member on each. Barb Wilson suggested following Tim Williams's recommendation to have Committee's chaired by other members besides Board officers. Suzanne Buck noted that the Committees choose their Chairs, so that will depend on others and their willingness/ability to serve as Chair.

The group completed a committee assignment chart. Barb Wilson will reach out to those members who did not get their preferred assignments, and check in with newer members re: their desire to serve on more than one committee. She will send a board-wide email with assignments before the weekend.

D. Other

Barb Wilson reported that the prior request from Elizabeth Burrows to be added to the agenda to present a proposal regarding flying the BLM flag at MUMS has been postponed. Elizabeth notified Barb that the students are not yet ready, so will circle back with an updated request when they are ready.

Barb also mentioned emails she has been receiving from Board members about other committees they would like to see, including Transportation (Brian Bauer requested), Curriculum (Jamie McCallum and Ellen Whelan-Wuest requested), and a Strategic Plan Oversight Committee (requested by Ellen Whelan-Wuest). The group discussed the proposed committee ideas, noting that the topic/work for many of them are operational matters beyond the scope of the Board. The group did agree that having 1-2 Board members serve as liaisons to the administration's Strategic Plan Implementation team seemed like a valuable concept. Susan Buck noted her willingness to serve as a liaison if she was not needed on the Communications & Engagement Committee.

Finally, Barb shared her conversation with Mary Slosar re: her request to add SEPAC/Neurodiversity Week to the agenda for the 3/25 Board Meeting. She explained that this also did not fall under the Board's purview -- and that Board members have already been sufficiently informed about the activities. Barb and Mary agreed to disagree. The committee members all agreed that additional work on governance is needed to make sure board members understand the limitations of the board's role.

E. Public Comment - Any Topic

No public comment.

F. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Heather Noble
Board Secretary/Clerk

Motion to adjourn.

Move: Mary Heather Noble Second: Suzanne Buck Status: Passed

Public comments are encouraged and welcome at each regular board meeting during the period designated for public comment. Comments are limited to three minutes per person. Citizens will be called to make their statement by the board chair. Public comments regarding personnel, students or legal matters will not be heard by the Board.