

AFSA K-12
Work Session Minutes
K-8 Cafeteria

July 25, 2023

4:00 - 5:00 pm

Board Members Present: Kate Plaisance, David Smith, Brady Jones, Julie Cox, Leslie Scherer

Board Members Absent: Jodi Stumpner, Melissa Degidio, Jessica Goodwin, Katie Crowley

A. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Jodi Stumpner has resigned her position at AFSA, so a new teacher member needs to be recruited.
2. Julie Cox led the board on a discussion on the roles and responsibilities of board members and the current by-laws.
3. Discussion on staffing for FY 24.
4. Items to be discussed at the board retreat include the strategic plan, the board handbook and the planning calendar.

B. ADJOURN

Finance Committee meeting 3:30 pm K8 business office

Regular board meeting to begin at 5:00 pm in K8 Cafeteria

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A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. Call to Order - Kate Plaisance called the meeting to order at 5:08 pm.

Mission: The Academy for Sciences and Agriculture (AFSA), a public charter school for grades K-12, engages learners in academically rigorous, student-centered, hands-on experiences and leadership opportunities within a science, environmental education, and agricultural context.

Vision: AFSA will develop lifelong learners who are curious, care for others and have high skill levels in applied sciences, and will be prepared for a future in a diverse, global and changing society

Honoring Native PeoplesWe would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Dakota People, and pay our respect to elders both past and present.

2. Determination of Quorum- a quorum of board members is present
3. Determination of Conflict of Interest on any agenda items-no conflicts of interest were noted
4. Approve Agenda - Dave Smith moved to approve the agenda as posted, seconded by Brady Jones, motion passed unanimously.
5. Approval of Minutes- Dave Smith moved to approve the minutes as circulated, seconded by Brady Jones, motion passed unanimously.
6. Approval of Financial Report- Brady Jones moved to accept the financial report, authorize payment of invoices and acceptance of gifts. Julie Cox seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

B. GUEST COMMENTS (Three minutes per presenter)

C. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. School Activities Reports- Liz Burkwald and Erik Bruner-Wiltse gave updates on activities at each school.
2. Administrative reports- Erik and Becky will be bringing a proposal to the board whereby they exchange positions during the school year. Erik will become the Executive Director and Becky will support and train him in that position as well as continuing her HR and financial responsibilities.

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. The board retreat is 9 am to 3 pm on Saturday September 23, 2023 at the High School.
2. Becky will send out a survey to find times that the board members can participate in the required training.
3. Board members reviewed and signed the Statement of Assurances for Osprey Wilds.
4. Board members reviewed updated policies

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. Election of officers: July Cox moved to elect Kate Plaisance as board chair, Dave Smith as board vice chair, Brady Jones as board treasurer and Jessica Goodwin as board clerk. Leslie Scherer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
2. Designation of Depository: Dave Smith moved to authorize AFSA to bank at American National Bank and UMB. Brady Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Electronic Transfers: Dave Smith moved to allow Becky Meyer and Shannon Swenson to do electronic transfers of funds. Julie Cox seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
4. IOWA: Brady Jones moved to appoint Becky Meyer as Identified Official with Authority for MDE applications. Leslie Scherer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
5. Policies: Brady Jones moved to approved the following updated policies: 102 Equal Opportunity, 413 Harassment and Violence and 423 Employee Student Relationships. Julie Cox seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

F. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Next meeting:

- a. Regular meeting August 22, 2023 at 5 pm, work session begins at 4:00 pm, Finance committee meets at 3:30 pm on the same day.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Leslie Scherer moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 pm. Julie Cox seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.