

AFSA K-12 Work Session Minutes, K-8 Cafeteria

June 25, 2024

4:00 - 5:05pm

Board Members Present: Becky Meyer, Kate Plaisance, Kerry Schulte, Brady Jones, Leslie Scherer, Laura Wyatt

Board Members Absent: Jenny Cook, Julie Cox, David Smith, Scott Stene

Guests: Meghan Eschenbach-O'Shea,

A. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Election Results:** David Smith and Jenny Cook were re-elected, Melissa Farler was elected to take Brady Jones' position on the board, and Laura will be taking on Jack Rossler's position on the board.
2. **Executive Director transition plan preparation:** Becky and Jamie have met on 3 occasions to discuss a plan. Jamie would like for Becky to help train her on a part-time basis over the course of 3 months.
3. **MACs - new law primer:** Due Aug. 1st, a revision of the Board's bylaws will need to be conducted in order to be within the new laws.

B. ADJOURN

Adjourning time: 5:05pm

AFSA K-12 Board of Education Meeting Minutes, K-8 Cafeteria

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5:05 - 6:49pm

Board Members Present: Becky Meyer, Kate Plaisance, Julie Cox, Kerry Schulte, Brady Jones, Leslie Scherer, Scott Stene, Laura Wyatt, Jenny Cook.

Board Members Absent: David Smith

Guests: Stephanie Forliti, Meghan Eschenbach-O'Shea

A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. **Call to Order:** Kate Plaisance called the meeting to order at 5:05pm

- a. **Mission:** The Academy for Science 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.
 - b. **Vision:** AFSA will develop lifelong learners who are curious, care for others, have high skill levels in applied sciences, and will be prepared for a future in a diverse, global, and changing society.
 - c. **Honoring Native Peoples:** We 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.

Approve agenda: Melissa Farler moved to approve of the agenda, Brady Jones seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Melissa Farler moved to approve the minutes as circulated, seconded by Leslie Scherer, motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Financial Report: Becky Meyer presented the Financial Report; including the payment of invoices and the acceptance of gifts. Brady Jones moved to accept the Financial Report, seconded by Julie Cox, motion passed unanimously.

B. SCHOOL GUEST SPEAKERS

Stephanie Forliti shared about her job and what she does for AFSA's marketing and communications. AFSA's summer theme this year is "Catch the Buzz", AFSA will be at White Bear Lake's marketfest and in the Slice of Shoreview and Canadian Day's parades this summer. Stephanie is in charge of the events that AFSA attends, our social media accounts, marketing efforts and ways we collaborate with our local communities (ex. Culvers and Battlegrounds cafe nights, Farm and Community Service Day, and Potato hug). Thank you Stephanie for all that you do!

C. GUEST COMMENTS

None

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. **School Activities Reports:** Becky Meyer presented activity reports for both the K-6 and 7-12 buildings. Attendance for the K-6 is currently at 127, attendance for the 7-12 is currently at 281, bringing a total of 408 students enrolled.

2. Committee Report: None

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. OW Site Visit Report:

The site visit went very well, all students interviewed in the K-6 building were able to identify a piece of environmental learning they'd experienced throughout the school year.

2. OW Board Overall Feedback:

We received very positive feedback from the OW board meeting observations.

3. Q-Comp Annual Report:

- 75% of PLC group goals were met.
- 70% of Teachers met their individual goals.
- The School's overall Math goal was not met.

4. FY25 Budget:

For 410 Students (464 after weighted amount) the FY25 Budget is currently broken down by: State general education, Q-Comp, Building lease aid, transportation, maintenance revenue, free and reduced lunch, PSEO reimbursement, Special education and SPED transportation, AXIS grant, Mental health aid, Library aid, Staff contracts and benefits, and Supplies.

5. OW Contract Renewal Items:

- Admin and Teachers gather data.
- Update current bylaws to comply with new state laws.
- Update new procurement policy at July's board meeting.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. Certify Election results:

- Certify David Smith, Jenny Cook, and Melissa Farler for 3 year terms. Brady Jones motioned to approve, Julie Cox seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.
- Certify Laura Wyatt to take Jack Rossler's position on the board for the 2 year remainder of his term. Julie Cox motioned to approve,

Brady Jones seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

2. **MACs membership:** Jenny Cook motioned to approve, Julie Cox seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.
3. **FY25 budget approval:** Melissa Farler motioned to approve, Leslie Scherer seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.
4. **IOWA (Identified Official with Authority) authorization for Jamie Goulet:** Julie Cox motioned to approve, Melissa Farler seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.
5. **3 month transition period approval:** Julie Cox motioned to approve, Melissa Farler seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Next Work Session and Regular Board Meeting is TBD

H. ADJOURNMENT

Brady Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting, Kerry Schulte seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 6:49pm.