

AGENDA



**Addison Central School District
Executive Committee
Committee Meeting
Monday, October 7, 2024, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
49 Charles Avenue
Middlebury VT
05753**

ACSD District Vision and Mission

OUR VISION

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- A. Call to Order Upon Reaching A Quorum
 - 1. Introductions – Board members, Administrators and Staff
- B. Public Comments on Agenda Items
- C. Recommendation to Approve Minutes from 9/16/2024
- D. Committee Discussion
 - 1. Board Voicemail
 - 2. Upcoming Board Presentation Topics
 - a. SEPAC
 - 3. Discussion Letter from ACEA, Response and Board Education
 - 4. Review Board Activity Timeline
 - 5. October 14th Agenda Creation
 - 6. Other
- E. Public Comment – Any Topic
- F. Adjourn

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MINUTES

Addison Central School District

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Committee Meeting

Monday, September 16, 2024, 4:00 pm - 6:15 pm

Middlebury Union High School Library 73 Charles Ave, Middlebury
05753

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In Attendance

Barbara Wilson; Mary Heather Noble; Suzanne Buck; Wendy Baker

Not In Attendance

Darcie Arensmeyer

A. Call to Order Upon Reaching a Quorum

Meeting called to order at 4:03 p.m.

1. Introductions – Board members, Administrators and Staff

B. Public Comments on Agenda Items

No public comment.

C. Recommendation to Approve Minutes from 9/3/2024

Motion to approve minutes of September 3, 2024.

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

D. Executive Session: Personnel Related Issue - Personnel 1 VSA 313 (a) (3)

No Executive Session needed.

E. Committee Discussion

1. Board Voicemail

Mary Heather Noble reported that she had checked the board voicemails that morning on September 16, 2024, and that there have been no new voicemails since last checked on September 9, 2024.

2. Review Upcoming Board Presentations

Barb Wilson provided a quick recap of the list of presentations slated for future board meetings. Dr. Baker recommended moving the Student Services presentation to later and not on September 23rd. There will also need to be a presentation on student performance data. The committee also put a PreK presentation and a SEPAC presentation on the list for later this fall.

3. September 23rd Agenda Creation

The committee reviewed the draft agenda for the September 23, 2024 board meeting. Barb Wilson noted the additional narrative she added around public comment periods, so that people can see the parameters around public comment right in the agenda item.

Dr. Baker recommended placing Policy D4 - Compatibility Policy on the agenda so that she can elaborate on the information she provided in the most recent Weekly Spotlight letter, how ACSD demonstrates equivalence, and the challenges in doing so. She also recommended adding Budget Driver Session 1 to the agenda to allow Matt Corrente to provide a summary of the state-controlled budget drivers. There was some discussion around the state's new CLA figures and the impact that will have on tax rates. Members of the committee also discussed the possibility of inviting Peter Conlon and Emily Kornheiser (from the Ways and Means Committee) to the board meeting to provide some additional information on the state drivers. This would be under the Report of the Chair part of the meeting.

Dr. Baker suggested having the Student Services presentation coupled with the 2nd budget presentation on October 14th, and then pushing the Economics equity based budgeting presentation to the October 28th Board meeting.

The committee also included the Superintendent Evaluation Model in the September 23, 2024 board meeting agenda so the full board can review the draft evaluation tool and approve the process.

Dr. Baker also briefly touched upon other items from her Weekly Spotlight letter, and the discrepancies between student-to-teacher ratios at MUHS vs MUMS. MUMS teachers have a significantly higher student load than those at MUHS. Some of this is due to the variety of curriculum offerings, but there are other areas where attention is needed. This is a work in progress.

4. Draft Superintendent Evaluation Process Document Review

Barb Wilson, Suzanne Buck, and Mary Heather Noble all provided their feedback on the draft Superintendent Evaluation Model that Dr. Baker prepared, blending elements from the two preferred examples from the Board training (LaDue Schools and Lincoln Public Schools). All were very pleased with the draft, and had relatively minor suggestions. Mary Heather agreed to incorporate the committee's suggestions to provide a clean copy to distribute to the full Board in preparation for the September 23, 2024 Board Meeting.

5. My availability from Sept 25 through Oct 9th

Barb Wilson notified the committee that she will be on vacation from September 25 through October 9, 2024. She will be on a boat and will have limited availability. She does plan to bring her computer to allow for remote participation in meetings, but won't be able to respond

to urgent matters.

Suzanne Buck will step up to do Board Chair responsibilities during that time if the need arises.

Barb Wilson said that she would have the October 7, 2024 Executive Meeting warned and will participate remotely. Mary Heather Noble offered to run the zoom for that meeting.

6. Other

Dr. Baker reported on some conversations that are happening between PAHCC's Superintendent and the sending high schools in ANWSD, MAUSD, and ACSD. There are some questions/concerns about high-school based programs that are duplicative of the PAHCC programs (which, from their perspective, could impact their student enrollment). The committee discussed some of the history behind this, the varying technical programs, and the variety of students that are eligible to enroll in those programs. Dr. Baker just wanted to give the committee a heads-up.

Dr. Baker also reported that she would like to be able to share VT CAP student performance data with the full board, perhaps on November 1st – but would like to be able to do so by school so that the Board can see some of the impact that particular challenges at the schools with fluctuating populations are having. She and her team are seeing significant performance issues and disparities and wants the Board to see and understand this.

The Committee discussed the possibility of sharing smaller student performance data sets in Executive Session, per 1 VSA 313 (a)(1), so that there is no risk of identifying information being shared in open session. Suzanne Buck expressed concerns about board members being able to potentially identify students based on a school's data, since populations are so small in some classes. Dr. Baker offered to examine ways to present data in a manner that further preserves student privacy during Executive Session (e.g., removing school names from the data). This can be discussed during the October 7, 2024 Executive Committee meeting.

F. Public Comment – Any Topic

No public comment.

G. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Motion to adjourn.

Move: Suzanne Buck Second: Barbara Wilson Status: Passed

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