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**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

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.

In-Person Attendance

Mary Heather Noble; Suzanne Buck; Wendy Baker

Remote Attendance

Barbara Wilson

Not In Attendance

Darcie Arensmeyer

A. Call to Order Upon Reaching A Quorum

Meeting called to order at 4:59 p.m.

Mary Heather Noble made a motion to adopt the agenda. Barb Wilson seconded. During discussion, Mary Heather made another to amend the agenda to include an executive session per 1 VSA Section 313 (a) (3) to discuss Board member performance. Barb Wilson seconded.

The Committee discussed adding an executive session to agenda item D.3 and moving it to the end of the Committee Discussion section. Suzanne Buck called the vote on the motion to amend the agenda - it passed unanimously.

Suzanne Buck then called the vote to approve the agenda as amended. It passed unanimously.

Move: Mary Heather Noble Second: Barbara Wilson Status: Passed

1. Introductions – Board members, Administrators and Staff

B. Public Comments on Agenda Items

No public comment.

C. Recommendation to Approve Minutes from 9/16/2024

Motion to approve the minutes of September 16, 2024.

Move: Barbara Wilson Second: Mary Heather Noble Status: Passed

D. Committee Discussion

1. Board Voicemail

Mary Heather Noble reported that board voicemails are checked every Monday and that there have not been any new board voicemails as of October 7, 2024.

2. Upcoming Board Presentation Topics

The Committee discussed upcoming Board presentations for the next few months. Barb Wilson reported that she had checked with Mary Slosar of SEPAC and was told that they may not be ready to present at the October 14, 2024 board meeting. Wendy Baker summarized the presentations scheduled so far in upcoming Superintendents Reports:

10/14 meeting: Nicole Carter's presentation on Student Service Programs and Matt Corrente's Budget Driver #2 presentation, which will include student services.

10/28 meeting: Finance Committee's presentation on the first draft FY26 budget, which will also include community feedback from the District Office's budget survey and outreach effort ~ 10/22/24.

11/14 meeting: Presentation on ACSD Preschool from Ashley (new preschool coordinator).

11/25 meeting: Draft Budget #2 presentation, anticipating the state's final yield numbers in early December.

12/9 meeting: Revisiting Budget #3 presentation, with official yield numbers.

Dr. Baker also noted presentations expected from the Policy Committee (on suggested revisions to Policies D4, D6, and C30) sometime in November and from the Facilities Committee (on Phase 1 of the PreApproval process for the AOE's Capital Funding opportunities) after January 1st.

a. SEPAC

3. Discussion Letter from ACEA, Response and Board Education

Entered Executive Session at 5:40 p.m. Exited Executive Session at 6:28 p.m.

Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Board Member performance, per 1 VSA Secion 313 (a) (3).

Move: Mary Heather Noble Second: Barbara Wilson Status: Passed

4. Review Board Activity Timeline

Discussion from Agenda Item D.2 also covered the timeline of Board Activity.

Mary Heather Noble asked Dr. Baker about the meeting she had with the Superintendents from ANWSD and MAUSD and Addison County state legislators. Dr. Baker reported that it was evident that the legislators began the meeting with an expectation that school districts

are making significant cuts to their budgets. Dr. Baker attempted to explain that Districts spending more than others in the state are not by definition wasting taxpayer dollars, but are attending to student needs that are important and spending resources to comply with state mandates. She reported the legislators' emphasis on pursuing economies of scale (consolidation, inter-district cooperation for sharing administrative resources, etc.). Ultimately, participants walked away with a shared understanding that structural changes are needed, and that voters in Addison County can't bear any additional costs. There was also acknowledgement about the scale of external drivers, especially healthcare costs.

5. October 14th Agenda Creation

The Committee worked on finalizing the agenda for the October 14, 2024 board meeting. Highlights:

- Inclusion of Presentations on 1) Student Services Programming (Nicole Carter, 20 min) and 2) Budget Development #2 with Student Services (Matt Corrente, 30 min) in the Superintendent's Report.
- Addition of Board action to approve the Superintendent Evaluation Process and Instrument.
- Addition of an Executive Session for Student Disciplinary Hearing per 1 VSA 313 (a) (7) immediately after the first Public Comment period.

Barb Wilson also noted that she had spoken with Pietro Lynn about the Executive Committee's prior question about discussion student achievement results in executive session, and that he felt it would be a proper way to review data in a manner that maintains student privacy. The Committee will include this in the next meeting to plan the October 28, 2024 board meeting agenda.

6. Other

E. Public Comment – Any Topic

No public comment

F. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6: 30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn.

Move: Mary Heather Noble Second: Barbara Wilson Status: Passed

*Public Comment Guidelines:

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.