



Advanced Math & Science Academy Charter School

Minutes

Board of Trustees Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday February 26, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Location

This meeting will be held via remote participation.

Trustees Present

Andrea Grych (remote), Bela Gorman (remote), Darren Rose (remote), Dwayne Stanley (remote), Evan Przyborowski (remote), James Carter (remote), Jessica Bowen (remote), Maura Webster (remote), Stephan Richter (remote)

Trustees Absent

Mary Swartz

Ex Officio Members Present

Lisa Mobley (remote)

Non Voting Members Present

Lisa Mobley (remote)

Guests Present

Marcy Eckel (remote), Mike Nawrocki (remote)

I. Opening Items

A.

Call the Meeting to Order

Maura Webster called a meeting of the board of trustees of Advanced Math & Science Academy Charter School to order on Thursday Feb 26, 2026 at 6:03 PM.

B. Record Attendance

II. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

There were no requests for public comment.

III. Consent Agenda

A. Financial Statements

The Finance Committee met this week, but there were members missing so they decided to wait to discuss financials and budget when everyone would be present. They will schedule a meeting in the next two weeks.

IV. Votes

A. Approve BOT Meeting Minutes from January 29, 2026

Darren Rose made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Trustees Meeting on 01-29-26.

Stephan Richter seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Bela Gorman	Abstain
James Carter	Aye
Stephan Richter	Aye
Mary Swartz	Absent
Evan Przyborowski	Aye
Jessica Bowen	Abstain
Maura Webster	Aye
Dwayne Stanley	Abstain
Andrea Grych	Aye
Darren Rose	Aye

V. Updates

A. Fundraising Update

Lisa attended the Chamber of Commerce's Mardi Gras event and sat with a group from St Mary's and spoke with a potential business partner. She is an interior designer in

Marlborough. We thought as a woman business owner she might be interested in our women's only golf tournament in May.

They did get a MathWorks grant of \$5000, due largely to the work that Marcy did with Christy Jagielski and Padmaja Bandaru to write the grant and work with Roger Jarrett.

There is no update on the Cummings grant, but we hope to have information in June.

Our Athletic Director, Jaquan James, brought a fundraising idea to us called Snap Rise. Past efforts by teams to raise money have been less structured and ambiguous as to the purpose for funds. They have been looking at the coaching stipends, which are very low. Instead of increasing the school's budget, they are hoping to raise funds to offset stipends and other athletic expenses.

They also applied for a grant from Main Street Bank.

The Golf Committee is up and running and making plans for the August Golf Tournament and make sure the two tournaments work well together.

There was a STEM foundation meeting on February 2 to review the capital expenditure for the HVAC.

Marcy has been reaching out to Representative Meghan Kilcoyne and Representative Kate Hogan to try and get them back to AMSA.

The PTO did a great job with the Fun Run, but they are in a challenging phase right now and it is not clear if there will be an active PTO next year. The Fun Run has been successful, raising between \$15,000 and \$20,000 each year. The Fundraising Committee was happy to let the PTO run this because they feed it back to AMSA. However, if the PTO has a recruitment issue, they will be happy to take it back.

Jersey Mike's has offered \$500 towards our school athletics if we promote them at sports events. Marcy is investigating the source of the offer, but it looks legit and she has forwarded this off to Jaquan.

B. Parent Representative Update (Dwayne Stanley representing parents until PTO nomination of parent rep)

Dwayne reported that he has received no communication from AMSA families, but he will continue to monitor his inbox.

C. Faculty Representative Update

Jess reported that she did not have an update for tonight's meeting.

D.

Executive Director Report

See attached documents: ED Report and Game Plan for the Year

Lisa reported that it was brought to Mike's attention that the professional development has felt rocky to some people. She wanted to remind the Board that AMSA's professional development goals are a result of our accountability plan and the SOA Plan (Student Opportunity Act). In addition to AMSA's Accountability Plan, schools are required to create 3-year plans and write progress reports annually. The money received from the state is embedded into tuition funds and is part of the Chapter 70 funding. The goals are specific to developing programs that will benefit students.

AMSA's SOA goals:

Launch a Tier 3 academic support class

Restructure our Reading Intervention to be evidence based

Staff Professional Development using Continuous Improvement Science

Authentic Post Secondary Planning

Targeted Support for Lowest Performing Subgroups

The PD was designed to help close achievement gaps and improve student academic success for all students, especially students with disabilities and ELLs. There are 10 PD Groups what have staff driven topics, offering staff choice and something staff could apply to multiple areas of education. However, there is only one trainer, making it difficult for there to be adequate feedback and support. Mike and Amanda are working on ways to improve the quality of support during the full day professional development on March 13.

The state has wanted schools to have career academic plans for quite some time, under the acronym MyCAP (*My Career and Academic Plan*). AMSA has done a lot of work tying our curriculum to skills that post-secondary opportunities, careers and colleges want. What AMSA has not focused on is how we implement these plans. Mike and Lindsay Currallo (Director of Guidance) are leading a group of staff who will develop a structured college and career readiness curriculum that will be part of our new graduation requirements.

The last goal is to support the lowest performing subgroups. Already implemented, is our math intervention program and our peer academic counseling program.

Jess said she was glad to hear that the administration is acknowledging there have been bumps in the professional development and that is a message the faculty would appreciate hearing. Lisa said she is open to suggestions regarding how to better communicate with the faculty.

The consultant who has been working with our faculty is Kim Garrison. She said most of the groups are doing great work. Mike added that the reaction from teachers has been mixed. Some of the teachers said they are enjoying the program, some are neutral, and others have shared negative feedback. Mike and Amanda have a plan for next year to dedicate more department time and curriculum development review with Department Chairs, utilizing the skills and tools covered this year.

VI. Chair Business

A. Discuss Strategic Planning Meeting Agenda

Maura went over the logistics for the Strategic Planning Meeting Agenda.

The date and time is Saturday, March 14, from 9:00am-3:00pm. The meeting will be held at the Good Company Workspace, 91 Main Street, which is in the old fire station about the Vin Bin, downtown Marlborough. Attendees will be able to get lunch at Vin Bin.

The plan is to review the accountability plan and the SOA plan. The theme for the day is "impact" and creating a framework for board impact as aligned with DESE guidelines and objectives. To figure out how to review and how to develop proactive policies based on our own accountability plan. Maura wants to make the time very intentional and focused, covering topics such as public comment, policy making, roles and responsibilities, expectations, and board engagement. She hopes to have results at the end of the day, but still open to comments and input.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Development

Evan reported the Development Committee is moving their February meeting to March. He said he has been hearing good things about the alumni association. They are scheduling things, getting a lot more people added to their mailing list, and more alumni are discussing reunions. This is reassuring.

B. Finance

Bela reported that although they did not review the financials, they were able to take a vote to approve a \$95,000 expense for the science lab cabinets. They were not included in the budget or in the capital plan. As per policy, the Finance Committee can approve expenditures up to \$100,000 if the expenditure falls outside the budget. The cabinets are for the new science lab in the new building.

C. Governance

Darren reported that Governance was not able to meet on January 14 due to a lack of quorum, rescheduled the meeting on January 27, and continued to review draft changes to the bylaws. The Committee agreed not to meet in February due to multiple scheduling commitments. The next meeting will be held on March 11. The Committee will review

what he hopes will be the final draft of the bylaws changes before bringing them to the Board.

D. Education

Stephan reported that the Education Committee had similar challenges with meeting. They did not have a quorum at their meeting before the break and there was a snow-day on Monday. They did not meet until yesterday, so he did not have time to prepare notes. However, he can report that the Committee approved the staff and family survey questions to be exactly the same as last year. The surveys will be going out, and the surveys will be conducted.

They also made plans to review the accountability plan before the yearly report to the state is made, as they feel that it is very pertinent to what the Education Committee is supposed to do. They are starting to work on a calendar of what to review at what time of the year to produce some consistency over the years.

Stephan plans to prepare a presentation on what came out of that discussion between all the stakeholders at the AI discussion. He would like to present this at the strategic planning meeting on March 14, if there is time. Maura felt this was a good idea.

VIII. Review Action Items

A. Action Items from Previous Meetings

Maura reviewed the previous action items.

The Board did not submit reports and committee reports ahead of time.

The expectation is for the reports to be a high level summary. It could be a paragraph, or bullets format. The expectation is to submit your report to Sara Snow, 72 hours in advance, if possible.

She will upload the report into BoardOnTrack.

The purpose is to help the Board be better prepared and more efficient.

B. New Action Items

Governance will present the bylaws changes at the March 26 BOT meeting.

Education will present the Community AI discussion summary at the March 14 Strategic Planning Meeting.

The ED Report, including Q2 numbers as part of the academic monitoring at the March 26 BOT meeting.

Lisa added some sports event information:

- Boys hockey team (co-op with Marlborough) will be playing at the Navin arena at 4:30pm on Friday, February 27. They are playing in the first tournament round.
- Girls basketball also had the tournament, but they were eliminated last night. They played really hard.

- Girls ice hockey (co-op with Algonquin) is actually plauing tonight in their first round, but also seated number one.

Maura said she will communicate with Board members if there is any advance prep work she would like done prior to the strategic planning meeting.

IX. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Bela Gorman made a motion to adjourn.
Stephan Richter seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Jessica Bowen	Aye
Bela Gorman	Aye
Stephan Richter	Aye
James Carter	Aye
Andrea Grych	Aye
Maura Webster	Aye
Darren Rose	Aye
Dwayne Stanley	Aye
Evan Przyborowski	Aye
Mary Swartz	Absent

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maura Webster

Documents used during the meeting

- ED Report 2-26-26.docx.pdf
- Game Plan for the Year (2).pdf