

School Board Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 25, 2018
5:00 pm
AAHS Classroom 122

Present: Amy Charpentier, Eric Hove, Josh MacLachlan, Jill Heroff, LeAnn Lindusky, Katie Siewert, and Caley Vickerman (teacher, ex-officio).

Absent: David Massey, Dean Walczak (business manager, ex-officio), Deah Ehalt, and Rachael McNamara

Minutes

1. Call to Order
 - a. Amy Charpentier calls meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
2. Approval of 10-25-2018 Special Meeting Agenda
 - a. Josh MacLachlan motions to approve the 10-25-2018 Special Meeting Agenda. Seconded by Amy Charpentier.
 - b. Motion passes: Unanimous.
3. Public Comments
 - a. A guardian of a current student came to observe the meeting; offered no other comments.
4. Action Items
 - a. Approval of Annual Report due to ACNW by 11/01/2018
 - i. Josh MacLachlan motions to approve the annual report due to ACNW by 11/01/2018 pending edits to the Board Training section, and minor edits suggested by the Board. Katie's Siewert seconds
 - ii. Discussion:
 1. Board offered several minor grammatical, typographical, and spelling edits.
 2. Board suggested changing the 2018-2019 estimated enrollment from 105 students to 95 students, more in line with current known enrollment.
 3. Board provided the information that was missing from the report regarding dates when various members joined or left the Board.
 - iii. Motion passes: Unanimous
 - b. Approval of Calendar Changes requested by TPS

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- i. Katie Siewert motions to approve the calendar changes requested by TPS. Jill Heroff seconds. The changes requested in the original motion were:
 1. Change of approved student half-day for Exhibition Day from November 1, 2018, to November 2, 2018.
 2. Approve student half-days for parent-teacher conferences on the following dates:
 - a. March 6, 2019; and
 - b. March 7, 2019.
 3. Approve student half-days for staff professional development, curriculum development, staff training, and grading on the following dates:
 - a. December 11, 2018;
 - b. January 23, 2019;
 - c. February 22, 2019;
 - d. March 22, 2019;
 - e. April 26, 2019;
 - f. May 3, 2019; and
 - g. June 3, 2019.
- ii. Discussion:
 1. Eric Hove raised concerns about the amount of half-days requested in item i.3 above because of the amount of instructional time lost; and that the amount of professional development time afforded the staff under the current calendar already exceeds that of St. Paul Public Schools.
 2. Caley Vickerman explained that many of AAHS staff are new and would benefit from additional staff development, and that TPS considered the amount of half-days requested something that would not be repeated in subsequent academic years.
 3. Josh MacLachlan and Caley Vickerman asserted that the half-days requested under item i.3 above corresponded with existing Exhibition Days when staff already find it difficult to have adequate instructional time when the morning is filled with Exhibition Days activities.
 4. Eric Hove called the Board's attention to the current academic calendar and showed that several of the half-days requested in i.3 above do not correspond with currently scheduled Exhibition Days.
 5. Caley Vickerman and Josh MacLachlan suggested that further review of instructional time when compared to other school, the purpose of these half-days, and the proposed dates may be required.
- iii. Katie Siewert rescinded her original motion, and then motioned to approve the calendar changes listed below and to table the changes requested in i.3 above to the November 2018 meeting

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Jill Heroff seconds.

iv. Motion Passes: Unanimous

5. Adjourn

- a. Josh motions to adjourn at 5:34 pm.

6. Josh MacLachlan motions to reopen the meeting at 5:35 pm to advise the Board about several financial matters.

- a. The Financial Committee has suspended all discretionary spending pending approval of a revised 2018-2019 budget. Review of a revised 2018-2019 budget is scheduled for the November 2018 Board meeting.
- b. Several cost-cutting measures were discussed, including:
 - i. Finding retired teachers who may be willing to volunteer their services to provide staff evaluation instead of paying a contracted provider to evaluate staff. Amy Charpentier said she would inquire with some retired teachers to see if she could find any who might be willing to assist.

7. Adjourn

- a. Josh motions to adjourn at 5:40 pm