



Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 12, 2018

7:00pm – 9:00pm

General Meeting – AVA Library

Opening Procedures

- Call to order 7:00 – 7:10pm
Board Attendees: Hybarger, Nye, Rogers, Patton, Schroeder
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Recitation of AVA's mission & vision
- Review & approve agenda
Hybarger motion to approve agenda. Nye second. Unanimous approval.
- Consent agenda
- Approve March Board meeting minutes
Rogers motion to approve consent agenda. Nye second. Unanimous approval.
- Public comment 7:10 – 7:25pm
None
- SAC Committee 7:25 – 7:40pm
David Bodiker & Jean Fanning presented the SAC Survey which was conducted online this year with an average ranking of 3.16 on a 1- 4 scale. A few survey areas that took a dip in the prior year, have rebounded nicely and appear to be headed in a good direction. A few recommendations were mentioned by parents within the survey, including enhanced visibility by the Board, which will be evaluated by the Board to determine if additional steps could add value.
Other recommendations touched on areas of volunteer opportunities, academic opportunities (I.e. foreign language choices), and overall accountability. All recommendations are being reviewed in detail to determine if the school's approach should be updated.
- Parent satisfaction survey presentation – **See above.**
- Staff survey 2018-19 school year
- Administrative updates 7:40 - 8:10pm
Safety continues to be an important topic at AVA. The current camera system is being reviewed to make sure the setup is serving the school appropriately. Bids for an enhanced security system have been obtained ranging in price from \$31k to \$147k.
The Board discussed conducting a comprehensive safety review, likely to be conducted by our school resource officer, and this will be discussed and reviewed at future Board meetings.
On Wednesday, March 28th the Town of Castle Rock held an open house at AVA. The final design has been approved and the renderings were provided at the same time.
On May 23rd, the third annual 8th grade continuation ceremony will be held and both Jonathan Nye and Principal Barber will speak.
Discussion of lunch service – Douglas County is indicating the school needs a grease trap as part of the lunch services the school is providing. The cost for such a trap could be significant, so the school is looking at alternatives to either avoid this cost or minimize it.



Employment agreements for next year are beginning to be distributed. The goal is to have all complete by the end of April. The school is looking to add a few positions for next year, including two PARA positions and "interventionist" positions to help with additional instruction.

New Superintendent Thomas S. Tucker was recently named for the Douglas County School District. Dr. Tucker comes from Princeton City Schools in Cincinnati, OH.

District Funding – Mill levy overrides in Douglas County continue to lag compared to other neighboring school districts. This was more of an FYI so it's clear where our funding comes from and why our current environment is where it is.

Math Curriculum Review – the school currently uses Singapore Math curriculum. Another option for the school to consider is Saxon Math curriculum. Saxon Math is more of a traditional approach that most parents likely experienced through their primary and secondary education. The cost for switching to Saxon curriculum is being explored, as well as the potential logistics of the transition, and the Board will be updated at the next Board meeting to consider further.

Computer Proposal – There is one cart per grade level K – 5, and the proposal is to add a second cart per grade level. This would afford more flexibility in conducting assessments, etc. A proposal will be presented at a future Board meeting.

Job Descriptions – are in process of being updated where needed and include an acknowledgement form to make sure there is a good understanding of expectations.

- April Dashboard
- Legislative update – [See above](#)
- Staffing update – [See above](#)
- DCSD Services Agreement
- 8th grade Continuation - [See above](#)
- Finance Committee update

8:10 - 8:25pm

Most recent financial statements indicate a slight trend downward on net revenue, but a planned donation from the Foundation has not hit yet and will augment the net revenue figure before the end of the year.

A separate meeting with the Foundation was held to organize Quickbooks so that future financial reporting will contain more detail and allow the Foundation to track successful fundraising efforts vs other efforts that may not generate as much benefit.

Troy has had discussions with FirstBank about investing excess funds to be able to generate interest income, and the bank provided a few options that look viable. The Finance Committee will narrow down options and decide on the best step forward over the next month.

- Foundation finance meeting - [See above](#)

- Board Reports & Discussion

8:25 – 8:45pm

- Uniform policy - 1st read

[Reviewed and available within OneNote. Second read will occur at the May Board meeting.](#)

- Board Election update

Due to a single candidate running unopposed, per the Board Election Policy, Eric Patton was awarded Board Seat #3 to run effective through May 1, 2021.



- Foundation updates
Foundation structure dialogue will continue and will be added to the strategic session in June.
- Executive session (§24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S.), personnel matters; 8:45pm
Rogers motion to strike Executive session from the agenda. Nye second. Unanimous approval.
- Adjourn 9:00pm
Nye motion to adjourn at 9:26pm. Rogers second. Unanimous approval.