



# Board Meeting Minutes

## Thursday, March 8, 2018

7:00pm – 9:00pm

General Meeting – AVA Library

### Opening Procedures:

- Call to order 7:00 – 7:10pm  
Board Attendees: **Schroeder, Nye, Hybarger, Casten, Ruekert, Rogers**
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Recitation of AVA's mission & vision
- Review & approve agenda  
**Nye motion to amend the agenda to change Foundation Board Report to Foundation Discussion. Rogers second. Unanimous approval.**
  
- Consent agenda
  - Approve February Board meeting minutes  
**Nye motion to approve. Rogers second. Unanimous approval.**
- Public comment  
**None.**
  
- Administrative updates 7:25 – 7:55pm  
**Town of Castle Rock Park update. There will be an open house at AVA on 3/28/18 for residents to view the updated park plans.**

**There is a recommendation to eliminate the staggered start times for 2018-19. There are logistical challenges that exist with the current structure. Final decision will be made soon.**

**Review of the first draft of the 2018-19 AVA budget. Estimated per pupil funding amount is expected to increase, but the preliminary budget uses a more conservative increase that what is currently proposed by the governor. This will eliminate any surprises should the full increase not be approved by the legislature. In addition, initial estimates of health benefit costs are that there will be an increase. Administration is working with the current broker to mitigate any cost increases that would eat into any revenue increases. Based on a double-digit increase to health benefits, the net revenue amount would still be a healthy amount.**

**AVA family volunteer hours totaled 8,187 as of the March Board meeting.**

- March Dashboard
  - DIBELS & iReady data update  
**Improvement has been demonstrated from Beginning of Year (BOY) to Middle of Year (MOY) in most categories, with Math being the area needing the most attention. End of Year (EOY) tests will provide a clearer picture and will help determine an updated strategy for 2018-19.**
  - Legislative update
- DCSD Services Agreement (due to district March 22)
- Safety & security update  
**Security evaluations are ongoing and Douglas County School District will be delivering an updated security protocols in the Spring (tentatively).**



- Expansion of electives update  
**A new menu of electives are going to be available in the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester and should generate an interest and appeal to a large population of the school. Examples; archaeology, golf, and more.**
- Landscaping/snow removal – review scope of services  
**Administration will check on whether the current landscaping/snow removal contractor can handle the removal of snow from the sidewalk closest to Low Meadow Blvd.**
- Technology - 1 to 1 tablet progress review  
**Durability is not a concern. The devices are holding up pretty well so far. Testing has been more effective because of the devices, so that has been a nice benefit. The administration will have a more detailed report at next month's Board meeting, and possibly recommendations from an IT perspective at the April Board meeting**
- Finance Committee update  
**Update to Board regarding an upcoming meeting where the Finance Committee will meet with the Foundation Board to establish formal protocols regarding recordkeeping and reporting. That meeting should occur in March, with a formal recommendation to the Board at either the April or May Board meeting.**
  - Preliminary budget review  
**See note above under Administrative updates**
- Board Reports & Discussion 7:55 – 8:45pm
  - Colorado League of Charter Schools recap  
**Jonathan spoke at one session regarding facility/building planning. The event was well attended and overall was a success.**
  - Board positions - End of terms discussion  
**Open Board seat election will occur in May. Notice to go out soon.**
  - SAC Committee
    - Curriculum for 2018-19 update (Ex. Math)  
**Two committees are going to evaluate the current curriculum, and recommendations for 2018-19 curriculum should be available at the April Board meeting.**
  - Foundation Discussion
    - Update on Foundation structure and branding (Foundation vs. PTO)  
**The current structure is arranged properly being underneath the Board, as long as the desire is to keep it that way. Additional discussion will take place over the next few months to confirm whether this is the preferred structure going forward. As far as the branding (Foundation vs. PTO), a recommendation will be made to the Foundation to consider changing the name from the Foundation to a PTO. This will be reviewed at next month's Board meeting and the Board will look to make an official decision on the name/brand.**
  - Staff survey – 2nd review of survey questions  
**There were 142 responses received. The vast majority of the responses were positive toward the progress of the school. The SAC committee is going to start conducting a continuous review of policies and make updated recommendations as changes need to be made. Nye motion to approve staff survey discussion. Casten second. Unanimous approval.**
  - Principal renewal discussion  
**See below.**
- Executive session (§24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S.), personnel matters; 8:45pm  
(contract negotiation)



**Nye motion to enter executive session. Hybarger second. Unanimous approval.**

**Nye motion to amend the agenda to approve principal offer letter. Casten second. Unanimous approval**

**Rogers motions to approve Mr. Barber's offer letter as discussed within the executive session. Nye second. Unanimous approval.**

- **Adjourn 9:00pm  
Rogers motion to adjourn at 9:34pm. Schroeder second. Unanimous approval.**