



Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, September 20, 2018

7:00pm – 9:00pm

General Meeting – AVA Library

Opening Procedures:

7:00 – 7:10pm

- Call to order
Board Attendees: Patton, Nye, Hybarger, Casten
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Recitation of AVA's mission & vision

- Review & approve agenda
Nye motion to amend agenda to add consider resolution to support DCSD MLO Bond issue.
Patton second. Unanimous approval.

- Consent agenda
 - Approve August board meeting minutes
Nye motion to approve. Casten second. Unanimous approval.

- Public comment
None

7:10 – 7:25pm

- Administrative updates

7:25 – 8:00pm

- September Dashboard
Review of proposed 2019-2020 calendar. No major changes compared to current year. Currently, the last day of school for the current year is a full-day, but it is being proposed to move the last day to a half-day of school. The 2019-2020 school year would follow the same format with the last day being a half-day. The principal asked for Board approval to change the 2018-19 calendar.
Nye motion to approve the amendment to the 2018-19 school calendar. Patton second. Unanimous approval.

The Board discussed a possible re-branding strategy to highlight the core educational pillars of the school. The Board agreed to continue to consider what this might look like and which areas may need to be augmented to support the brand.

The MLO and Bond proposal from DCSD was reviewed and discussed. Currently the sample polls suggest there is a majority support for passing the measure. The superintendent has asked for each school's Board to consider supporting the measure.

The potential for adding a second pre-kindergarten room for 2020-2021 was discussed. This would require a reconfiguration of various structural, mechanical, and electrical components. The plan is to have an architect review the space and outline the changes that would be needed to accommodate such a reconfiguration. A second pre-kindergarten room could provide additional funding for the school and allow those students to move directly into kindergarten.

The school will soon have a National Junior Honor Society. It will be open to 7th and 8th grade students based on scholarship, leadership, character and service. It will be both an honor and commitment.



Saxon Math Transition – the transition has been fairly smooth. Some parents have commented that it is too easy. The beginning of the program is meant to be easier, but should increase in complexity as the year progresses. The beginning is meant to establish a solid foundation by building automaticity and speed.

Curriculum night was a success with a good turnout from the community. There was a portion of the evening spent highlighting volunteer opportunities which will hopefully generate additional interest and participation from our parents.

Skill Grouping Clarifications – the school is using a different grouping classification to identify where students are in terms of their progression such as: below grade level, on grade level, and above grade level. This classification seems to help in better identifying where a student is in their learning path as opposed to a high, mid-high, mid, mid-low, etc classification system.

AVA Indicators Matrix – a matrix has been created to determine a student’s high school readiness and factors in specific grades, pass/fail status in all classes, etc and can help identify a student that might be in a difficult stage that needs to be addressed in order to achieve improvement.

Caught Being Good – when a student is clipped up to gold, they are sent to the office and receive a prize and a postcard that brags on the student. That has been well received by parents.

APEX Fun Run – the fundraiser was a major success and generated more than \$30,000 in funds for the PTO which will be used to help make improvements to the library.

Safety/Security – two fire drills have already been conducted, and one lockdown drill has been conducted. 65 new high definition cameras have also been installed and have been operational since the beginning of the year.

Ground Work – Rylie’s memorial bench has been installed overlooking the field and mountains, which everyone is happy to have been installed and the location is in a great spot. A new bike rack area near the west side of the school is almost complete. It will alleviate crowding at the existing bike rack and keep students from having to cross a traffic lane.

- Safety philosophy discussion & update
See above
- Attendance, differentiation & strategic direction discussion
See above

- Finance Committee update

8:00 – 8:15pm

The Board would like to see the prior month’s P&L and budget at each of the future Board meetings. This will include the same information for the PTO financials.

To date, the finances are on track with the budget and look good.

The Board reviewed a proposal from DLH architecture to review the life-cycle of the school’s major components such as: roof, mechanical, electrical, parking lot, etc. This service from DLH would identify when the school can expect specific capital expenditures and can allow the school to budget appropriately. The Finance Committee is recommending to the Board to accept the proposal. Nye motion to approve the acceptance the proposal. Casten second. Unanimous approval.



- Board Reports & Discussion
8:45pm

8:25 –

- 2019-2020 calendar – review & approve
Nye motion to approve the above calendar. Patton second. Unanimous approval.
 - PTO update
Nye motion to approve the PTO budget. Casten second. Unanimous approval
Hybarger motion to approve merging the Wolf Shack bank account into the main PTO bank account. Patton second. Unanimous approval.
 - Finalize Staff Survey
Nye motion to approve the staff survey. Patton second. Unanimous approval.
 - Board training outline discussion
General template; pulled down from a couple different places:
 - Orientation (CDE training - 30 modules)
 - CLCS - 1 event/year
 - Potential for new Board members to attend at least one meeting from each of the school's standing committees (Ex. Finance Committee, SAC, etc)
 - MLO Bond Measure resolution action
Hybarger motion to approve the resolution. Patton second. Unanimous approval.
- Executive session (§24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S.), personnel matters; 8:45pm
Nye motion to enter executive session at 9:37pm. Patton second. Unanimous approval.
The purpose of the session is to hear the principal's report and discuss the status of the first trimester of the 2018-19 school year.
Nye motion to come out of executive session at 10:03pm. Patton second. Unanimous approval.
 - Adjourn 9:00pm
Hybarger motion to adjourn at 10:09pm. Patton second. Unanimous approval.