



Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 14, 2020 – 7:00pm

General Meeting – Library  
Call-in number (listen-only) 206-800-4634  
Participant Code: 813-94-365#

Opening Procedures: 7:00 – 7:05pm

- Call to order
  - **Called to order at 7:02;**
    - **Present attendees; Nye, Ruekert, Allen**
    - **Remote attendees; Schroeder, Hybarger, Patton, Casten & Aaron Ellsworth**
- Pledge of Allegiance
  - Recitation of AVA's mission & vision

#### Election results & action

- **Solicited interest in the open board seat. Only individual completed the requisite paperwork, Aaron Ellsworth. Congratulations to Aaron, and welcome to the AVA Board**
- **Nye motion to accept the election results, Ruekert 2nd. Approved 6-0**

#### Open Board Seat & action

- **Current seat occupied by Troy Schroeder is open for appointment. Troy expressed his willingness to continue to serve on the board for another term, especially in light of the financial and budget challenges we will be facing**
- **Ruekert motion to appoint Troy Schroeder to open board seat. Allen 2nd. Approved 7-0**

- Review & approve agenda
  - **Ruekert motion to approve agenda. Allen 2nd. Approved 7-0**
- Consent agenda
  - Approve April board minutes
    - **Ruekert motion to approve agenda. Shari 2nd. Approved 7-0**

- Public comment 7:05 – 7:15pm
  - **Mr. Michael Francavilla commented publicly.**

- Administrative updates 7:15 – 8:00pm
  - May dashboard
    - Staffing update
      - **Online learning has continued and remains strong. Teachers have done very well with accommodating the massive shift. Thank you to our parents & staff for all of the understanding.**
      - **Middle School AP Bruce Gordon will not be returning as he's leaving education. Thank you for all you've done for AVA and our middle school students, you will be missed, and we wish you the very best in your new venture!**
      - **We had a few teachers that are moving out of state or leaving AVA for the fall:**
        - **MS English teacher Ms. Herman is moving out of state and will be replaced by Mr. Branson**

- Bethany Hansen, MS Myusic teacher will be leaving. The position will be filled by Mr. Branning
      - 1st grade, Ms. Rothgeb & Ms. Hodge are leaving AVA and will be replaced by Ms. Bernacki & Ms. Risby
    - General & SY2020-21 update:
      - Since remote learning started, our teachers have done car parades, home drive-by's, but the teachers and parents are very excited to get back to school
      - Because of the unknown, and PPR situation, we are over-enrolling slightly in the event that we have some dropout. Currently at 916 FTE, including FT kindergarten.
      - AVA did have an arson incident on the property last week. A couple of teenagers lit a fire in a trash can behind the school near the cafeteria. Fortunately, there wasn't major damage to school property. Video evidence has been turned over to CRPD for further action.
      - A couple of small projects happening over the summer
      - Asking teachers to provide an update on the number of students that have completed assignments. A majority of our students have completed greater than 75% of their assignment.
    - Update from DCSD, insights & discussion
      - At the moment, CDE & Douglas County don't know when we will see PPR funding. At the moment we anticipate having PPR numbers by end of June.
      - There is no specific guidance on how we will go back to school in the fall. Bob is attending weekly District meetings, but at the moment, Mr. Barber doesn't have specifics. DPS & JeffCo have come out with some preliminary guidance.
- Board Reports, discussion, updates & actions 8:00 – 8:45pm
  - Committees reports:
    - Finance
      - 3rd quarter update
        - Reviewed current SY budget. Everything is on track, with us being at 83% of budget spent. No concerns noted.
      - SY2020-21 Budget
        - Working through various scenarios. Current budget scenarios range from flat PPR to as much -10% PPR
        - The budget we are proposing to submit as the initial budget to be submitted will be at -10% in PPR cuts, which reflects a negative net income of \$195,148
        - Schroeder motions to accept the 10% reduction in PPR funding as proposed 2020-21 SY as the initial budget submitted to DCSD, which reflect \$266,500 in cost savings for a net income of \$195,148. Ruckert 2nd. Approved 7-0.
        - Troy Schroeder thanked Bob & Jenn for all of the hard work in pulling together the initial agenda
    - PTO
      - The PTO had a fundraising goal of \$60k, raised \$58k, but will donate \$2k to hit the \$60k. Congrats to the PTO!

- The PTO paid for a food truck to come to the school so the entire staff could get free dinner for the family. Romo's Street Taco's, thank you to the PTO!!!
  - SAC
    - The SAC met in April and go through several policies. The SAC will be sending those over to the Board for review & 1st read. Visitor & Volunteer Policy, EEO & Principal Selection Policy.
    - Approved sending out the Parent Survey; should be closed by now, but we haven't seen the results. We should see those at June Strategic Planning.
  - Building
    - After looking at preliminary budget numbers and anticipating a significant reduction in PPR funding, the building committee asked Adragna Architecture to halt expansion activities to conserve all funds as much as possible.
    - The building committee recommended halting all expenditures until further discussion, PPR finalization and budget constraints are known.
    - There was board consensus to halt all expansion activities
- Board Strategic planning discussion & collaboration
  - Potential topics, goals & outcomes
    - KPI's, expand on what we started last year
    - Revisit the strategic plan
    - ELearning;
      - Policies relative to elearning
      - Adjustments needed
    - COVID related budget or other scenarios
    - Principal Evaluation Checkpoint 2.5
    - Board education for the community
      - Board "stuff" for Dummies
      - Communication Calendar

Board snippets wrap-up:

- 8th grade legacy item w/picture & 8th grade car parade
  - All building expansion activities are on hold
  - June strategic planning session on June 27, no July board meeting
  - As information becomes available from DCSD and/or CDE, communication will go out to the AVA Community as soon as possible
- Executive session: 8:45pm
  - (§24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S.), personnel matters
    - Nye motion to enter executive session at 7:56pm.
    - Ruekert 2nd. Ruekert, Casten, Nye, Ellsworth, Schroeder, Patton - AYE
  - Board action(s) – if applicable
    - Nye motion to leave executive session at 8:15pm. Schroeder 2nd. Allen, Ruekert, Casten, Nye, Ellsworth, Schroeder, Patton - AYE
- Adjourn
  - Patton motioned to adjourn, Allen 2nd. Approved 7-0



### Our Mission

Aspen View Academy will succeed through academic excellence in a challenging and stimulating learning environment that emphasizes math, technology and language arts, enabling our students to become critical thinkers, responsible citizens, strong community members and future leaders.

### Our Vision

We recognize that an education is incomplete without fostering the arts, sports, nature, and character. Together, with our students, faculty, parents and community, we will develop civic and personal responsibility, intellectual passion, and differentiated instruction in a safe, orderly, balanced and nurturing environment.

### Public Comment:

The Aspen View Academy Board works for the students, parents and patrons of Aspen View Academy in promoting the vision and mission of the school. Community input that can help the Board meet the challenge of educating our children to our high standards is always welcome. Thus, the Board welcomes comments from members of the public during the public comment time set aside on the agenda on any topic. Since we believe it is important for our community to have agenda topics ahead of time, the Board will rarely respond to public comments during this open forum. The Board will only take action on items listed on the agenda. For other matters, the Board will receive comments only, and may, at its discretion, refer the matter or calendar the issue for future discussion.