

Anser Charter School Community Board

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Date/time: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 Started: 6:00 PM Ended: 8:10 PM
Location: Anser Charter School
Purpose/notes: Regular scheduled meeting
Chaired by: Lora Breen
Minuted rec. by: Heather Dennis
Status: Minutes drafted

Attendance

Present: Nichoel Baird Spencer, Heidi Bauer, Lora Breen, Christina Bruce-Bennion, Maggie Chase, Brian Coffey, Heather Dennis, Michelle Dunstan, Barry Human, Tiffany Keeley, Maridee Lemieux, Brenda Marosvari, Christine Pisani, Staci Shaw, Stacy Slattery, Angie Temple
Regrets: Leslie Brown, Jennica Navarro
Invited guests: Oliver Maron (present)

Meeting documents

- 2018-2019 with comments for Board Approval.pdf
- Board Report 0118.pdf
- Budget Comparison Summary Dec 2017 .pdf
- Budget Development Schedule for FY19.pdf
- EdReportJan 2018.pdf
- Minutes-2017-11-14.pdf

Agenda

1. Anser's Mission

1.1. Anser's Mission and Vision

Anser's mission is to educate the whole child in a collaborative learning community where individuals are inspired to achieve their academic potential, be self-motivated and feel a sense of connection and responsibility to the world.

Anser's vision is to foster learning that imagines a better world and works toward realizing it; set high academic standards; promote creativity, discovery, reflection and balance; embrace diversity; and use developmentally appropriate practices and real-world experiences to educate within a climate of collaboration, community, character, and compassion.

Status: Completed

2. Standing Items

2.1. Introductions

Oliver Maron of Colliers International was introduced to the Board of Directors. Students, parents and teachers who attended the meeting introduced themselves.

Status: Completed

2.1.1. Hooray for Anser

The Book Fair had records sales of \$7500 raising \$4100 for teacher libraries. The Board thanked Staci Shaw for her efforts in coordinating the book fair for so many years. Three student interns from BSU will join Anser staff this year and return as student teachers in the Fall of 2018. The 6th-8th grade teaching team is coordinating a showing of Screenagers for 6th-8th graders and their parents that will be facilitated by a parent educator. Heather has reconnected with Head Start and was invited to present about charter schools at their kindergarten registration meeting. Michelle and Heather have worked with students and teachers to revamp the Lottery Open House to highlight more student voice. They also invited current 6th grade families to attend to learn more about Junior High.

Status: Completed

2.1.1.1. Review and Approve the Agenda and the Minutes of the Prior Meeting

Review and approve the agenda for the meeting and the minutes of the November 14th, 2017 meeting.

The agenda was reviewed. Nichoel Baird Spencer made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14th meeting. Angie Temple seconded the motion. Nichoel Baird Spencer made a motion to move section 6.2 up in the agenda to occur before 3.0. Maggie Chase seconded the motion. Approved.

Status: Completed

3. Financial Resources

3.1. Finance Committee Report

Review and Approve the December 2017 Budget Report

Maridee reviewed the December 2017 Budget Summary Report. Angie Temple moved to approve the December 2017 Budget Summary. Stacy Slattery seconded the motion. Approved.

Discussion was had regarding providing the Board with a balance sheet. The school currently provides this to US Bank quarterly and will provide it to the board on the same schedule going forward.

Status: Completed

3.2. Approve the FY19 Budget Development Calendar

Heather reviewed the schedule to develop the FY19 budget. Nichoel Baird Spencer moved to approve the schedule. Heidi Bauer seconded the motion. Approved.

Status: Completed

3.3. Alternative Authorization

Discussion and action on alternative authorization for R. Incorvia, including declaring a hiring emergency at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year for this position.

Michelle and Heather explained the Alternative Authorization process to the Anser Board. They explained that when they publicized the position for an Electives instructor in August 2017 they received only one applicant, R. Incorvia, who was certified to teach 6-8. They anticipated that Mr. Incorvia would receive an interim certificate as had been the case in past instances when a teacher had moved into the state to teach at Anser. The application for an interim K-8 certificate was denied. As a result the school is working with R. Incorvia to complete the ABCTE process.

Staci Shaw made a motion to declare a hiring emergency in August 2017 due to the lack of certified applicants, and to approve employing R. Incorvia as an Electives Instructor under Alternative Authorization. Christina Bruce Bennion seconded the motion. Approved.

Status: Completed

4. Academics

5. Integrity of the Organization

5.1. Approve the 2018-2019 Calendar

The Board reviewed the proposed 2018-2019 Calendar. The Calendar had been developed to align with Boise School District where possible and had been vetted by the faculty and Family Council. Nichoel Baird Spencer moved to approve the 2018-2019 calendar. Stacy Slattery seconded the motion. Approved.

Status: Completed

6. Vision for Anser

6.1. Future Planning

Review staff update on progress on future planning. Board discussion of ideas to consider as plans are made for Anser's future.

Nichoel Baird Spencer led the directors through a future visioning process to set vision and priorities for Anser's future. Areas where the school has excelled and areas where the school has been challenged were discussed. Ideas for future programs, opportunities for growth or investment in existing programs were envisioned. A number of teaching staff also attended the process and were able to offer their perspective and answer questions for Board members. The next steps will be for the Education and Organization Directors to review with the full staff the areas where the Board of Directors and Staff had alignment in vision and to pursue future opportunities for the school.

Status: Completed

6.2. Executive Session Pursuant to Idaho Statute 74-206(1) (c)

Executive Session Pursuant to Idaho Statute 74-206(1) (c) to discuss property acquisition.

Nichoel Baird Spencer made a motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Statute 74-206(1) (c) to discuss property acquisition. A vote was taken at 6:17pm to enter Executive Session. Christina Bruce Bennion seconded the motion. The following votes were cast:

Aye: Heidi Bauer, Lora Breen, Christina Bruce Bennion, Maggie Chase, Brian Coffey, Barry Human, Maridee Lemieux, Brenda Marosvari, Christine Pisani, Staci Shaw, Stacy Slattery, Angie Temple.

Nay: none.

The Executive Session ended at 6:55pm. Nichoel Baird Spencer made a motion to move out of Executive Session. Christine Pisani seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the following votes were cast:

Aye: Heidi Bauer, Lora Breen, Christina Bruce Bennion, Maggie Chase, Brian Coffey, Barry Human, Maridee Lemieux, Brenda Marosvari, Christine Pisani, Staci Shaw, Stacy Slattery, Angie Temple.

Nay: none.

Nichoel Baird Spencer moved to authorize staff and the Finance committee to explore the property discussed. Maridee Lemieux seconded the motion. Approved.

Status: Completed
