

Anser Charter School Community Board

Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Date/time: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 Started: 6:00 PM Ended: 7:30 PM
Location: Anser Charter School
Purpose/notes: Regular scheduled meeting
Chaired by: Heather Dennis
Minuted rec. by: Heather Dennis
Status: Minutes drafted

Attendance

Present: Nichoel Baird Spencer, Lora Breen, Maggie Chase, Heather Dennis, Michelle Dunstan, Barry Human, AnnMarie Johnson, Tiffany Keeley, Maridee Lemieux, Staci Shaw, Jeremiah Shinn, Nancy Tacke, Jeff Tonkin, Amy York
Absent: Heidi Bauer, Leslie Brown, Caitlyn Scales, Angie Temple

Meeting documents

- Anser Charter School Board Calendar 2018-2019.pdf
- Anser Property Options - 3-13-19.pdf
- ANSER proposa.pdf
- BOD Fund-a-Need appeal FINAL.pdf
- ByLaws-2019 amendments.pdf
- March 2019 Board Report.pdf
- Minutes-2019-02-19-v1.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

Status: Completed

2.1.1. Hooray for Anser

JH Students wrote and received a grant of \$800 to buy supplies to make meals for the hungry. So far over 3,200 meals have been made by students this school year. Exhibition Night season is coming. A JH Science Exhibition Night was held at the Discovery Center. Kelly McLeod was recognized as an Innovative Educator and KTVB is doing a piece about her trout in the classroom project. The communications that have been sent out to families about the Bluum Fellowship and upcoming changes have been well received.

Status: Completed

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

Review and approve the agenda and the minutes of the 2/18/19 meeting. (Action)

Nichoel Baird Spencer made a motion to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 2/18/19 meeting. Maridee Lemieux seconded the motion. Approved.

Status: Completed

3. Financial Resources

3.1. Finance Committee Report

Review and Approve the February 2019 Budget Report (Action Item)

Discuss Salary Schedule for teachers with non-certified experience prior to certification. This will be an introductory discussion, and a decision will be made regarding this issue at the April meeting.

Review information gathered related to the expense of developing the property at 203 E. 43rd St. Board members will give direction on whether to include the development of the property within the 2019-2020 budget, and on the timeline for the current tenant to remain on site. (Action Item)

The February Budget Report was reviewed. A small surplus is projected for the end of the fiscal year.

The Board had a discussion regarding the Anser Salary Schedule and how education experience is recognized. The consideration of accredited experience prior to certification and how it might be valued within the salary schedule was the focus of the conversation. A group of board members and teachers will meet to determine if this type of experience should be considered and if so, how.

Jeff Tonkin presented the information related to what expenses would be involved to use the property acquired at 203 E. 43rd St. After discussion of future plans Nichoel Baird Spencer moved and Barry Human seconded a motion to delay any plans to develop the property in the next fiscal year and to continue renting the property for FY20. Approved.

Status: Completed

4. Integrity of the Organization

4.1. Executive Session Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (f)

Executive Session Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (f) to discuss possible litigation.

At 7:36pm Nichoel Baird Spencer made a motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (f). A voice vote was taken. All members present voted "aye" to move into Executive Session. At 8:17pm Staci Shaw made a motion to leave Executive Session. AnnMarie Johnson seconded the motion. Approved. Executive Session ended.

Status: Completed

4.2. Appoint Negotiators for Charter Revisions proposed by Boise School District (Action Item)

Appoint parties to negotiate a possible charter amendment with Boise School District. (Action Item)

Nichoel Baird Spencer moved to authorize Heather Dennis and Michelle Dunstan to negotiate any possible changes to the Special Education Agreement with Boise School District staff without attorneys present. Any proposed revisions to the Special Education Charter Agreement will be presented to attorneys outside of said meetings. Maridee Lemieux seconded the motion. Approved.

Status: Completed

4.3. Governance

Discuss skill sets that need to be recruited, possible members and timeline for recruitment of board members.

Review Suggested changes to bylaws.

Status: Completed

4.4. Continuous Improvement Plan Review and Planning

The 2018-2019 Continuous Improvement Plan will be reviewed, and committee progress toward the goals will be reviewed. The process to develop the 2019-2022 plan will be reviewed.

The process to finalize the goal outcomes for the 2018-2019 Continuous Improvement Plan and begin the goal writing process for the 2019-2020 Continuous Improvement Plan was reviewed. Committees will submit a summary of how their 2018-2019 goals were addressed at the April 2019 meeting.

Status: Completed

5. Academics

6. Vision for Anser

6.1. Update on Anser Beyond20 efforts

An update will be given on steps taken, steps to be taken, and opportunities available to support the Anser Beyond20 efforts.

A Timeline for charter work, and decisions to be made in order to meet deadlines.

A broad discussion of steps that have been taken to begin Anser's Beyond20 work. Heather shared information received through meetings with Building Hope, Bouma Construction and in conversations with fellow charter leaders whose organizations have replicated. The timeline for submitting a proposed charter to Boise School District was discussed.

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