



Anderson Creek Academy
Board of Directors' Meeting
Minutes
November 18, 2020



The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:01pm at Anderson Creek Academy virtually due to COVID 19. He welcomed board members, staff and guests. A quorum was present.

Board Members Present:

- Ken Adelberg
- Dr. Kerry Agnello
- Andy Barr
- Lisa Clifford
- Dr. Mary Majors
- Wes Martin
- Grace Merkle
- Steve Shotz
- Ann Stein
- John Werderman

Guests: Mr. Council, Mr. Wheeler, Mrs. Sheeley, Ms. Danielo, Ms. Laughlin, Ms. Connie Matthews, Ms. Rossignol, Johnson, Mrs. Weymouth, Mrs. Legg, Mr. Haggard, Mrs. Werderman and others.

Mr. Adelberg moved, Mr. Barr seconded, to approve the previous month's minutes. **Motion passed unanimously.** Mrs. Stein noted that the board is represented by 5 Veterans' spouses and Army, Navy and Coast Guard Veterans, with two members still serving.

Committee Reports

Academic Mr. Council thanked all for their work. He noted that the school would like to purchase additional educational software due to remote learning as a result of COVID 19. He said it is very important to provide parents with additional resources. Mr. Council also recommended that we continue to recognize scholars for their success. The school completed MAPS testing with the next tests scheduled in the Spring. He will propose a change in schedule during the second semester with additional class days. Mr. Werderman asked for discussion. Mrs. Clifford said that students need help and teachers need time to plan. Dr. Agnello stated the school will keep to medical guidelines. Much discussion followed. Mr. Council will send options to parents and will discuss with the board in December. Mr. Council recommends Ms. Sherry Harrison for 4th Grade teaching, to begin in the next semester.

Medical Dr. Agnello reported 2 students and 1 staff member have tested positive; all have recovered. Twelve are in quarantine status. ACA follows CDC guidelines which are updated frequently. CDC's Thanksgiving guidelines echo current events with recommended masks, washing hands and avoiding travel. Mr. Council stated that Mrs. Sheeley works very hard to keep ACA safe. He recommended virtual classes prior to and after Thanksgiving. Mr. Werderman stated a number of schools would follow that protocol. Dr. Agnello stated it was hard to make a good informed decision, as medically ACA is a safe place. ACA is doing as good as it can be. A discussion followed with a concern for giving preparation time for schedules. Board members unanimously supported the current schedule.

Uniform Mrs. Stein reported that uniform donations continue; lending closet is available to all. She thanked the volunteers for collecting, washing, folding and stocking the closet.

Public Relations Mrs. Clifford shared the Community Update. She is working on the calendar to make it equitable and shared information on the National School Choice program. The state recognized ACA's dance video. She stated COVID is providing challenges and ACA is looking at options and discussing compensation and incentives for employees. She wants this be a great place to work.

Building Mr. Barr stated he is working the plans with the county for increased school construction. The earliest day for ground breaking would be in the next calendar year. The Ray Road School sign has been repaired and NC DOT should have a new sign soon. The broken pillar will be repaired as soon as he can get a mason out to work on the bricks. A team assessed the landscaping and Mr. Barr met with company to correct shortfalls which fall under multiple contracts such as exterminator and landscaping. Mr. Barr will work a plan for planting near the new parking area. Mr. Shotz described the bank discussions for construction financing. The bank has financed multiple charter schools and recognizes the excellent work the school and board have done. Mr. Werderman asked for tentative approval for a \$1.6 m loan for increased school facilities so that the Building team is prepared to proceed pending bank approval. Mr. Adelberg moved, Dr. Agnello seconded to tentatively approve requesting a \$1.6 m loan for increased school facilities. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Financial Report Mr. Werderman reported that NC has given additional funding equal to 8 students--all being spent on COVID costs. Mr. Martin moved, Mr. Barr seconded, to approve previous months' financial statements. **Motion passed unanimously.** Mrs. Clifford moved, Dr. Agnello seconded, to approve the contract for Ms. Violet Finney. **Motion passed unanimously.** Mrs. Clifford moved, Dr. Agnello seconded, to approve the contract for Ms. Sherry Harrison. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Head of School Report Mr. Council presented during Academic Committee.

New Business Mr. Werderman stated the Board Training Session is usually January but might need to be in February. He recommended moving the December meeting to December 16; no concerns. Mr. Werderman proposed lottery and new building discussion for December.

Old Business No old business.

Public Comment There were no requests for public comment. Mr. Werderman opened the floor. Dr. Agnello reminded all to reduce risk of COVID, it is recommended to open windows and spend time outdoors. Ms. Daniello thanked Mrs. Werderman for the masks.

Closed Session No closed session.

Adjournment Mrs. Clifford moved, Mr. Martin seconded, to adjourn the meeting. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

Next Board Meeting December 16, 2020