



ASPIRE CHARTER ACADEMY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 19, 2017

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Meeting Called By	Mike Sullivan, President
Type of Meeting	Board Meeting
Facilitator	
Start Time	6:20 p.m.
Attendees	Sharon Owen, Elaine Fitzgerald, Mike Sullivan, Tom Durkee; Pam Schenkel; Sheree Fox; Dave Herbster; Charisma Cyprian (on phone); George Miarcki
Absent	Robert Summers; Michael Miller
Approval of Minutes	Motion to Approve the Minutes from the January 11, 2017 call by Mike Sullivan, seconded by Elaine Fitzgerald. Motion passed.

Discussion: We approved a new board member, Dave Herbster, who is in attendance this evening. Mike made a motion and Elaine seconded Motion to add Dave Herbster to the board of directors of Aspire.

Discussion: Robert Summers is resigning from the board and it has been approved. Mike made a motion and Sharon seconded.

Discussion: Status of contract renewal: We discussed the new

Contract for the school and now we will be considered an alternative education center. School grading will not apply now. The contract is for 15 years now. We will now be only be graded on learning gains. We are still the lowest 300 in the state, but the learning gains are still very good. We now have 3 levels as an alternative school, commendable, maintaining and declining. If we get declining 2 years in a row, we will be closed.

Goals are that 26% of our children will be on grade level and make learning gains. Based on the learning gains we had last year, we should be fine. Durability of the contract is financeable.

Discussion: Plans to restructure next year. We need to get kids identified better. Headcount now at 108. Our capacity is 140. Our contract goes from proficiency to growth. The contract goes to the school board on January 24th on the consent agenda.

Discussion: Out of field teacher approved - Rhiannon Whitemore is certified. Motion made by Mike and approved by Elaine. Motion carried.

Discussion: Budget - George discussed revenue and capital outlay. We were awarded capital outlay, which will pay our rent. We will need to order new curriculum next year. Reviewed budget, ups and downs in different areas. We received a little more money because our school is in the lowest 300 schools and has to be open another hour a year and the teachers get paid an extra \$4,000.00 a year for that hour of pay. We are at a positive of \$50,000.00 at this time. We are spending less than we are receiving. If we have operational losses for 2-3 years and in a declining financial position, we will not get the capital outlay. We merged the charitable account into the operating account. Mike made a Motion to approve the budget for this year and it was seconded by Elaine.

Discussion: We discussed keeping George Miarcki's as our accountant

and renew his contract. His annual pay is \$12,000.00, we will raise him to \$14,000.00. Motion by Mike and seconded by Tom.

Discussed: Marketing the school to get more children and to get more help for the front office. We want to restructure to get the children labeled and have help outside of the classroom. Discussed wanting a middle school for our children to attend. We need more children to drive up revenue here, restructure and be able to help open a middle school. We now have a 15 year contract that will help finance to get more people to help run this school and free up time for Pam and Sheree to possibly help branch out and possibly help a middle school open. We need a staffing person.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm