

AFSA K-12
Work Session Agenda
Elementary Cafeteria

September 26, 2023

4:00 - 5:00 pm

AGENDA TOPICS

Board Members Present: Kate Plaisance, Julie Cox, Leslie Scherer, Kerry Schulte , Brady Jones, David Smith

Board Members Absent:

A. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Julie Cox gave updates on the school board handbook. Julie will make suggested updates and revisions for board consideration at the next meeting for board consideration..
2. Erik Bruner-Wiltse and Kate Plaisance led discussion on the OW authorizing activities overview
3. Erik Bruner-Wiltse gave an overview of the planned agenda for the board training on October 21. The training will include topics related to EEO, equitable hiring/firing practices, harassment in the workplace and reporting procedures, anti-bias/micro aggression training, upstander/bystander training, and updates on new board policies.

B. ADJOURN at 5:00

AFSA K-12
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Elementary Cafeteria

September 26, 2023

5:00 - 6:30 pm

AGENDA

Board Members Present: Kate Plaisance, David Smith, Julie Cox, Brady Jones, Kerry Schulte, Leslie Scherer

Board Members Absent: 3 vacant positions (2 parent positions, 1 teacher position)

A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. Call to Order

Mission: The Academy for Sciences and Agriculture (AFSA), a public charter school for grades K-12, engages learners in academically rigorous, student-centered, hands-on experiences and leadership opportunities within a science, environmental education, and agricultural context.

Vision: AFSA will develop lifelong learners who are curious, care for others and have high skill levels in applied sciences, and will be prepared for a future in a diverse, global and changing society

Honoring Native Peoples We would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Dakota People, and pay our respect to elders both past and present.

2. Determination of Quorum - a quorum of board members is present
3. Determination of Conflict of Interest on any agenda items - no conflicts of interest were noted
4. Approve Agenda - Leslie Scherer moved to amend the agenda to include the appointment of a clerk for the open position and to move the retreat follow-up agenda item to the board meeting (duplicate item was on the work session agenda). Julie Cox seconded, the motion passed unanimously. David Smith moved to approve the amended agenda, Brady Jones seconded, motion passed unanimously
5. Approval of Minutes - Julie Cox moves to approve the minutes as circulated, seconded by David Smith, motion passed unanimously
6. Erik Bruner-Wiltse gave the Financial Report. Approval of Financial Report - Brady Jones moved to accept the financial report, authorize payment of invoices and acceptance of gifts. David Smith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

B. GUEST COMMENTS - Scott Stene and Jenny Cook, potential parent board member appointees, introduced themselves to the board.

C. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. School Activities Reports- Liz Burkwald and Erik Bruner-Wiltse gave updates on activities at each school.
2. Committee Reports - Julie Cox gave a report from the election committee with recommendation for Jenny Cook and Scott Stene to be appointed to the vacant parent member positions. She also recommended Jack Roessler for the open teacher position.

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. AFSA Formative EE performance evaluation - Erik Bruner-Wiltse and Liz Burkwald updated the board on the most recent Formative Environmental Education Evaluation from Osprey Wilds and gave an overview on the process in creating EE goals and the classroom activities that inform the data.
2. Kate Plaisance and Julie Cox gave an update on the September 23 board retreat. Both spoke about positive additions, the focus on retention and marketing, the focus on increased diversity in staffing, and streamlining of the board's strategic plan and goals.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. Board member appointments - Julie Cox moved to appoint the two parent members as recommended, Jenny Cook and Scott Stene, Brady Jones seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Jenny Cook will serve the remainder of the position ending on June 20, 2024. Scott Stene will serve the remainder of the position ending on June 30, 2025.

Julie moved to appoint Jack Roessler to fulfill the open teacher position, Brady Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. Clerk position - Julie Cox moved to appoint Kerry Schulte to the board's clerk position. Leslie Scherer seconded, the motion passed unanimously

F. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Next meeting:

- a. Regular meeting October 24, 2023 at 5 pm

G. Adjourned at 6:20