

**American Renaissance  
School Board of Directors  
Meeting December 04, 2020  
5:30 pm**

***Mission: To ensure a standard of academic excellence by providing a nurturing environment that allows each child to reach their fullest potential as students and citizens.***

Board Members Present: Michele Knapp, Kameron Brown, Danny Carpenter, Raphael Weeks, Frank DiGangi

Board Members Not Present: Jonathan Bell, Tray Sain, Caity Gordon

Administrative Staff Present: Jim Duffey, Jessica Duncan, John Mairs, Andrea Leluika, Danielle Cusick, Tai McMiller,

Administrative Staff Not Present:

Call to Order at 5:30 pm Michele Knapp

Approval of Agenda Michele Knapp

*Motion to approve by Kam. Seconded by Raphael.*

Recognitions:

Jim recognized the ARS Football team for a great season

Jim recognized the ARS Cheerleaders for their support.

Jim recognized the Girls on the run team. All 5 girls finished the 5K in under 40 minutes.

Approval of Minutes Michele Knapp

*Motion to approve by Danny. Seconded by Raphael.*

Public Comments:

## Committee Reports

- Finance Monthly  
Fundraising:

Jim and Jessica are looking to recruit non-board members to join the development committee.

RAP Report: Gretchen advised all of the RAP uniforms have been passed out and that RAP has started preparing for the GALA

Jim advised that he will be asking all board members for help with location sponsors.

- Facilities Jim spoke about the survey contract to get a survey of the property. Jim discussed his meeting with Statesville City Officials who are very excited about us building our school downtown.

Jim reported that Jonathan is working on the easement issues which have stalled and he is just waiting on an answer from their Corporate Office.

Jim discussed the traffic study was conducted and they have their traffic counts possibly discussing staggered start and release times.

Jim spoke about the Access Grant: Craig Tucker, who will write the grant, Fee is \$7000. He will require \$1700 up front, \$1700 upon submission and the balance upon approval. If the grant is not approved he will not take any money. Jim advised that Mr Tucker will only write 4 grants and he is already committed to 3 and is waiting to hear from us.

- Motion made by Raphael to Implement Ed NC for \$3500 to write and submit the Access Grant Second: Frank Motioned carried

- Motion made Danny to accept the survey contract for Geomatic for the sum of \$6100 Second: Kameron Motion carried

Motion made by Kameron to accept the ProCare TVI Visions Service contract.  
Second: Raphael Motion carried

Motion made by Kameron to accept the contract for speech and language services with Meridith Ann Morrison Second: Danny Motioned carried

Motioned made by Raphael to use Endeavor Physical Therapy  
Second: Kameron Motion carried

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Motion made by Kameron to hire Brittany Broom as the ARS 3rd grade teaching position  
Second: Raphael Motion approved.

• **Next Meeting and Adjourn**

- The next meeting is February , 2020 @ 5:30pm
- *Danny made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Kam B. Motion carried.*

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CLOSED SESSION

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**AGENDA ITEM  
REQUEST**

**SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:** Modification to school enrollment policy- 2

**AGENDA MEETING DATE REQUESTED:**

12/5/18

**FROM**

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**1. Current and future budget implications:** This will help us fill all of our seats and ensure full funding

**2. Potential cost savings:** NA

**3. Non-monetary value:** Full seats, active waiting list

**4. Mandate or plan recommendation:** Change the 15 day response time allotted to families to accept or decline a spot to 48 hours

**5. Funding origin:** NA

**6. Consequences for not acting:** During a two week period, many people further down the list chose alternatives. This year we have 10 open seats, largely as a result of this. The cost is near 15,000.

**7. Downside:** None

**8. Department Recommendation:** I recommend the change to a 48 waiting period.

**Director's Comments:** Below are two possible modified enrollment policies. Both take the acceptance period from 15 days to a more standard 48 hrs. This is what most schools I have talked to use and what OCS has said is a good model. This will allow us to fill seats more rapidly and allow those on the waiting list adequate time to make a choice without slowing the process and putting us up against the 20th day timeline. I feel this is an extremely important change to make as this year, waiting so long caused some seats to remain unfilled after the 20th day. I believe with this in place we can be at capacity in June rather than searching for folks in August.

The second policy also eliminates a deadline for accepting new students. We currently do not accept students after the 20th day. After the 20th day the school will no longer receive the state funding for that student. This is why we originally established the deadline. We do continue to receive county funding for students after the 20th day. This funding is significantly less, but adds up with multiple students. I am less sure about this change and would like to discuss.

Signature: Date: 12/3/18

