

American Renaissance School
Meeting of the Board of Directors (BOD)

Open meeting minutes

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

6:30 p.m.

Dated Wednesday, May 3, 2017

The Meeting was **Called to Order** at 6:30 pm by Sam Kennington

Board Members Present: Sam Kennington, Harriette Bailey, Michele Knapp, Marc Davis, Frank DiGangi, Sharon Bell, Anna Johnson, Jonathan Beill

Board Members Absent: Matt Reyes

Administrative Staff Present: Jim Duffey, Betsy Rosenbalm, Jessica Duncan, John Mairs

Administrative Staff Absent: n/a

Others in Attendance: n/a

1. Call to Order – Sam Kennington, Board Chairman

- Moment of silence
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Review of open meeting laws and Freedom of Information Act

2. Public Comment – N/A

3. Adoption of Agenda

- Sharon Bell moved to adopt the agenda. Motion was seconded by Frank DiGangi. Motion passed.

4. Approval of minutes:

April 5, 2017 minutes were presented for approval.

- Jonathan Bell moved to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Frank DiGangi. Motion passed.

5. Special Recognition

- Anna Johnson
 - Tradd Street PE Project
 - MacDonald Family (Kami, Adam, Maycee, Lyla and Audrey)
 - Mike Davis
 - Trevor Johnson
 - Scott Johnson
- Jessica Duncan
 - Michelle Davis and Science Projects
 - ARS Fire Safety Team
 - Autumn Clearlock Fundraising

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- John Mairs
 - Anita Waugh and 2017-18 School Calendar Committee
- Betsy Rosenbalm
 - Zac Mazag – Eagle Scout Project

New Business

Committee Reports

- **Finance**
 - Financial Report submitted for approval.
 - Harriette Bailey moved to accept the budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Frank DiGangi. Motion passed.

- **Governance**
 - Updated Grievance Policy posted on website.
 - There will be three BOD vacancies at the end of the 2016-17 academic year and two additional BOD vacancies at the end of the 2017-18 academic year
 - The committee will post the BOD application on the website and schedule meetings with interested applicants over the course of the summer (June-August 2017).

- **Property and Facilities**
 - Plans for the Tradd St. Grand opening are going well
 1. Grant applications have been submitted to: Home Depot, Walmart
 2. 5th grade class gift to ARS will be a donation of trees bordering the property
 3. Plans to improve the running path are under way
 - Groups are meeting diligently and working on future of ARS school site
 - No formal proposals at this time

- **Development/Fund raising**
 - RAP update – looking forward to assisting with fund-raising for the 2017-18 Academic year
 - The Development Committee needs volunteers/assistance for the Spring Gala
 - Considering repeating the Butter Braid fundraiser to help offset the costs of field trip participation

- **Personnel**
 - Search Committee process updates were shared
 1. Nine candidate phone screenings
 2. Six interviews with search committee

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3. Will identify 3 candidates to meet with search committee, school community and BOD
4. Final discussion slated to begin by the end of May.

○ **School Report**

- Jim Duffey
 - City of Statesville Sidewalk Work
 - Air Quality/Moisture Update
 - Magnet High School Information
- Jessica Duncan
 - CogAT Testing
 - LST Summer Fundraiser
 - Spring Gala/Talent Show Updates
 - 2017-18 Building Updates
 - DPI Beginning Teacher Support Plan
- Betsy Rosenbalm
 - K-2 MAP Testing: May 8-18
 - IDEA 611 Grant: due to state June 23
 - LEA Self-Assessment: due to state May 26
 - End -of-Grade Test (EOG's)
 - 1. Friday, May 19, 2017 3rd – 5th ELA EOG
 - 2. Monday, May 22, 2017 3rd – 5th Math EOG
 - 3. Tuesday, May 23, 2017 5th & 8th Science EOG
 - 2:00 pm – Take scores to Wilkesboro to get results for 3rd grade re-test
 - 4. Wednesday, May 24, 2017 Make-ups for Elementary: Re-group for 3rd grade
 - re-test; Extend 1 Testing
 - 5. Thursday, May 25, 2017 6th – 8th ELA EOG
 - 6. Friday, May 26, 2017 6th – 8th Math EOG
 - 7. Monday, May 29, 2017 Holiday
 - 8. Tuesday, May 30, 2017 8th Math 1 EOC
 - 3rd Grade Reading Re-take
 - 2:00 pm – take scores to Wilkesboro to get results
 - 9. Wednesday, May 31, 2017 Make-ups for Middle and Elementary School
 - 10. Thursday, June 1, 2017 Make-ups for Middle and Elementary School

6. Board Chair Remarks

- BOD Annual Meeting will be 6/7/17 (regularly scheduled meeting)

7. Closed Session (if needed) – Closed session

- Frank DiGangi moved to go into closed session to discuss attorney privilege and personnel issues. Jonathan Bell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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8. Next Meeting and Adjourn –

Proposal to hold annual meeting on 5/30/17 instead of 6/7/17. Motion seconded by Matt Reyes. Motion passed.

The next meeting of the board of directors will be on May 30, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the K-5 Building board room.

Jonathan Bell made a motion to adjourn.
The motion was seconded by Harriette Bailey.
The motion carried.

A motion to approve these board minutes is made, seconded and passed.

Approved on: May 3, 2017 Signature of Officer: Harriette N. Bailey