



ALMA D'ARTE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Governance Council Minutes

Regular Meeting, Monday, October 18th, 2021 @ 6:00 pm

Alma d'arte Charter High School, Via Zoom

COUNCIL MEMBERS Paul Dulin | Kimberly Skaggs | Ron Fitzherbert | Vernon Wilson | Richelle Ponder | Cynthia Wise

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I. Introduction

- A. Call to Order. (G) - Chairman Dulin called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.
- B. Roll Call of Members (G) – Members present are: P. Dulin, V. Wilson, K. Skaggs, R. Ponder, C. Wise, R. Fitzherbert. Also present are K. Martinez, Principal/CAO, A. Lerner, Alma business manager, and P. Matthews, attorney for Alma d'arte.
- C. Conflict of Interest Disclosures as may be applicable. (G) - none
- D. Approval of Agenda. (G) – K. Skaggs made a motion to approve the agenda as published. R. Ponder seconded the motion. All members voted in favor and the agenda was approved.
- E. Approval of September 20th, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes. (G) K. Skaggs made a motion to approve the minutes as published. R. Ponder seconded the motion to approve. All members voted in favor and the minutes were approved as published.
- F. Announcements.

II. Public Comment (Three minutes per speaker, 30-minutes for all speakers. No action will be taken.)

ALL ITEMS BELOW ARE LISTED FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

III. New Business

- A. GC Member Required Training Update, including Charter Renewal Training. (A/G) – no significant update at this time.
- B. Approval of PEC/Alma d'arte MOU regarding charter renewal (A/G) – P. Matthews spoke about her involvement with the PEC on getting the MOU drafted before this meeting. K. Skaggs made a motion to approve the PEC/Alma d'arte MOU. R. Ponder seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: V. Wilson – yes, K. Skaggs – yes, R. Ponder – yes, C. Wise – yes, R. Fitzherbert – yes, P. Dulin – yes. The majority voted in favor and the MOU was approved.
- C. Approval of NMSU/Alma d'arte Dual Credit Master Agreement. (A/G) – K. Martinez explained that this MOU is necessary to allow us to participate in dual credit through NMSU. K. Skaggs made a motion to approve the MOU. C. Wise seconded the motion to approve. Members voted as follows: V. Wilson – yes, K. Skaggs – yes, R. Ponder – yes, C. Wise – yes, R. Fitzherbert – yes, P. Dulin – yes. The majority voted in favor and the MOU was approved.

IV. Old/Recurring Business

- A. Approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the staff and the Governance Council of Alma d'arte Charter High School. (A/G) – P. Dulin commented that after a long process the collective bargaining agreement is finally ready for approval. R. Fitzherbert asked for clarification with an item in Article 19. P. Dulin suggested that the board approve the CBA and bring the concerns to R. Padilla later. R. Ponder moved to approve the Collective bargaining agreement with attention to the items for clarification. K. Skaggs seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: V. Wilson – abstain, K. Skaggs – yes, R. Ponder – yes, C. Wise – yes, R. Fitzherbert – yes, P. Dulin – yes. The majority voted in favor and the CBA was approved.
- B. Date and arrangements of ceremony to formally name the Alma d'arte Auditorium after Irene Oliver-Lewis. (A) – K. Martinez stated that now that we are back from Fall break, preparations will be made once she can meet with Ms. Oliver-Lewis. Principal Martinez will report back to the GC once she is able to meet with Irene.

- C. Discussion and approval of pandemic policies/restrictions regarding returning to in-person teaching and requirements that all staff and students be vaccinated. (A/G) – C. Wise made a motion to approve for discussion purposes only. R. Fitzherbert seconded the motion. P. Matthews, Attorney for Alma d'arte spoke on the lawful aspects of the policies/restrictions. After a lengthy discussion, C. Wise withdrew her motion to approve. R. Fitzherbert also withdrew his second. C. Wise then made a motion to table this agenda item until next board meeting. V. Wilson seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: V. Wilson – yes, K. Skaggs – yes, R. Ponder – yes, C. Wise – yes, R. Fitzherbert – yes, P. Dulin – yes. The majority voted in favor and the item was tabled. The GC asked that Patty Matthews prepare a new draft of the policy to be considered during the next GC Board meeting on November 15. This draft would meet legal requirements and relate to only requirements for adults.
- D. Monthly Financial Report
1. Financial Statements as of September 30, 2021. (F) – A. Lerner gave the financial statements reports.
 2. BAR's Approval (if required). (G) BAR's 8-I, 9-IB.
 3. Payroll and Accounts Payable Acceptance and Approval. (G)- K, Skaggs made a motion to approve September BAR's 8-I and 9-IB and Payroll & Accounts Payable for September 2021. C. Wise seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: V. Wilson – yes, K. Skaggs – yes, R. Ponder – yes, C. Wise – yes, R. Fitzherbert – yes, P. Dulin – yes. The majority voted in favor and the BAR's and September financial statements were approved.
- E. Monthly Administrative Report
1. Monthly Principal's Update Report, including Charter Renewal. (A)- K. Martinez gave the monthly report. The Charter Renewal was submitted on October 1st. The school site visit with CSD will be on November 1st. Charter renewal will be on December 8-10th. K. Martinez requested the 10th but does not know if it will be in person or virtual. We received a \$73,000 grant for covid testing. The grant provides money and resources for surveillance testing of unvaccinated staff and students. Testing is on a voluntary basis. ESSER Fund is going forward well. Technology in the building for internet and phone systems is forthcoming in the next few weeks. Schoolwide Thanksgiving dinner will be on November 12, 2021. The Winter Showcase is another Alma wide event that is forthcoming in December. It is designed to provide a look at the arts side of Alma and to showcase talents herein. PSAT will be on October 26, 2021, for all sophomores and a handful of juniors.
 2. Equity Council Update. (A/G) – There was no meeting this month for equity council. K. Martinez & R. Padilla will report once we have new information.

VI. Future Business/Next Meeting Agenda Items for Discussion or Revision

- A. Immunization Requirement update.
- B. Irene Oliver-Lewis Theater update.
- C. Building rental policy update.

VII. Adjournment – C. Wise made a motion to adjourn. V. Wilson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor and P. Dulin adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

****** (A) - Administration, (G) – Governance Council, (F) - Finance ****** One or the other of these three notations will appear at the end of each item, depending on who is introducing the item.