



**Regular Board Minutes  
April 20, 2022**

**1. WELCOME - CALL TO ORDER AND RECOGNITION OF A QUORUM**

Vice Chairperson Frent conducted the board meeting due to Chairperson Wheatly being tardy because of traffic.

Time: 6:01	Present	Absent
Mr. Jonathan Wheatley - Chairperson	<u>X</u>	_____
Mrs. Claudia Frent – Vice-Chairperson	<u>X</u>	_____
Mrs. Ruth Kropp – Trustee	<u>X</u>	_____
Dr. John Kelleher – Trustee	<u>X</u>	_____
Mr. Tom Anderton – Trustee	<u>X</u>	_____
Mr. Todd Joyner – Trustee	<u>X</u>	_____

**2. OFFICIAL OPENING - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA**

Trustee Joyner moved to adopt the board agenda. Trustee Kelleher seconded. The motion passed with a 6-0-1 vote. (Roll call vote: VC Frent approved. Kropp approved. Kelleher approved. Anderton approved. Joyner approved. Chairman Wheatly was tardy for the vote.)

**4. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Trustee Anderton motioned to approve the minutes from the March 16 and March 28th board meetings. Joyner seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0-1 vote. (Roll call vote: VC Frent approved. Kropp approved. Kelleher approved. Anderton approved. Joyner approved. Chairman Wheatly tardy for vote.)

**5. AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS BOARD OF TRUSTEES-COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC**

There were no public comment requests.

**6. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- A. Charter Non-authorization Appeal Update
- B. School Improvement
- C. COVID-19 Update

Superintendent Turner explained that Another Choice Virtual Charter School’s appeal to the State Board of Education was filed on April 4th. The state board will have a meeting soon where they will appoint a hearing officer to the case. Anticipate that we will hear soon when our hearing will be held. Turner provided an overview of the evidence being collected for the appeal: New board



members and training; ISEE reporting corrections; new checks and balances measurers; public transparency, through changes in the board agenda, and the addition of links to documents that have been made public; more technology at the meeting so that the virtual component of the meeting runs smoothly and everyone can hear; financial reports and website reports (additional presentations to come.) Data reports are on the website and have been given to the board and stakeholders. Plan B for reauthorization is to go to the Wilder School District. Idaho law prohibits Wilder from authorizing a virtual charter school. They do, however, have a virtual school that currently serves grades 3-8. They would like to expand and are interested in absorbing ACVS' teachers and students. A meeting is taking place on April 21st to learn more about their program. This collaboration provides an opportunity for teachers and students if plan A doesn't work out to be reauthorized by the State Board of Education. Turner gave an abbreviated powerpoint presentation of "A Day in The Life of Data" See attached document. Also posted on the ACVS website. ACVS serves a high population of at-risk students. This charter school provides a setting for students who need a place to land and succeed (when they can't in a traditional setting.) Student services are reaching out to students to help them be connected and grow in our system. Student achievement, excluding the gap year due to covid, has had growth. 7% increase in testing scores. 15% of all students have met or exceeded those standards. It is a huge achievement, but not enough. Each year it is growing. Graduation rates have increased by 25% for students on a four-year track and 20% for students on a five-year track. Overall there has been a lot of positive growth. ACVS did better than most schools in a Covid-19 environment.

In 2019 ACVS worked on instructional alignment with Idaho state standards. ACVS established a comprehensive assessment and data model, so it is known how students are doing in real-time. Every Friday there are data meetings to assess the data and turn it into instructional strategy. Core instruction is the first step (best first effort in teaching), instructional coaches added, support classes added.

Every student has a learning plan that teachers are working to carry out. The KIPP evaluation rubric is being used to self-evaluate teacher and staff performance. See attached presentation for more information.

The leadership team is helping to establish the School-Wide Improvement Plan for future years. Turner expressed that school is just one aspect of a kid's life. Covid-19 was hard on kids. ACVS staff student services staff is doing home visits and buying gas cards so kids can get to school. VC Frent attested to the way that ACVS has been assessing data and encouraging growth. The individual support that her kids have received from ACVS has been great. She appreciates the virtual and optional in person model.

Tuner wants to showcase and thank the team that is doing the heavy lifting every day.

Covid report: See report/slide of covid in the area. Overall stable conditions. Turner presented the mitigation strategies that are in place. See the presentation and website for more information.

## **7. FINANCIAL MANAGER REPORT**

- A. Under One Roof Plan
- B. Update to FY 2021-2022 Amended Budget
- C. Overview of the FY 2022-2023 Proposed Budget Development Process

Financial manager, Ross Jones, expressed appreciation to Turner and the updated agenda presentation.



He spoke about the new “under one roof plan” and planning for all possible eventualities ACVS faces a wind-down or to keep going. The “under one roof plan” fits in well for whatever outcome happens. Labs in Boise and Caldwell have become less needed during the pandemic. He believes that online became even more important to students. It has been determined from a financial standpoint that the cost of keeping all satellite campuses open is not justified. See linked presentation.

This plan is good for sustainable financial health. It helps reduce costs, is congruent with the needs for the wind-down process, and helps further reduce conflicts of interest that have been already eradicated. The Nampa lab will be available for an expanded time in the future, with the addition of Friday lab hours and increased zoom opportunities. Public spaces, like libraries, can also be used. The overhaul is believed to be a positive plan going forward.

Jones has secured the willingness to terminate two leases. The lease at the Nampa lab will be a month-to-month lease as of July 31st. At which time there could be further discussion of what the best future route would be.

Turner clarified that leases would be terminated, but students would still have access to the building for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.

Anderton asked for clarification on the language in the leases. Jones said he felt satisfied with the conversations he had, but he would follow up. Kelleher asked how that would affect students with special needs and the noise level in the lab. Jones said there would probably be a need to schedule out the lab. Chairperson Wheatley asked if our debt-to-income ratio would be satisfied if another year-long lease for the Nampa building was signed. Jones said there is new information coming for how that can be reconciled. VC Frent asked if the special education satellite building and the Nampa lab could be kept open financially. Jones said it would not be a significant cost and if the leases were cancellable then we would remain healthy. Joyner asked if there was a timeline. Jones said no. Turner said there is a distinct timeline for leases for right now. Cancelable language would help financially, keeping AVCS debt-free and showing key performance indicators. Joyner expressed wanting to deal with any perceived conflict of interest immediately. Jones expressed that the sooner the better for satisfying the commission’s financial stipulations.

The amended budget that was presented previously contained a typo, so Jones presented it again. It will be considered for approval at the next regular board meeting.. He needed to isolate two line items that pulled homeless and parent engagement funds. Esser funds, benefits, and utility figures have been reconsidered and adjusted. On May 18th he will walk through the amended budget again before final consideration for approval. See attached presentation for the proposed budget timeline for June 15. 10 days before the 4-year budget is considered it will be posted in the newspaper.

## **8. BOARD MEMBERS’ REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Correspondence
- B. Reports and communications
- C. Interest and concerns

Wheatly asked about the superintendent position still being posted. It was confirmed that it has been taken down.

## **9. CONSENT AGENDA**

Tuner explained this new process for the ACVS board. Items that are approved every month are on the consent agenda to create efficiency. Board members can ask for items to be pulled to separate action items if needed.



**Business/ Fiscal Services**

- A. [Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for March 1-March 31, 2022](#)

**Educational/Student Services:**

- B. [Current Enrollment Report](#)

Chairman Wheatley moved to approve the consent agenda. John seconded. The motion passed with a 6-0-0 vote. (Roll call vote: Chairman Wheatly approved. VC Frent approved. Kropp approved. Kelleher approved. Anderton approved. Joyner approved.)

**10. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

- A. [School Web Page Enhancements](#)

IT coordinator, Jason Sandidge, presented webpage changes. Anderton, Turner, and Sandidge have worked together to make changes to the webpage to make it more transparent. The menu has been simplified. Agenda and zoom links for board meetings are available directly on the webpage. Trustee profiles have been added. Agendas, minutes, and policies are also easily accessible. Public information is newly organized. Including reports, audits, budgets, etc. He worked to make it more accessible for everyone. He is also working on getting the app updated. This requires collaboration with Apple. The mobile website is organized like the main website. Turner thanked board members for their profiles and thanked the IT team for helping to improve transparency.

**11. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

- A. [Consideration of approval to continue the current Covid-19 Policies and mitigation strategies](#)

Chairperson Wheatly asked for confirmation that kids are not getting turned away from the lab due to the sign-up policy. Turner expressed that this has not been the case. The option of the virtual lab helps mitigate that. Anderton said he went to the CDC website to read their suggested quarantining protocol. He said they do not recommend quarantining unless you are exposed within 6 ft for 15 minutes. Turner said each situation does need to be accessed individually and that everyone has come to a long way in covid specific protocols. Anderton would like exposure to be defined better. Chairperson Wheatley further asked about sign-up protocols if students want to be in the lab longer than one block. Turner explained that students can sign up for multiple spots if needed. Joyner asked if there are any difficulties with people needing to quarantine. Tuner said not since he has been here. Joyner does not see any need to make any changes. Wheatley says that as long as there are no issues with access for students he did not either. Turner expressed that if a situation came up that someone needed to quarantine the board would be informed. Chairperson Wheatley moved to continue the current Covid-19 policies and mitigation strategies. Joyner seconded. The motion passed with a 6-0-0 vote. (Roll call vote: Chairman Wheatly approved. VC Frent approved. Kropp approved. Kelleher approved. Anderton approved. Joyner approved.)

- B. [Consideration of approval of the cancellation of the Boise facility lease agreement with SMS Enterprises.](#)



Joyner asked Wheatly if he understood the language in the contract. He expressed that as long as we are in a position to cancel the contract then we should be fine. Chairperson Wheatley expressed that the language does leave ambiguity. Joyner doesn't understand the ramifications of contract language. Just wants to be clear about what those terms mean. The original agreement is on the website and can be further reviewed. Anderton expressed that it may still be within our interests to approve cancellation with the current language.

**C. Consideration of approval of the cancellation of the Nampa facility lease agreement with SMS Enterprises.**

Wheatley moved to revisit Items A, B, and C in a future meeting. Anderton seconded. The motion passed with a 6-0-0 vote. (Roll call vote: Chairman Wheatly approved. VC Frent approved. Kropp approved. Kelleher approved. Anderton approved. Joyner approved.)

**D. Consideration of approval of the establishment of Capacity by Grade Level**

Turner explained that to be in compliance the board needs to establish grade level capacities. There is a current capacity of 514 students. In the case that more than 514 students apply to ACVS there has to be a lottery. Growth by 5% every year would build capacity levels. See slide for numbers. Turner explained that the recommended grade-level capacities allow for growth. It can be re-evaluated every year. VC Frent clarified that there are currently no grade-level limits. Turner explained that that is true, but it is not compliant, so we need to implement them. Turner expressed that we are trying to be compliant and fair. In the long run, numbers help to plan and have the staff aligned correctly. Wheatley asked if it could be amended mid-year if needed. Turner explained it is only annual. Joyner motioned to accept the recommended grade level capacities. Chairperson Wheatley seconded. The motion passed with a 6-0-0 vote. (Roll call vote: Chairman Wheatly approved. VC Frent approved. Kropp approved. Kelleher approved. Anderton approved. Joyner approved.)

**E. Consideration of approval of the Superintendent Job Description**

Turner reviewed ACVS board policy, the flyer ACVS posted when recruiting for the superintendent position, and several sample job descriptions for a charter school superintendent, to create a job description. Joyner reviewed thoroughly before meeting and feels that all management is covered and he would not add anything to the job description. Anderton said he felt it was thorough. Joyner moved to approve the superintendent's job description. Anderton seconded. The motion passed with a 6-0-0 vote. (Roll call vote: Chairman Wheatly approved. VC Frent approved. Kropp approved. Kelleher approved. Anderton approved. Joyner approved.)

**F. Consideration of approval of the Board Operational Principles and Meeting Norms**

Turner explained that adopting operational principles and meeting norms is a step beyond the Code of Ethics that board members previously signed. Turner read the proposed norms out loud. See linked document. Joyner wanted to add that board members are members of the public, indicating that they have no special privileges. The following language was added: "When attending school functions they will attend as members of the public with no special privileges".



Chairperson Wheatley moved to adopt the Operational Principals and Meeting Norms, as amended. Kelleher seconded. The motion passed with a 6-0-0 vote. (Roll call vote: Chairman Wheatly approved. VC Frent approved. Kropp approved. Kelleher approved. Anderton approved. Joyner approved.)

**G. Consideration of trustee nominations for the position of treasurer**

Joyner expressed that it is important to have someone who is willing to learn and work with the current business manager. He is willing to fill the position. Wheatley moved to appoint Joyner. Anderton seconded. The motion passed with a 6-0-0 vote. (Roll call vote: Chairman Wheatly approved. VC Frent approved. Kropp approved. Kelleher approved. Anderton approved. Joyner approved.)

**H. First Read for the Winter Board Policy Revisions for Sections:**

- BP 2310 Instruction- Nutrition Education*
- BP 3030 Students- Part-Time Attendance/Dual Enrollment*
- BP 3031 Students- Extracurricular Activities*
- BP 3070 Students- Searches and Seizures*
- BP 3370P Students- Searches and Seizures*
- BP 3340 Students- Student Fees, Fines, and Charges/Return of Property*
- BP 3530 Students- Suicide Prevention*
- BP 4210 Community Relations- Community Use of Charter School Facilities*
- BP 4210P Community Relations- Community Use of Charter School Facilities*

**I. First Read for the Spring Board Policy Revisions for Sections:**

- BP 1120 Board of Directions- Taking Office*
- BP 1610 Board of Directors- Conflict of Interest*
- BP 2460 Instruction- Extended Learning Opportunities*
- BP 2500 Instruction- Library Materials*
- BP 3000 Students- Entrance, Placement, and Transfer*
- BP 3570 Student Records- Maintenance of School Student Records*
- BP 8115 Non-Instructional Operations- Hours of Service of Drivers*
- BP 8320 Non-Instructional Operations- Fire Drills and Evacuation Plans*
- BP 8520 Non-Instructional Operations- Inspection of School Facilities*
- BP 8605 Non-Instructional Operations- Retention of Charter School Records*

**12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

**2022-2023 School Calendar**

Turner explained that a calendar committee has been working to establish an academic calendar for the 2022-2023 school year. It will be presented for consideration of approval next regular board meeting.

- 2022-2023 School-Wide Improvement Plan**
- 2022-2023 Continuous Improvement Plan**
- 2022-2023 Adopted School Budget**

**13. FUTURE MEETINGS**



**Board Training: April 27, 2022 4:00 p.m.**  
**Regular Board Meeting: May 18, 2022 6:00 p.m.**  
**Regular Board Meeting: June 15, 2022 6:00 p.m.**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Time: 9:02

Trustee Joyner motioned to adjourn the meeting. Wheatley seconded. The motion passed with a 6-0-0 vote.