



## **AMA ESD Board of Education Regular Board Meeting**

**Thursday, September 8, 2022  
5:00 p.m. - AMA ESD**

### **Minutes**

President Lee Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Nick Brege, Naomi Deo, Lee Fitzpatrick, Joe Gentry, Richard Gillies, Mike Mahler, Norm Sommerfeld

**ABSENT:**

**STAFF:** Julie Bastow, Melissa Cook, Justin Gluesing, Lisa Krey, Anna Markowski, Ashley Peterson, Jessica Pilarski, Mary Zann

**GUESTS:**

The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Adoption of Agenda:** A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Sommerfeld, supported by Gillies. The vote was as follows: Ayes all, the motion carried.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** A motion to approve the consent agenda, which included the August 11, 2022 regular board meeting minutes, the Superintendent's report, the Instructional Services report, and the Financial Statements for August 31, 2022 was made by Mahler, supported by Gentry. The vote was as follows: Ayes all, the motion carried.

**Classroom Libraries Presentation - Julie Bastow and Anna Markowski:** Julie and Anna provided an informative presentation on the classroom libraries program noting that it is an application process with 10 slots available to teachers from all four local districts and Pied Piper School. Selected teachers are provided stipends and led through a series of professional development. The project is a community partnership endeavor for the next four years. Partners include United Way, Community Foundation for NE Michigan, the CTE program at AHS--built all the bookshelves, and Alpena County Library--assisted in book selection. Johanna Evans, teacher at Pied Piper School, participated last year and had a wonderful experience. The Board watched a

snippet of Johanna's Classroom Library Makeover presentation. Planning for this school year's Classroom Libraries program starts soon.

**Communications:**

[Thank you from Atlanta Community Schools](#) The AMA received a very nice thank you note from Sue Grulke on behalf of herself and Atlanta Community Schools.

**Board Report and Comment:**

Lee briefly mentioned the District-Wide PD day that was held on August 25 via Zoom. The PD was organized by AMA (kudos to Shellie Gohl) with the morning consisting of an active shooter training with MSP Trooper Mitchell. In the afternoon, Jim Harris' presentation entitled "Where Do We Begin? Building Resilience in Ourselves & Students" was very well received. Justin opened the day with all the districts. Lee noted that this day was a very valuable training provided by the AMA.

Nick reported that a Facility Committee meeting was held on September 7. Updates on work that has been completed as well as work that is still on the "to-do" list was shared. After the meeting, Nick and Justin talked regarding the renovations at Pied Piper. Justin will work on releasing an RFQ, which will include walk through dates for interested firms. Discussion was held regarding the budget range. Consensus was that a range of \$750,000-1.25 million is adequate. There were no objections to posting the RFQ with this range.

**Board Governance Document:** Because the Board Governance document was signed last year and there are no changes in board members, the document was reviewed, not re-signed. The document will be put on the agenda for annual review. Lee asked that we make this document available when interviewing new board members.

**Thrun Law Policy Updates First Reading:** The Board received several policy updates for review. Action on the updates will be taken at the October meeting.

**Public Comment:** None

**Upcoming meeting and events:** AMA ESD Regular Board Meeting - Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Brege, supported by Mahler. President Fitzpatrick declared the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Krey