



Animas High School Board of Director Meeting Minutes 4/13/16

I. Board Members Present/Absent

Board Member	Present	Absent
Ann Laffaye	x	
Jeff King	x	
Mark Williamson	x	
Thomas Morrissey	x	
Gordon Henriksen	x	
Machelle Richburg	x	
Linda Fitts-Liberman	x	
Mary Polino	x	
Colleen Dunning	x	

Guests: Jesse Hutt, Guests: Amaya Holladay, Jane Katz, Rob & Barb Morgan

Staff: Ashley Carruth, Sean Woytek, Libby Cowles, Christine Imming

II. Preliminaries (5:30-5:33)

A. Call to Order

B. Adoption of the Agenda –

Recommendation: That the Board adopts the agenda as presented (and/or amended).

III. Adoption of Consent Items (5:33-5:35)

(Consent items are placed in the consent portion of the agenda. If Board members have any questions concerning these items, they should be directed to the President of the Board or Head of School prior to the board meeting. If discussion is required on any one of the items, it may be removed from the consent agenda.)

Consent Items:

*Board Meeting Minutes from 3-2-16 prepared by Linda Fitts-Liberman.

IV. Public Participation and Correspondence (5:35-5:40)

(This time is set aside for correspondence, comments, and questions from the public. There is a 3 minute time limit per person.)

V. Discussion Items

A. Twin Buttes Update – Bob Delves

- They are up and live! Still want to deliver on the original vision of the Boulder Architect, David Barrett, not New Urbanism, which is very dense, pedestrian friendly, New Ruralism, a city neighborhood on a ponderosa pine hillside Will be offering paved sidewalks, curb & gutter, clusters of high-density, lots range from .20 of an acre to .50 an acre.
- Gardens are still intact, pedestrian friendly, 800 acres of open space for trails, can ride bike all the way to steamboat springs only crossing 5 paved roads.
- Business Model is completely different than before, small team, Willie, Paula, Weiner Construction is General Contractor, they have been on site for 3 weeks, all the roads are cut, all the water and sewer are in, about half of the cable, next they will finish all the shallow utilities (cable & Natural gas), finish intersection on west side, get water tank active
- Goal is to have first neighborhood paved by 8/1, 49 single family lots also multi-family lots
- Owner, Glen signed all the documents for the loan, it has closed, but not funded, they are a metro district, will be issuing bonds, between the bonds and the loan they anticipate having all the funds they need to complete all the common areas and finish the first neighborhood.
- Main thing they are working on with AHS is the main intersection, we have a contract with Eric Flora (Twin Buttes Construction) to do all the improvements, which are mostly done except for the intersection, which needs to be done to CDOT standards.
- Mark reported that Eric is meeting with CDOT 4/22 to review the access improvements, they wanted to begin construction early May, but CDOT discouraged that because of student safety, will begin Monday, June 6 to hopefully be completed before school starts.
- Safety: Building site it will be a construction zone very soon!! Students, teachers - noone is allowed up there at all.
- Parking is okay until school ends, TB will use west access until June, but would like a better protocol for anticipated heavy construction.
- 3 separate moving things which all involve the parking lot:
 1. Lot which AHS used as collateral for our loan, is owned by TB, it is a commercial lot
 2. the lot as a parking lot, we need to establish more structure, 70 feels crowded, 100 is way too much
 3. they would like to be at the table as we begin our loan discussions

B. 16/17 Budget Proposal – Christine Imming

- Enrollment was adjusted to 300 instead of 306
- Reduced 1 position, facilities person was removed, Spanish position was also reduced
- Increased audit by \$1000, BC was designed and created as a C-corp, but should be a 501c3, we can make this transition after we complete tax docs as c-corp, this will save us \$8000, at least.

- We are on a positive trend, financially stable, based on current info, for the next several years
- She built salary increases into the budget for the next 5 years

MOTION: Be it resolved by the Board of Directors of Animas High School State Charter School that the amounts shown in the budget summary schedule presented be appropriated to each fund as specified in the FY20167/2017 Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017.

Machelle seconded

Motion approved.

C. Enrollment Update – Libby

- Libby found that top challenges for enrollment are:
- Change in leadership over past 3 years may make some think we are not stable and has affected relationship with MMS
- Misperceptions in the community:
 - That drug usage and school response to drug use by students is inadequate
 - AHS is not financially stable and may close soon
 - Concerns or misinformation about new schedule
 - Perception that AHS students don't have as much choice in co-curricular and extra-curriculars
- All-school Exhibition May 12, really amping that up as a recruiting event
- Ambassadors will be out in the community to represent AHS this summer
- Staff & BOD should re-share events on FB and share with their social groups
- Ann Butler suggested requesting an op-ed from Bill Roberts, specify points we want to make, Libby will do this
- 50 new freshman, 7 new sophomores

D. Right sizing Update – Sean

- What is ideal size? Depends, the number that would allow us to do everything we'd like is 371 students, but that number seems big, too large for the total number of high school students in Durango and it may not allow us to maintain the current school culture and climate.
 - Having 4 additional science teachers (\$240,000)
 - Having 4 ESS personnel (\$90,000)
 - Higher classroom budgets (\$57,0000 more, from \$578/teacher to \$2300 mostly for humanities and science)
 - Ninth grade teachers have looked at how they can reach out to 8th grade teachers already
 - 4 ESS paras or 2 teachers (Spanish/humanities) (\$124,000)
- 310=>\$72,000 extra + 3 FT ESS=\$21,000 = \$69,000

- 320 students=>\$40,000 extra
 - 85 9th, 23/class
 - 85 10th 23/class
 - 75 11th 25/class
 - 75 12th 25/class

E. Success indicators/benchmarks for new schedule – Sean

- Student/parent surveys given at end of each semester and 1 more at the end of the year
- Utilizing PSAT, SAT, ACT data to look for changes,
- Utilize POLs, TPOLS, which is complicated since it could lend an air of inauthenticity which is contrary to goal
- Track student reflections on DPs
- Multi-tiered ??
- Look at enrollment numbers in 2016-17 to track enrollment and see if change has affected enrollment
- Will decide on benchmarks in May, update in May, preliminary results in Oct/Nov
- Amaya reported that students are confused about math, recommended school re-educate students on what the change looks like for math

F. 2016-2017 Calendar review – Sean

- Osprey Week has changed to March, this change isn't set yet
- We have more PD days than MMS and 9R, about once a month
- LINK is in May now

MOTION: Tom made motion to approve calendar as presented.

Ann seconded

Motion approved

G. AHS Build Corp Board Update – Ann\Mark\Christine

- Transitioning to 501c3 requires a board, Kerry Masterson, Melissa Yousef, Mark W and Phil Bryson are currently on board, Mark will reach out to Phil about transitioning to the new board, Kerry was formally removed last year.
- Christine is working with Sarah Stein, attorney, to make the transition from C-corp to 501c3, but we need to establish a separate board, Christine approached Elise Savastano to be the Treasurer of the BC, she has agreed
- Mark Williams will be moving from the AHS Board to the BC Board
- Will need to create simple budgets (loan, interest) from last 3 years and a budget for going forward

H. Additional AHS Board Update – Ann – 15 Minutes

- Several members are going off the board, including Machel, so we really need to recruit someone with financial experience, let Ann know if we know anyone

I. Legislative Update

- Bill is going to senate that requires a civic test before graduation
- Bill to allow public weapons on campus was killed
- Bill getting 2nd reading next week, which allows for use of medical marijuana at schools
- Bill about school data security
- Bill about training teachers on how to advise students in crises
- HB 1354, Debt Free Schools Act is also being considered
- Bill that allows computer science to be counted as a math credit

VI. Motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:03 pm to discuss

CRS 24-6-402(a) - purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property, and

CRS 24-6-402 (4)(e) - developing strategy for negotiations, instructing negotiators, and possibly determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, and if necessary

CRS 24-6-402 (b) - Conferences with an attorney for the purposes of receiving legal advice on the specific legal questions relating to the above:

Motion was seconded

Motion approved

Motion to Resume Regular Session by Machel at 7:38 pm

Motion was seconded

Motion Approved

VII. Future Dates & Agenda Items

A. Future Board Meeting Dates

Board Meeting Date	Agenda Items	Agenda Sent	Agenda Items Or Handouts to AML
4-May-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>School Culture Program Review (Ashley/Sean)</i> • 	29-Apr-16	27-Apr-16
8-Jun-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	3-Jun-16	1-Jun-16
13-Jul-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Qtr. Financial Review</i> 	8-Jul-16	6-Jul-16
Aug-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Qtr. Financial Review</i> 		
Sep-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Update on Schedule Change Metrics</i> 		

Board Meeting Date	Agenda Items	Agenda Sent	Agenda Items Or Handouts to AML
<i>Oct-16</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>HOS Objectives</i> 		
<i>Nov-16</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Status update on Schedule Change Metrics</i> • <i>Qtr. Financial Review</i> 		
<i>TBD/Future</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Transfer Policy (Pro/Cons)</i> 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 		

VIII. Motion to Adjourn – 7:30