

Charter School for Applied Technologies

Board Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2024



Public Comments (5 minutes)

NA

Minutes (5 minutes)

- Minutes from 09.10.2024
 - Motion to approve – Terrell Chambers
 - Second – Ian Donnelly
 - Minutes approved.

Presentation (NONE)

Administrative Reports (5 minutes)

Mr. Lyle announced that Jason Campbell and Terrell Chambers approved for the board by NYS.

Mr. Lyle discussed the renewal (upcoming) and Efrain Martinez's visit. Karen Laba will accompany Susan Gibbons for the renewal visit. They will alternate between the HS and the ES on 10/16 and on 10/17 they will be at the MS.

Permanent Board Committees

- **QA** – (15 minutes)
 - Ms. Pasioka discussed meeting last week with QA as a way to prep for the renewal visit. Spent time with the data associated with the questions. Discussion of cohort data vs line by line grade level data. Discussion of the K-2 program and the fruits of the changes made there. Student performance was somewhat impacted by CBT. Discussion of student performance as related to the amount of students taking the assessments. Discussion of the Regents assessments and proficiency. Mr. Lyle added that the assessment scores grades 3-8 are not included in the renewal data but they are a possibility to come up during the renewal visit. Ms. Morgante added that the passing rates of ELA and Global Regents assessments have increased, especially with mastery and are right on par with the state averages.
- **Finance** – (5 minutes)
 - Mr. Cinquino discussed the audit currently in progress. The financial numbers appear to be satisfactory or better. Debrief will be happening after the process is over. There was a 5-year budget submitted for the renewal and they are showing operating losses in the first 3 years as they ESSR dollars have run out and we continue to support the staff and instructional needs of the school.
- **Career Readiness** – None

Ad Hoc Board Committees

- Appeals – (10 minutes)
 - Mr. Donnelly discussed an appeal that was denied. Poor decision made by a student and the student's request was denied.

Old Business

Transportation (*ongoing*) – Mr. Lyle (5 minutes)

- Mr. Lyle – there is a final letter to go to Buffalo's legal department and will be presented to the board. Nothing changes and looking to make a 5-year deal with Buffalo. Buffalo Board of Ed wants no problems and expects to approve and extend contract.

Policy (DEI Vote) – page 9 of September meeting minutes

- Motion – Ian Donnelly
- Second – Lisa Smith
- Approved.

New Business

- **Enrollment – Mr. Lyle (5 minutes)**
 - Mr. Lyle discussed that K-2 is down with no wait list, but all offers to any wait list grades have been extended to students. Mr. Lyle discussed marketing and campaigning for our billboards to be in our location. There was a discussion about the wait list for 3rd grade. Mr. Lyle believes that the word is out about the progress in our middle and high schools. Enrollment is down everywhere around WNY. Discussion about getting students in later grades and their levels of performance.
- **Personnel report – Mr. Lyle (10 minutes)**
 - 4 new hires discussed, speech language pathologist new to budget due to students requiring services, several re-hires, subs, coaches, resignations, two terminations, and leaves of absences
 - Motion – John Cinquino
 - Second – Kevin Cornacchio
 - Approved.

Board going into Executive Session – pm.

- Motion – John Cinquino, Second – Andrea Pasioka

Agenda Setting

Next meeting is November 12, 2024

- - Motion to end the meeting:
- - Second:

Next Meeting – November 12, 2024

Attendance in person: Joseph Berti, John Cinquino, Jason Campbell, Andrea Pasioka, Ian Donnelly, Lisa Smith, Jina Gentry, Terrell Chambers, Jason Campbell, Kevin Cornacchio

Others: Andy Lyle, Tanya Moore, Ann Morgante, Brett Lutterbein, Dara Seeley, Patrick Heyden, Sue Jurewicz, Nadine Williamson, Sarah Monaco, Chris Bigouette, Tara Jefferson, Shane Lynch, Nicole Killion, Keith Banas, Tara Puff, Dan Scholze