

## AALC Board Meeting Minutes, 6/22/2021

I. Call to order- 6:37. Attendance- Denne Lawton, Nate Gleaton, Christal Eason. Leah Davis, Ivette Skonieczny, Shayla Tinsley, Bobby Portis, Russell Shepard, Teresa Woods, Rashad Issa, Malverne Winborne

II. Hearing of the public- none

III. Motion carried to approve 6/22/2021 Board Agenda

IV. Motion carried to approve 5/18/2021

V. Correspondence- none

VI. Committee Reports- none

VII. Treasure's Report- Bundled into Business Report

VIII. Action Items

A. Old Business

- a. Motion carried to make Leah Davis Board Secretary
- b. Motion carried to make Christal Eason Board Vice President

B. New Business

- a. Metro EHS Pediatric Therapy- motion carried to approve the contract with Metro EHS
- b. Discussion about GEE contract: Denne brought up streamlining a process for state reporting from GEE 9-12 school leaders. Asking for the processes for both entities to meet the requirements. Request for communications for the leaders to cohesively communicate to parents. SAT reports were not submitted and the implications of that. Process needed to work as a K-12, no compliance for a 12 month period. There is an obligation to see the progress of the students who are in the 9-12 program.

Ivette joined last month as the school leader for 9-12. There is state reporting due by 6/30/2021. A person is working on the budget portion. Ali has been in communication with Brothchild. They gave 2 dates for board tests. They want booklets at different times. Ali is handling the college board/SAT materials.

Denne talked about not seeing any progress of the dual enrollment. There has not been an established structure. Communication is lacking between leaders, and the 9-12 leader to the board. There are concerns about the 6/30/2021 deadline and it is 6/22/2021. The board has some responsibility to make sure these things are getting done.

Ivette requested the board to come to her and it will get done or worked on. She requested a monthly calendar to streamline deadlines. She is everything on her end to get things done.

Winborne suggested to get in touch with Mary-Epicenter.

Denne inquired about Ivette's onboarding to her new position. Ivette said there was a team of people that were responsible for her onboarding.

Teresa expressed concerns about ongoing compliance issues. There are 35-40 compliance issues when Teresa came to the position. Wendy, former business manager, had a hard time getting the info she needed from the 9-12 leaders before deadlines. Teresa has requested deadline information to be shared with her 10-30 days prior to the deadline. Teresa cannot work on things last minute. This has been an ongoing problem, for several months. Teresa is responsible for the compliance issues and the consequences that come from the lack of compliance. It is difficult for Teresa to find out who is working on what when she requests information. COVID was a part of the problem for streamlining a process. Not being forthcoming with information has been a problem.

Ivette expressed that they have a lot of schools to report for and they are never late.

Lawton reiterated that there needs to be a structured plan in place for reports that work for both entities. Ivette said there is only one student that is dually enrolled. The board said that that is not acceptable.

Discussion of being self-managed. Shayla said it would be ideal. It would free up a lot of money that is going to GEE. Teresa also spoke positively about being self-managed. Staff would not be as expensive as GEE. There would be more transparency of what student services are happening for at-risk students. Guidance counselors would be provided for the at-risk students. She can't see where the resources are going.

Malverne said we'd have to look into where the money is getting transferred to.

Denne said that whatever was being used 9-12, those would be transferred to AALC. There would be a transfer of services and materials. Malverne said that we would have to make sure we are meeting the charter and kids are not being harmed in the transition.

Nate clarified concerns. It was asked if the info can be submitted to Teresa. An answer over the phone that Ivette was holding was, "No."

The board requested a comprehensive plan for the educational plan. We have to answer to EMU.

A special board session was scheduled for 6/29/2021 at 6:30.

The lack of cooperation has gone on for a year.

Shayla was going to do to budgets, one under self-management and one under GEE.

Motion carried to amend the agenda w/flexibility.

Motion carried to set a scheduled hearing meeting for the budget under new business.

Extension of GEE agreement does not seem doable. Nate expressed that he would like to look into an extension. This is a short amount of time to make important decision. Ivette requested a list of our wants/needs.

Summer school start date 6/14/2021. Resolution- Pineview Church Lease agreement due to building issues. Board Chair can make temporary arrangements for a space for summer school.

Motion for temporary lease, 6/14/2021-10/1/2021, with Pineview Church---

Roll call vote-

Gleaton- Yay

Davis- Yay

Eason- Yay

Lawton- Yay

Motion carried

Resolution: Authorizing issuance of note in anticipation of State School Aid

\$62,000 Michigan State Aid

Roll Call Vote-

Gleaton-Yay

Davis- Yay

Eason- Yay

Lawton- Yay

Motion carried

C. Talked about a new board member.

- D. Kids Corner- focus on the kids. Teresa presented a video of the kids enjoying summer school. Ivette reported 39 kids graduated. The graduates have received \$750,000 in combined scholarships.

#### IX. Business/Management Report

- A. School leaders report- see board packet  
K-8 & 9-12

Teresa-7 students are on the waiting list for the K-8 program

Building issues: temperature of rooms are not regulated, no egress window, no sprinkler system. Inspector recommendation was to not occupy the space. Leak in boiler room. Electrical box load is too much. Estimate for some of the windows was \$90,000-\$100,000-Henderson glass. All board members received detailed items for repair/maintenance. No quote for electric. No quote for boiler. Someone stated trying to find parts for the boiler, only fix was for it to be replaced. Building issues, we are under advisement with a counselor. No response from AACC.

Student testing was done in the gym.

Ivette report- summer school is virtual. Students are in the Hamtramack/Dearborn, 95%. 5 students or less are from the Ypsi/Ann Arbor area. Planning to use the Textile location for testing. Growth plan for this area? BBQs are being planned in other areas. Marketing plans were discussed.

- B. Other reports
  - a. Business managers report- see packet ESSER 2 is being utilized for staff retention and staff incentives. We should be in the black.  
Motion carried to amend the budget as presented.

X. Public comments- none

XI. Motion carried for Board meeting on 7/20/2021 at 6:30

Motion carried for budget meeting on 6/29/2021 at 6:30.

XII. Recognition

Summer school, 9-12 school leader, Ivette. Thank you, Bobby. Thank you, Dr. Winborne for attending. Thanks to all board members. Thanks to Shayla for getting us in the black and the many layers that this has progressed from. Thanks to Denne for her help and leadership.

XIII. Adjournment – 8:55

