

Academy of Moore County Board of Directors Meeting October 18, 2023

Board Members Present: Janet Lowry, Chair; Thomas Beddow, Vice Chair; Michael Holden, Treasurer; Dave Kaylor, Sarah Lehberger, LouEllen Runyan, Dale Buie **Zoom:** Daniel Romero **Others Present:** Crystal Bonville, **Absent:** Richard Schoen, Natalie Wetzelberger

Chair Lowry called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm. A quorum was present. After a moment of silence, Mr. Beddow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary: Mr. Holden made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 20 seconded by Mrs. Lehberger, approved.

Treasurer: Mr. Holden reviewed the final September financials which are in line with what is expected at this time in the school year.

Director of Education: Dr. Buie explained that he had hired a custodian, Jay Hill, to replace one that resigned. Our nurse also resigned, and Dr. Buie hired Paula Hill, an LPN as our part time Health Specialist.

Dr. Buie gave an update on the academic goals and progress towards them for all grades. Kindergartners especially enjoyed their visit with Sparky at the Aberdeen Fire Department. Their next field trip will be to the pumpkin patch. Later in the meeting Mr. Beddow stated that a good field trip for older students would be to the new Moore County Charters of Freedom display outside the courthouse in Carthage. Mrs. Bonville invited the board to participate in the Military Lunch on November 9th.

Old Business:

Safety Committee: Mrs. Bonville commented that some of our cameras need replacing, others need repair. She and Dr. Buie are working with Verkada (Gray and Creech) on a cloud based system that would store data up to one year. Our present system stores data for two weeks, but the images are poor. The system being considered requires a license that costs \$135,000 for 10 years and covers needed repairs during that time. Dr. Buie suggests we wait until we know if we get money from the Safety Grant to take action. Mr. Beddow requested that another board member join him on the threat assessment team. Board members should let him know if you are interested in that task.

Parental Rights Policy: Mr. Beddow made a motion to approve the new Parental Rights policy which was previously distributed to the board; Mrs. Runyan seconded; motion approved. This new policy goes into effect for TAMC in July 2024. Dr. Lowry suggests this be added to our website after June 15th but before the first day of school.

Renovation report: This discussion will be held at a future meeting when the architect and Mr. Schoen can both be present.

Land Report: Mr. Beddow reported on meeting with Amie Fraley and Farrah Newman of Habitat concerning land that Habitat owns that might be suitable for a middle school. Three ten acre plots were identified that would be appropriate for a school and that are zoned commercial. Several factors need to be considered including acres required, cost, approval to expand a grade, financing. Habitat would agree to a provision purchase pending these and other obstacles.

Paid Maternity Leave Policy: Mrs. Lowry asked if the board wanted this policy to apply to part time employees, and the consensus was that this applies to full time employees.

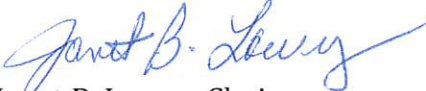
History of TAMC: Mr. Kaylor has developed a draft of the school's history. He asked that Mrs. Lehberger review it and take the lead on this project after Mr. Kaylor leaves the board following the November meeting. She agreed to do so.

New Business:

Dr. Lowry will send the list of PTO Officers and enrollment by classes to the Board by email.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 . The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15 at 3:30.

Respectfully submitted,


Janet B. Lowry, Chairman