

Academy for Career Education  
Board of Director's Meeting  
May 12, 2015

Academy for Career Education  
2800 Vassar St., Reno, NV 89502

**Members Present:**

Jeff Bean  
Travis Coombs  
Mike Dillon  
Tim Heydon  
Justin Ivory, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Jeff Klippenstein  
Dale Lowery  
Chuck Morrison  
Michon Pincolini, Ex Officio  
Tim Rowe  
Laura Walsh

**Others Present:**

Leigh Berdrow  
Bob DeRuse  
Thea Sullivan

The meeting convened at 3:02 p.m.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

First Vice President, Justin Ivory, called the meeting to order.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment made.

**4. APPROVE AGENDA**

The agenda was approved by the board.

**5. APPROVE MINUTES FROM APRIL 14, 2015 MEETING**

The board approved the minutes from the April 14, 2015 meeting.

**6. PRESIDENT'S REPORTS**

No President's Report was given.

**7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Leigh discussed the legislative session and the bills being monitored. Some of the bills being monitored have to do with police and charter schools, board member finger prints, bullying and multi-cultural education.

Leigh updated the board on the national SkillsUSA competition. ACE is sending four students to compete in Plumbing, Diesel, Architectural Drafting, and Technical Drafting. Four advisors are going as well.

Leigh informed the board that ACE just finished student testing for the school year. Last week there was 16 hours of testing for the 10<sup>th</sup> graders and some 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Testing is one of the criteria for a school's Star Rating. Leigh explained the Star Rating for the benefit of the new board members.

Leigh invited the Board Members to attend graduation on June 1, 2015, at Lawlor Events Center.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Public Hearing on 2015-16 Budget**

There were no public comments on the 2015-16 Budget.

### **b. PERS Increase**

Information was distributed to the board regarding the PERS increase. PERS is increasing from 25.75% to 28% for the Employer Contribution Plan as of July 1, 2015, and from 13.25% to 14.50% for the Employee/Employer Contribution Plan. ACE needs to choose to pass on half of the increase to employees through a reduction in pay or in lieu of a pay increase. The board chose and approved the "In Lieu of a Pay Increase" option.

### **c. Crisis/Emergency Management Plan Approval**

Bob distributed a summary of changes in the Emergency Plan since last year and several copies of the plan in its entirety were available during the meeting. The changes were mostly due to changes in staff members. Bob notified the board that he will be attending an emergency management training class tomorrow. If there are any future changes to the plan, Bob will inform the board at that time. The board approved the updated Crisis/Emergency Management Plan.

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

### **a. Sponsorship Change**

ACE, High Desert Montessori, SNACS, and Bailey Charter School all met with Patrick Gavin from the State Charter School Authority to discuss the pros and cons of being sponsored by the state. He did not think there was a deadline to switch sponsors. The State Charter School Authority is the driving force in Legislation changes, yet they only apply to their charter schools. Leigh also spoke with Honors Academy in Reno and Coral Academy in Las Vegas for their input.

Leigh notified the board that ACE was invited to the Signature Academy Showcase two weeks ago at AACT. The board suggested Leigh send an email to the CTE director at

WCSD, and copy the ACE board, thanking them for being included and asking if ACE can be included in future CTE events.

The Sponsorship topic will be revisited at the next board meeting.

b. Career Program Status Updates

Leigh said the Hombre lot permit has a fire hold on it again. It is supposedly a mistake and Ed is working on it. ACE is planning on building the house on Hombre next year.

The programs for next year all have good enrollment, except for CADD. Leigh isn't sure why.

c. Tiny House Update

There is a lot of interest in the Tiny Houses. Leigh and Tony were on FACE the State last week talking about them. The Mining Association may be interested in purchasing one and a ranching family may be interested in purchasing one as well.

Leigh suggested advertising them for sale on Craigslist. A reserve needs to be set and a contract drawn up. The process to sell the tiny houses will be formalized at the June board meeting.

d. Marketing Enrollment Update

The next Open House will be held Saturday, May 30. Postcards were not sent out to advertise. However, the date, was included on a previous postcard. ACE has been advertising on TV, radio, and at the Galaxy Theater. Adam will be attending a career fair at Pine Middle School next month also.

Of the 79, applications received for new students, 49 have been accepted. Forty freshmen have been accepted. The goal for freshmen is 60. Four sophomores, 3 juniors, and 2 seniors have been accepted.

e. Financial Review and Meeting Schedule

An April 2015 Cash Disbursement and Check Register was distributed, as well as a March 31, 2015 Actual vs. Budget statement.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 3, 2015. The final 2015-16 budget will need to be approved at that meeting. The budget is due to the state on June 8.

## 10. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment made.

The meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 3:00 p.m., at the Academy for Career Education at 2800 Vassar St., Reno, NV 89502.