



# ALLEGIANCE STEAM ACADEMY

## Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

**August 3, 2020  
Minutes**

**I. PRELIMINARY**

**A. Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order by Board Chair at*

**B. Roll Call**

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Samantha Odo, Board Chair	___X___	_____
Jason Liso, Treasurer	___X___	_____
Marcilyn Jones, Secretary	___X___	_____
Troy Stevens, Member	___X___	_____
Claudia Reynolds, Member	___X___	_____

**C. Public Comments, Items not on the agenda**

*There were no public comments for items not on the agenda.*

**D. Approval of agenda for Regular Board Meeting on August 3, 2020**

*Motion (Claudia), second ( Marcy ), motion carried by a vote 5-0 to approve the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on August 3, 2020.*

## II. OPEN SESSION

### A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### B. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION

#### 1. Update from The PACK (Parents And Community for Kids)

- *Joanna Salmon shared that The PACK wants families to feel connected to the school and the staff to know they are supporting them during this time*
- *PACK is providing teachers \$100 to buy supplies so they know that PACK cares and they are thinking about them since ASA cannot provide a materials budget to teachers at this time.*
- *Working on ideas for fundraisers and working with families from a distance, like an online book fair in September*
- *Meeting with Mrs. Lohoff this week to discuss ideas to help families feel connected and staff to feel supported.*

#### 2. Staff Report

- *Mrs. Lazo shared that it was our first day back and we are excited to start the new year. We are getting used to physically distancing in our environment and putting in the hard work to get the year started.*

#### 3. CEO's Report

- *Lenovo cannot ship devices into the country at this time. There is a very small chance the devices that ASA ordered may have already passed customs. There is a Chromebook supply issue in the country. We have 900 purchased Chromebooks (more than we have students)*
- *500 operating Chromebooks. We are waiting for parts, but the supply issue makes it hard to get them.*
- *Steve from Optiva shared that they are looking into an option to buy Chromebooks from Best Buy, but there is no guarantee they will have them.*
- *We have 20 wifi hotspots, meant for families that need internet access for school use only.*
- *Cannot say for sure when we will have access to the devices that were ordered*
- *Currently have enough for families that responded that they needed a device, but that could change*

#### **4. Reopening Update**

- *Office staff has been busy setting up the Student Information System*
- *Focusing on SEL*
- *SPED Case managers are touching base with families this week so they feel connected and know they are an important voice in their child's education*
- *Paraprofessionals are already digging into services and preparing to serve students*
- *Sign Up Geniuses will go out tomorrow to parents for Meet Your Wolfpack*
- *Stepping up our Seesaw communication and staff will get a training tomorrow*
- *Teachers looking at the DIBELS screeners to prepare for a rollout*
- *Mrs. Lohoff thanks everyone for their motivation and dedication to the school*

#### **C. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSENT**

1. *Minutes for the Special Board Meeting of the Board of Directors on June 22, 2020*
2. *Minutes for the Special Board Meeting on the Board of Directors on June 24, 2020*
3. *Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors on July 6, 2020*
4. *Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors on July 13, 2020*
5. *Check Register June, 2020*

*Motion to approve ( Troy Stevens), Second ( Samantha Odo ), Motion passes with a vote of 5-0.*

#### **D. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION**

##### **1. Financial Update for June 2020**

- *Jim Weber from Charter Impact gave a financial update for June 2020*

*Motion ( Jason Liso), Second ( Troy Stevens ), Motion carries by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Financial Update for June 2020.*

##### **2. Revised FY 21 Budget**

- *Jim Weber from Charter Impact presented the Revised FY21 Budget.*

*Motion to approve the Revised FY21 Budget. Motion ( Marcilyn Jones ), Second ( Samantha Odo ), Motion carries by a vote of 5-0.*

### **3. Consolidated Application Spring 2020 for Federal Funding**

*Motion to approve the Consolidated Application Spring 2020 for Federal Funding. Motion ( Troy Stevens), Second ( Jason Liso ), Motion carries by a vote of 5-0.*

### **4. Resolution: COVID-19 Emergency Response- Authorization needed to take any and all necessary actions to prepare and respond effectively to COVID-19.**

- *Sam Odo expressed her feelings that Sebastian needed the ability to make quick decisions without waiting for a board meeting.*
- *Marcy Jones, Troy Stevens, and Jason Liso all expressed concern about giving board decisions to the CEO without a board discussion. There was discussion about what constitutes a decision due to COVID-19 as opposed to generally operating the school.*
- *Sebastian said he also wrestled with it, but it feels it addresses the unknowns that may come up.*

*Motion to approve the COVID-19 Emergency Response Resolution. Motion ( Jason Liso ), Second ( Samantha Odo ), Motion passes 3-2, with Troy Stevens and Jason Liso opposed.*

### **5. Best Buy quote for Chromebooks**

- *Quote for 255 chromebooks.*
- *Troy Stevens motioned to amend the Best Buy quote to read the dollar amount of \$52,349.90 to be spent with any vendor.*

*Motion to amend the Best Buy quote to the dollar amount of \$52,349.90. Motion ( Troy Stevens ), Second ( Jason Liso ), Motion passes 5-0.*

### **6. Employee Handbook 2020-2021**

- *The Employee Handbook is largely the same, but includes some changes regarding COVID-19 in Addendum C.*

*Motion to adopt and approve the Employee Handbook 2020-2021. Motion ( Troy Stevens ), Second ( Marcilyn Jones ), Motion passes 5-0.*

## **E. COMMUNICATIONS**

- *Claudia Reynolds: Wishes everyone well and wants everyone to work together. She hopes everyone will be patient and understands the uncertainty.*

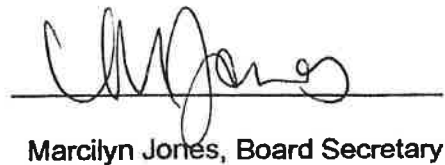
- *Troy Stevens: Would like to remind those in attendance that the board cannot comment on items in the chat box. He thanks Jim Weber for a great job in presenting the financials. Welcomes all the new teachers and staff. He is excited to start our 3rd school and welcomes all the new students. Offers condolences and prayers to Alex Arellano and wants him to know that ASA is here for him. Looking forward to Meet the PACK on Friday*
- *Marci Jones: Thanks the staff and Sebastian, Callie, and Tammy. Can see how hard they are working. Having an excited staff means a lot to them and they are looking forward. She hopes kids will not miss a beat. She thinks it is important to stay positive and stay hopeful.*
- *Jason Liso: Can't imagine what the staff is going through as they prepare for distance learning. He is hopeful that the distance learning program is as successful as it was in the spring. He knows the quality of education will be great because of the work put in by the staff.*
- *Samantha Odo: Welcomes everyone back and recognizes that a lot of the staff didn't take a break as they were preparing for distance learning. She is looking forward to meeting with staff tomorrow morning. Thanked Optiva for their work, especially during this time. She's excited for school to begin and thinks kids are ready to back in some type of routine.*

## **F. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn the August 3, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors at 9:29pm. Motion ( Claudia Reynolds ), Second ( Marcilyn Jones ), Motion carries by a vote of 5-0.*



Samantha Odo, Board Chair



Marcilyn Jones, Board Secretary