

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Thursday, September 23, 2021 6:00 PM

Virtual via Zoom meeting, 27100 Avondale, Inkster, Michigan 48141

1. Call to Order

Discussion: Peter Stockmann called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM and requested a roll call by location.

2. Roll Call

Discussion: Pete Stockmann in Summerland, California
Natalie Evans in Inkster, Michigan, Wayne County
Angie Gardner, Inkster, Michigan, Wayne County
Bryan Walker in Oakland County, Michigan
Freda King in Wayne County, Michigan

3. Public Comment-Agenda Items Only

Discussion: Pete Stockmann did ask for public comment and there wasn't any.

4. Adoption of Board Agenda

Action(s):

Peter Stockmann made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Natalie Evans and seconded by Bryan Walker, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Natalie Evans: Yea
Angeline Gardner: Yea
Freda King: Yea
Peter Stockmann: Yea

Bryan Walker: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0

5. Adoption of PROPOSED August 26, 2021 Board Minutes

Minutes

Action(s):

Peter Stockmann asked that a motion be made to accept the proposed minutes from 8/26/21 after spelling corrections and amendments were made. This motion, made by Bryan Walker and seconded by Angeline Gardner, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Natalie Evans: Yea
Angeline Gardner: Yea
Freda King: Yea
Peter Stockmann: Yea

Bryan Walker: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Discussion: Bryan Walker did have some questions regarding the minutes. Peter Stockmann opened the discussion regarding the minutes in

question.

Bryan Walker had questions about the CEO and CFO report.

After some discussion, it was decided that if the reports of the CEO and CFO were provided verbally they would be indicated as such in the minutes. Everything in the meeting that is discussed must be documented in some way.

6. **Old Business**

Presenter: Mr. White

Discussion:

1. **Rosewood Parking Lot project update:**

We received a stop order from The City of Inkster because of the dirt that was removed from the old parking lot. The City has indicated the work we'd planned to do looked like more than just some improvements. The major concern is capturing the water so it doesn't present an issue for our neighbors' yards. Best case scenario is : after we've submitted an approved solution to the city, they will allow AIA to get the permit and get back on track. Worst case scenario: the city may ask us to put in a complete drainage system that could be very pricey and we'd have to go through the state and get an engineer to design the system.

2. **Flooding at Rosewood and Westland updates:**

We were having flooding issues at Rosewood and Westland. We are no longer having flooding issues at either location.

3. **ESSER 2 of 1.3 million updates**

Initially, we were going to use the majority for clean air solutions. Now we are using some of those funds for: a healthy and safety expert, contact screening and tracing, covid-19 testing in the school for students/bus riders/staff who have been in contact with a positive-tested-covid person immediately, 50 temperature guns so teachers can do temperature checks in the classroom, and more personnel and remediation assist with learning loss, previous students not enrolled anywhere.

7. **New Business**

Action(s):

Pete Stockmann asked for a motion to approve the resolution to approve all 3 out of State field trips : 9/25/21 Band trip to Indianapolis, Indiana for the Circle City Parade and college game. and both trips to Cedar Point on 10/16/21 AIA high school Cedar Point trip and 10/23/21 AIA junior high school Cedar Point trip. This motion, made by Bryan Walker and seconded by Natalie Evans, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Natalie Evans: Yea
Angeline Yea

Gardner:

Freda King: Yea

Peter Stockmann: Yea

Bryan Walker: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Discussion: Mr. White discussed:

a. Enrollment

We expected 705 students. We have enrolled 549 students . We have seated 526 students to date. Our enrollment is down by approximately 100 students but we are in a decent financial situation. We have funds leftover from some areas, have our buildings paid off, and have a fund balance of about 1million dollars. We are bringing in specialists who will help engage the community to get the students enrolled in school somewhere if not AIA. We are still making phone calls consistently to try and reach some of the students missing and plan to seat a total of 550 students soon.

b. Discussion of what to do if someone in a critical position catches COVID and is unable to continue in their position for an extended period of time.

Backups are being built and put into place for redundancy in case someone gets sick and is unable to perform their duties for the moment. AIA is considering this for all positions up to and including board members. The school needs to be able to continue to run and function even when critical people get sick.

c. Resolution to take out a bridge loan for 1.5 million with financial group Umergence to ensure that our "cash on hand" is appropriate for the school needs through the school year.

A resolution to take out a bridge loan for 1.5 million with the financial group Umergence to ensure that our "cash on hand" is appropriate for the school needs through the school year will be presented in detail at the next meeting for approval.

d. Resolution to approve out of State field trips

4. 9/25/21 Band trip to Indianapolis, Indiana for the Circle City Parade and college game.
(Mr. Moss, the band director, spoke in this regard. He discussed the finances, exposure to the students, and the experience they would be presented with in attending this trip.)
5. 10/16/21 AIA high school Cedar Point trip
6. 10/23/21 AIA junior high school Cedar Point trip

Principal's Report (Rosewood High School) by
Jeff Wilder

AIA is into our 3rd week of school. We've been working on school expectations, procedures, and policies. We've also been reviewing and evaluating the junior high students and their scholastic needs, especially in math and reading. We've targeted certain standards for review and preparation for state testing mandates like NWEA. We are using technology in every core junior high classroom and Google Classroom along with technology in every high school core class. AIA is being proactive in case we need to return to virtual learning and have more of a seamless transition if that does have to happen. Many staff are also getting vaccinated to try and curb the pandemic hit at AIA. We are using marketing, staff, and our programs to increase enrollment.

Mr. Wilder discussed the building highlights in detail, (please see the video for more specifics) consisting of:

Print Shop
Videography
Dance
Band
Art

Mr. White was asked by Mr. Stockmann to discuss upcoming events. He asked Ms. Williams to come on and discuss the testing in detail. (Please see the video for more specifics in this regard.)

Ms. Williams did indicate all students would be evaluated during this fall testing window. She also detailed the plan for the students to be put into blended learning groups to continue to battle the learning loss caused by the pandemic last year. These groups would be based on data gathered from the NWEA testing.

September 20-30 NWEA Testing Cycle Begins
September 27-30, 2021 NWEA Testing For High School

Mr. White continued the New Business with discussion and explanation of the Big Picture attachment provided to everyone. (That attachment was provided in the board packet for everyone and is available for more detailed viewing.) Mr. White said that this document is the roadmap and blueprint for what has been happening in the district for the last 7 years. Mr. White described how AIA has come into Inkster and provided educational opportunities that were lost. Mr. White also indicated how AIA has provided the needs of the students with

transportation, lunch programs, smart classrooms and so much more. The community of Inkster can now enjoy an innovative educational system, dual enrollment, and a focal point for education all provided by AIA. AIA provides blended learning, classes without walls, and collaborative and hands-on classrooms. AIA has actually begun to hire their graduates. AIA has revived several vocational and employment opportunities for the community. AIA is also bringing back many specials, electives, arts, and sports that have been removed from many schools. All these things help to build the community and build and promote healthy lifestyles. These activities and avenues also provide additional areas for growth, careers, and scholarship opportunities. AIA's board has been stabilized, AIA owns all 3 buildings outright, our charter was renewed, we have 1 to 1 technology to student ratio, we've come out of priority status, and all bonds have been paid off. Many goals have been accomplished and new goals must be established.

8. **CEO Report**

Presenter: Mr. White

Discussion: The CEO report was given verbally by Mr. White and can be recovered in the video for more detail.

9. **CFO Report**

Presenter: Mr. Wittman

Discussion: There was no CFO report provided in this meeting.

10. **LSSU Report**

Discussion: Melissa Weisberger provided the LSSU report. She indicated her verbal report was backed up with her board packet documents which were uploaded and emailed to everyone (they also are attached here as well.) Melissa discussed the one area AIA needs to improve on, which is 2 hours per year of professional development for the board members. She also provided alternative ways to get this requirement met for everyone. Every board member except Ms. Freda King also needs to complete the conflict of interest form provided. In addition, there is also now a mandate for 1 administrator from each school district to attend the monthly administrators' meeting which is on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

11. **Meeting Adjourn**

