

Thomas Edison Charter Schools

Governing Board Meeting

July 11, 2017

5:35 pm

In attendance: Audra Parent, Adam Burris, Chris Johnnie, Emily Buckley

Excused: Denae Pruden, Kyle Hancock

Welcome/Conducting: Adam Burris

Pledge of Allegiance: Audra Parent

Charter Highlight: Chris Johnnie - Adam Burris talked about governing board responsibilities and mission.

Adoption of Agenda – Adam Burris:

Motion to adopt the agenda: Audra Parent

Second: Chris Johnnie

Yes: Audra Parent, Adam Burris, Chris Johnnie, Emily Buckley

Public Comment: None

New Board Member Introduction – Emily Buckley: Emily introduced herself. She has three daughters at Edison North and two younger children. She lives in North Logan and runs Cache Valley Family Magazine.

Approval of Minutes – Adam Burris:

Tabled – not enough members to vote since Chris Johnnie would abstain since he hadn't read the minutes.

Achievement Report – Brad Larsen:

Not all end of year testing results were turned in, so some scores are skewed. All of the scores are trending up. Some of the averages will be updated to two years, such as SMI, where the standards changed.

Adam asked the administration what stands out most to them. Melani said that there needs to be some changes in how things are tracked so the information is more useful.

Shem would like a tool that would be useful for both parents and the governing board. He thinks it could be made more user friendly with more meaningful data that might guide interventions.

Health and Dental Renewals – Audra Parent: The committee recommended that the health insurance stay with same provider and plan. The expected increase was over 20%, but Ernie got them to increase by only 9.7%

Motion to stay with the same health insurance plan with a renewal of 9.7%: Audra Parent

Second: Adam Burris

Yes: Audra Parent, Adam Burris, Chris Johnnie, Emily Buckley

The dental and vision plans are both opt in, with the employee paying the premiums. Those plans will remain the same.

Motion to renew dental insurance: Audra Parent

Second: Adam Burris

Yes: Audra Parent, Adam Burris, Chris Johnnie, Emily Buckley

Contract Renewal for Jim Peterson – Audra Parent:

Jim is the charter consultant and helps with budgeting and legislative changes. The finance committee recommended renewing the contract with an increase in pay of \$1,000 to \$18,000.

Motion to renew contract with increase in pay: Audra Parent

Second: Adam Burris

Adam asked Steve about the bidding process, but Jim's services cannot be replicated and the position does not need to go out for bids.

Yes: Audra Parent, Adam Burris, Chris Johnnie, Emily Buckley

Liability Renewal – Audra Parent:

The D&O coverage has been incorporated into liability policy at a lesser premium. It saves about \$1,600 annually. The board is looking at cyber liability.

Motion to approve renewal of liability with Hanover: Audra Parent

Second: Chris Johnnie

Yes: Audra Parent, Adam Burris, Chris Johnnie, Emily Buckley

Finance Report – Jim Peterson:

Jim highlighted the summary sheets and graphs for both schools. Both schools are doing well with budgets.

Counseling Report – Jamin Bingham:

- CCR meetings were held for 8th and 9th graders and their parents. 100% of 8th grade parents attended the meetings at Edison North, 97% at Edison South. One of the local districts had a goal of having 40% of parents attend sometime during their high school. Edison South saw 100% of 9th grades parents attend.
- An expanded college week was held this year. A form was sent home with students containing topics to speak about with parents. Students turned in the signed forms and were entered in a drawing. The counseling department again supplied Aggie ice cream to students and staff. Ninth graders were given the opportunity to take the ACT at USU.
- Lessons are taught at both Edison South and Edison North.
- The 8th and 9th graders job shadow for half of a day, then complete an English assignment associated with it.
- Citizenship parties took place in the theaters and Fun Park. Pizza was supplied.

- In the upcoming year the state will do a review of the program. A survey will be conducted before that to create a needs assessment.
- Small groups are created for students who need a little more help.
- Some students are met with on an individual basis.

Shem mentioned there was a data project on college week and the counselors are trying to increase awareness with parents and students on college and career awareness.

Personnel Requests – Shem/Melani:

Melani Kirk – One of the aides obtained a teaching job elsewhere. She will be replaced by Machelie Mitton as the 4th grade aide with Holli Williams.

Motion to approve the personnel requests for Edison South: Adam Burris

Second: Audra Parent

Yes: Audra Parent, Adam Burris, Chris Johnnie, Emily Buckley

Vendor Approvals – Shem/Melani: None

Principal Report – Melani/Shem:

Melani Kirk – Melani sent Jim a \$6,000 difference in the budget that will be approved in August.

Shem Smith – Efforts were made to raise most of the funds for attending the history fair. None of the students placed nationally this year, but received a lot of high marks.

Naloxone Policy Discussion – Carol/Adam:

Adam has questions about the policy and it will be discussed in August.

9th Grade Discussion – Melani Kirk:

Melani asked that if the change is to be made, that it occur soon.

Subcommittee Goals – Adam Burris:

This month is when the subcommittees need to set their goals.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn: Adam Burris

Second: Chris Johnnie