

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ASCEND ACADEMY CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

SPECIAL MEETING DATE: February 24, 2021

5251 Coconut Creek Parkway Margate, FL 33063

A special meeting has been called via phone conference to discuss and approve immediate issues regarding out of field teaching assignments and staffing changes for the 2021-2022 school year.

Greg DuMont, as Chairman of the Governing Board, called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

Roll call was taken with the following members on the call: Board Chair Greg DuMont, Board Members Cheryl Leonti and Sayra Hughes; Principal of ACA Vincent Alessi and Confidential secretary of ACA Denise Garcia.

The Board Meeting was not open to the public. 2 agenda items were discussed (1) Approval of Out of Field teaching assignments and (2) brief discussion outlining possible changes and transitions to the administrative team. Public notice will be sent out to all parents and students once Out of Field positions are reviewed.

I. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Approve Out of Field Teacher Assignments

REQUESTED ACTION: The Governing Board will discuss steps towards certification in the required fields. As part of DOE emergency order, teachers may continue to work out of field for the 20/21 school year while obtaining the necessary certification for courses being taught.

EXHIBIT – Out of Field Request Form for the following instructional staff:

Gerald Permenter

Algebra 1, Algebra 1A, Algebra 1B, Algebra 2
Math College Readiness
Geometry
Lib Arts Math 1, Lib Arts Math 2
Pre Cal
Statistics

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND: Gerald has recently taken and passed the exam (on 2/9/21) for Middle Grades math 5-9. We have a copy of his passing score and we are waiting for FLDOE to update his status. This certification will cover Algebra 1, 1A, 1B, Geometry and Liberal Arts Math 1. Certification in Math 6-12 is required for Algebra 2, Math for College Readiness, Liberal Arts 2, Pre-Calculus and Statistics. We will need to discuss a plan beyond SY 20/21 for these courses.

DISCUSSION: Mr Alessi opened the discussion to say that Mr. Permenter was currently carrying a portion of his instructional schedule and responsibilities in the courses listed above, out of the fields for which he maintained certification. Teachers can work out of field for up to one (1) year while they seek certification. Due to covid 19, the teachers who were teaching out of field the previous school year, were given an extension to obtain their certification. Upon approval, Ascend will send notification to students and parents. Mr. Alessi has had a discussion with Mr. Permenter who has agreed to continue teaching the aforementioned courses for the remainder of the school year and a new teacher will be hired for higher level math courses in the upcoming school year.

With their being no further comments, Mr DuMont motioned that the Board approve out of field status as outlined above, Ms. Hughes and Mrs. Leonti seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

Board Action Taken in Open Meeting On: February 24, 2021

Approved_____

Disapproved_____

Tabled _____

OPEN DISCUSSION (NON AGENDA ITEM):

Staffing changes for 2021-2022 School Year

The Governing Board will discuss the Administrative Team changes regarding the reassignment to Mr. Alessi's status from principal to Executive Director, Ms. Johnson's reassignment from Education Manager to School Director/Principal, and Ms. Denise Garcia's reassignment to a part-time position as Accounting Manager for ACA. Salary Proposal will be submitted to the Board by March 1 for consideration of the financial impact of these changes to the school's budget.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION & BACKGROUND: After six years of managing school operations, Mr. Alessi is transitioning to a Chief Financial Officer status, in addition to his duties as Chief Academic Officer. Daily operations of the school will be transitioned to his recommended replacement as principal, Ms. Stacy Johnson, who is currently in a Masters program for Ed. Leadership and has consistently provided the school with a dedicated focus on students and staff. Denise Garcia has elected to go part-time in the next school year, focusing her efforts on managing the school finances with Mr. Alessi and the Board, inclusive of monitoring the budget, working with our accountants, vendors, submitting reports for compliance purposes with SBBC and FLDOE, and reviewing status of all revenue in bank accounts and liabilities each month.

Financial impact and board approval to be discussed at the Board/budget Meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35AM.

Signed By: _____

(Governing Board Chair)

(Governing Board Member)

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