

Aberdeen Christian School

Board Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2025

The monthly meeting was held in the library conference room at 6:00 PM.

Members present: Becky Kaiser, Karen Edwards, Betsey Dinger, Larry Inches, and Mandilyn Fliehs

Along with: Dr. Sombke

Via Zoom: Linda Shoup, Michelle Ramirez and Jamie Schwartz

Unavailable: Steven Schaeffer

Good news items: South Dakota HB1020 was introduced on January 14. This bill would create an education savings account. Eligible students who apply would be given a voucher of up to \$3,000 to help with their schooling. This bill could directly impact our school in very positive way. It would be helpful to have letters sent to our legislators to help get this bill passed.

Approval of minutes: Minutes were emailed to the Board earlier. A motion was made by Larry to approve the minutes. Karen provided a second to the motion and they were approved by the Board.

Persons wishing to address the Board: None

Administrative Report:

Enrollment: 192

Athletics: Aberdeen city is requesting we have 4 adults supervise the games we have at the Civic arena. For now, we will not have volunteers sign up. We will have board members and faculty that attend games help supervise.

School Improvement/ Accreditation/ Testing/ Data/ Curriculum: Our school is scheduled to undergo accreditation review in the 2025-2026 school year. There are two opportunities for attending accreditation training via Zoom on January 21 & 29. We will be ordering IOWA materials in early April. Dr. Sombke is still trying to find volunteers to review our ABEKA ELA/ Grammar materials to find out if we have what we need to meet graduation requirements.

Strategic Plan: We reviewed Goal 4: Facility Management.

Policy Review: Nothing

Committee Reports

Finance: Jamie was unable to get the reports emailed out prior to the board meeting. They will be emailed out soon. She verbally went over the reports with no significant changes noted.

Facilities: The committee discussed the potential to purchase digital wireless thermostat controls for rooms. The motor in one of the elevators was removed and taken to Sioux Falls to get an estimate to get fixed. We received a new fire alarm printer. Jon and Tami changed air filters. Discussion was had on hooking the exhaust fan to the existing ones in the kitchen.

A motion was made by Karen to approve replacing the heater motor in Mrs. Hopfinger's room at the cost of \$1,800. Larry provided a second to the motion and it was approved by the Board.

Boosters: Didn't meet

Fundraising/ Development: Rodney spoke on behalf of foundation. They are hoping to get information on plans for any upcoming projects. He spoke of trying to possibly get businesses and partners in the future to come to games to get recognized.

Education/ Scholarship: Closing date for TADS and to get assistance with paperwork will be due at the end of May.

Public/ Alumni Relations: Dr. Sombke and Becky will be attending a job fair at NSU on January 31.

Ad Hoc updates: January 6 approval for repairing the venting above the dishwasher area

Final comments, Questions, Concerns- None

Executive session: Started 7:45 and ended 8:10

Betsey Dinger, Secretary