

*Stone Valley Community Charter School*

Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2021 6:30 p.m.

I. Call to order - The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM. A quorum was present.

Board members present: Ken Bookhamer, Katie Baker, Cheryl Casner, Katie Rupert, Kendra Lapp, Ashley Suydam, Valerie Long, Celina Seftas, Rod Cook

Board members absent: none

Public: David Smead, Starla Fogleman

II. Approval of Minutes from July Meeting. **Motion by Lapp/Cook.** Motion passed unanimously.

III. Public comments - none

IV. Board Business

V. Committee Reports:

A. Finance Committee Report - Rupert reported that everything is in good standing. There are some reimbursements due from the summertime, but they are not overdue. The audit is scheduled to begin at the beginning of the school year.

Board Action- approve expenditures. **Motion by Baker/Suydam.** Motion passed unanimously.

B. Education Director's Report - Casner reported that there is not much interest in the playground aides positions. She has one applicant for the open art/STEM position.

PDE is recommending universal masking in schools. No other schools in the IU area are requiring masks at school, but all are requiring them on the busses. The mask plan can be based on the level of community transmission, as determined by the CDC. The current community transmission is listed as "Moderate."

Layered mitigation measures will be implemented including temperature checks, handwashing, sick policy, not using the cafeteria, and spacing within the classrooms. There was discussion about when to use masks. The priority is to keep the school open. Last year was a success in that the kids mostly remained in school in person, and no students contracted COVID from being at school. It was proposed to have masks encouraged at "low" and "moderate," while masks would be required at "substantial" and "high" levels of community transmission. Masks would be worn when in hallways or common areas (except outside), when away from desk (such as working in a small group). Masks always worn on busses (federal mandate). **Motion to approve by Seftas/Baker.** Further discussion (Folgeman - this is very doable for the students. Bookhamer - it only takes about 15 more cases to bump us to substantial. Long - the students won't be wearing masks much during the day.) **Motion passed by roll call vote.**

Definitions of face coverings were discussed. Nurse Andi had previously mentioned that there were some issues with neck gaiters last year. It was discussed that the school would address those on a case by case basis. It was agreed that a note would be sent home about mask hygiene and the safety plan updates.

Accept resignation of Madison Mock. **Motion to accept by Bookhamer/Suydam.** Motion carried.

Approve tuition reimbursement policy. **Motion to accept by Bookhamer/Cook.** Motion carried.

Approve Substitutes: McCammons, Ferrucci, Monkern. Casner explained that non-certified teachers have to attend an annual IU training and get approved annually. **Motion to approve by Baker/Lapp.** Motion carried.

Update Bylaws to allow board members to be paid for non-board services- **Motion to strike “nor may any trustee receive compensation from the corporation for services rendered or expenses incurred for serving the corporation in any other capacity” and replace with “a trustee may receive compensation from the corporation for other services actually rendered.” by Seftas/Bookhamer.** Motion carried.

C. Executive Committee - Bookhamer reported that the committee met last week to discuss the safety plan and the new lunch program. The specials classrooms will be utilized this year. Music lessons will resume this year. The lunch program will be offered for free to all students. The breakfast program is being worked on. It was suggested that the school supplement the student-brought snacks with healthy snacks, such as whole fruits and vegetables. It was discussed that the committees would create standing dates for the school year. Casner will send out a google doc to schedule those dates.

D. Academic Policy Committee - no report

E. Admissions/Parental Volunteer Committee - no report

F. Facilities and Grounds Committee -

A mower was ordered but has not arrived yet.

Roof vents have been installed.

G Fundraising Committee - no report, but Rupert stated that the fall flower fundraiser is going to start soon.

H. Community Relations Committee - no report. Bookhamer volunteered Cook to lead this committee. Casner suggested that board development work be added to this committee. Seftas volunteered to join this committee. Casner reported that the board development toolbox had lots of resources for the committee.

I. Technology Committee - Baker reported that Isaac Baker is going to do some redesign for the website. Two plugins will be purchased to help build and maintain the website - Advanced Custom Fields and Custom Facebook Field at \$49/each/year. Casner reported that the County Commissioners are asking the schools, hospitals, and larger businesses to contribute the matching funds for a major broadband grant application. The funds would come from the FY22-23 budget, and Casner will invite the Commissioners to present at the next board meeting.

David Smead introduced himself and provided information about his background in electronics and telecommunications in the US Navy and PA Dept. of Corrections, and his community service with the Shaver's Creek fire company. **Bookhamer made a motion to nominate David Smead to join the board. Second by Suydam.** Motion carried. Board membership will become official pending notarization.

VI. Adjournment (No action will be taken on any discussion after adjournment) Motion to adjourn Seftas/Cook at 8:29PM.

Upcoming Meetings:

*Board Meeting: September 9, 2021 @ 6:30pm  
All meetings are held at SVCCS unless otherwise stated.*