

Stone Valley Community Charter School

Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2021 6:30 p.m.

I. Call to order - The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM. A quorum was present.

Board members present: Ken Bookhamer, Katie Baker, Cheryl Casner, Katie Rupert, Kendra Lapp, Celina Seftas, David Smead, Rod Cook,

Board members absent: Ashley Suydam, Valerie Long

Public: Brian Spicher

Via Zoom: Ashley Hawn, Kelly Perrin

II. Approval of Minutes from September Meeting. Motion by Baker/Smead. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Public comments - no comments were made

IV. Board Business

A. Broadband project contribution - The presentation from last month was discussed. Smead brought up existing recent improvements such as new AT&T towers, Jackson Broadband, and RBC. Casner reported that the school can't spend money on internet access that isn't filtered to a certain standard. There are about 20 students (currently) who have zero or spotty internet access. Smead made a motion to not contribute to the broadband initiative, second by Bookhamer. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

A. Finance Committee Report - Rupert reported that the committee met at the end of September. The audit is complete, and the auditor stated that everything is in good order. About \$140 has been spent so far on the breakfast program (includes granola bars and cereals). Billing has been sent out to school districts for last quarter's tuition, and the actual income is about \$35,000 less than projected. Rupert reported that the finances are in good shape and will be even better once the tuition reimbursements come in. Motion to approve expenditures by Lapp/Baker. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Action- approve expenditures

B. Education Director's Report -

Casner reported that PDE guidance has been updated again and presented a summary for board review, including a definition for face coverings. A voluntary testing program was discussed so that testing is available to everyone (especially those without insurance). Motion to proceed with the voluntary COVID testing program by Seftas, second by Baker. Motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion about increasing mask time during the school day in order to reduce the amount of close contacts and quarantines. Hawn commented that it is easier for teachers to have students keep masks on instead of putting on a taken off. Bookhamer motioned to not increase mask time while students are sitting at their seats. Second by Lapp. Motion passed by roll call

vote. So, students sitting in seats surrounding the student who tests positive will have to quarantine.

Motion to approve updated safety plan and staff quarantine policy by Seftas, second by Baker. Motion passed unanimously.

School psychologist rate increase - Casner reported that the school psychologist rate hasn't been raised since 2015. School psychologists are in short supply right now. Casner reported that SVCCS has about 5 or 6 evaluations per year.

Casner reported that Valerie Bulick has resigned. Motion to accept resignation of Valerie Bulick by Bookhamer, second by Baker. Motion passed unanimously.

Casner reported that the 5th grade students have the opportunity to attend Outdoor School at a rate of \$65/student, with the date TBD. Motion to approve Outdoor School by Smead, second by Baker. Motion passed unanimously.

Casner reported a need for a combined Cafeteria / Recess aide position in order to get breakfast and lunches organized and provide recess duties to give teachers planning time. The position would be part time at \$10/hour with no benefits. Motion to create the position and hire by Seftas, second by Lapp. Motion passed unanimously. Baker abstained.

The by-laws were discussed. The changes made in August to allow for a board member to receive compensation for services rendered might be in conflict with the definition of eligibility as a board member. Motion to add "full-time employee" to the definition of eligible board members (so the by-laws read "03.02.03 Any parent or guardian of a student or alumnus of Stone Valley Community Charter School or member of the community who is at least 18 years of age and it not a full-time employee of Stone Valley Community Charter School shall be eligible to be selected as a Trustee." The motion would be pending approval of the school's attorney. Motion by Bookhamer, second by Seftas. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Executive Committee - Bookhamer reported that the committee met last week and that the topics on Casner's report were discussed.

D. Academic Excellence Committee - Casner reported that the committee met on Sept. 28 to discuss Spring Math and Wonders Reading curriculum. PBIS will roll out in January and is being planned now.

E. Admissions/Parental Volunteer Committee - Lapp and Baker met, but there was not much to discuss due to volunteers not being allowed in the school.

F. Facilities and Grounds Committee - Rupert reported that she is still collecting information for the recycling rates. Burgmeier offers recycling, but it has to be sorted and didn't appear to be cost effective for the school. Parks used to offer comingled recycling, but it is no longer available in this area. Rupert has a pending phone call to Hollenbaugh's. Bookhamer reported that the next Facilities meeting will be November 18.

G Fundraising Committee - Rupert reported that tomorrow is the last day of the flower/bulb sale. It current raised about \$250. The meat raffle is ongoing and is going well. There will be another

apparel sale, pretzel sandwiches, and possibly Texas Roadhouse rolls. One parent wanted to join the committee, and the next meeting will be October 21.

H. Board Development / Community Relations Committee - Cook reported that the committee met September 16. He reported that a procedure and application for joining the board was developed. The form includes questions about why the candidate is interested in joining the board and disclosure of any conflicts of interest. Motion to accept the board recruitment procedures by Baker, second by Bookhamer. Motion passed unanimously.

I. Technology Committee - a model policy was distributed for the board to review for next month.
Board Action-
Social Media Policy - tabled.

VI. Adjournment (No action will be taken on any discussion after adjournment) Motion to adjourn at 8:21PM by Baker/Seftas. Motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Meetings:

*Board Meeting: November 18, 2021 @ 6:30pm
All meetings are held at SVCCS unless otherwise stated.*