



Ankeny Christian Academy
Board of Education Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2016 | Board Secretary: Chris Eller

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Josh Craighead
Leah Davenport
Bob Deo
Chris Eller
Mike Erickson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Steve Robinson (Administrator)

CALL TO ORDER: Josh Craighead – 7:00 PM

OPENED IN PRAYER: Josh Craighead

The board held its primary open session from 7:00 pm to 7:39 pm. The board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Mike Erickson motioned to approve the agenda. Bob Deo seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

Mike Erickson motioned to approve the minutes from the October board meeting. Leah Davenport seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

3. **GPA discussion**

If we continue using the system we have for class ranking in house, which exceeds 4.0, but limit our reporting GPA to 4.0. This will help students in applying for colleges and universities that offer scholarships based on a 4.0 grade scale, thus allowing more students to achieve a 4.0. No motion requested.

4. **Non-Accredited high school credits disqualify a student from consideration for Valedictorian or Salutatorian.**

The board discussed several considerations to address the potential that a student entering from a non-accredited or alternative high school their senior year might qualify as the school's valedictorian or salutatorian based on their grade point from a non-accredited school.

5. **Attendance requirements**

The State of Iowa has weak rules to address students who are habitually absent for unexcused reasons. (This is not addressing excused absences.) The board believes there are policies in existence that address this issue--if a student misses a certain number of school days the student can be expelled.

6. **What college courses go on transcripts**

Should students who take college courses add the grade to the student's cumulative grade point?

7. **Part time cannot take online classes begin thinking?**

The answer to this question is no. Students must take classes offered by ACA in the building in order to qualify as a part-time student.

Do part-time students qualify to be reimbursed for college classes taken through ACA.

8. Principal's report

- a. Start of school—smooth start
 - i. Happy kids
 - ii. Lunch so far so good
 - iii. Top five private school; top 3 Christian school
 - iv. We have chosen to save money on Spanish and the ½ time music position. We hired a new teacher to take Rodman's spot and used her to absorb some of Mungeon's prior job description. In addition, we tried to give elementary more blocks of useable teaching time by arranging their specials.
 - 1. Net result is a strain on the schedule.
 - 2. Need to think differently about Spanish for next year.
 - v. Accreditation has begun—we are fully accredited with CSI as a candidate and ACA is on the path to gain final approval by the spring of 2019. Mike Erickson, Leah Davenport, and Dr. Robinson will continue to report to the board on the process occasionally as needed.
 - vi. On the horizon
 - 1. High School retreat September 11-12
 - 2. Jr High Retreat Sept. 12
 - 3. Top Workplaces publication September 17 (Sunday paper)

Bob Deo motioned to end the open session. Mike Erickson seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Craighead, Board Chair

Chris Eller, Board Secretary