



Ankeny Christian Academy
Board of Education Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2017 | Board Secretary: Leah Davenport

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Josh Craighead
Leah Davenport
Bob Deo
Mike Erickson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chris Eller

ALSO PRESENT:

Steve Robinson (Administrator)
David Caldwell
John Fiala

CALL TO ORDER: Josh Craighead – 7:00 PM

The board held its primary open session from 7:00 pm to 7:38 pm. The board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m and 7:50 pm to 8:58 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

Bob Deo motioned to approve the agenda. Mike Erickson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mike Erickson motioned to approve the minutes from the August board meeting. Bob Deo seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

3. Use of Popular Reading Books in 4th-6th grades

Teachers have expressed interest in branching out beyond the reading textbook curriculum. They feel they could teach the skills of the course better with additional materials. Currently we use Bob Jones (3rd edition) in the elementary curriculum. The recommendation would be to use money designated for purchasing the 4th edition to purchase extra curricular popular reading books. The teacher would approve the text and recommend it to administration. Some teachers may choose to participate and others may not. Administration is looking for more flexibility. Mrs. Hansen shared the desire for these popular reading books is specifically for the 4th-6th grade. Discussion was had that popular books that are chosen need to be approved by more than just the teacher at hand (a process needs to be set up for approval). The underlying expectation of the board is that curriculum, whether primary text or supplemental books, main focus is biblical integration. The direction is to stay the course of Christian textbooks but supplemental reading is allowed as long as the process of approval is set to function with more than one teachers looking through the proposed reading books.

4. Purchase of Additional Chromebooks \$7,764 7th grade and new students in 6, 8 and 9.

Money was donated previously and this money has not be spent yet. Administration wants to reach the one-to-one approach for technology. We have added several students and will now provide Chromebooks to all 6th, 8th and 9th grade students.

5. New App for parent communication

This conversation began last year mostly surrounding our lunch program. Ordering has seemed to run smoothly this year and although the need for an App for lunches isn't as strong, it would still be beneficial for communication. An ACA graduate has discussed assisting in setting up an App for \$1500. Recommendation was to touch base with our Marketing Director, Lydia Quick, for items to be included on the App.

6. Administrative report

- Lunch purchasing has improved over last year.
- Office is doing well and following the requirements for the state of Iowa (ie. shots required for 7th and 12th graders)

- **Moving towards CSI accreditation has minimized the work of the office.**
- **Enrollment is 288.**
- **Professional Development - We take Fridays and 2 days off during the school year to work on professional development. Technology (chromebooks and smart boards) and Biblical infusion are the two main emphasis.**

Bob motioned to adjourn. Mike seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Craighead, Board Chair

Leah Davenport, Vice Chair