

**Anchorage Independent Board of Education**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**August 23, 2021**

Members Present: Hannah Barnes, Chair  
Colleen Abate, Vice Chair  
Rosanna Gabriele (Remote Access)  
Wilson Greene  
Wendell Harris

Staff Present: Debbie Bowley  
Jennifer Fannin  
Kelly Haile  
Sandy McAfee  
Kim Mitchell  
Kelley Ransdell  
Jonathan Travis

APTA Present: Megan Brady  
Andrea Donan

Others Present: Katie Alexander  
Maggi Donnell  
Nan Dryden  
Leslie Lucas  
Andrew O'Brien  
Sara Tyler

Call to Order: Mrs. Barnes called the Board Meeting to order.

Approval Agenda: Mr. Greene moved that the Board approve the revised agenda to add items (F) fundraising request and (G) ventilation.  
Mrs. Abate seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Staff Recognition: The Board welcomed the following new staff members:  
1. Debbie Bowley  
2. Jennifer Fannin  
3. Sandy McAfee  
4. Kim Mitchell

Persons Addressing  
The Board: Andrew O'Brien spoke in favor of removing requirements for indoor volunteers to be vaccinated.

Member Reports:

The Board reviewed the following special reports:

1. City Council Report (Oral)-Wendell Harris
  - a. Nothing related to school.
2. APTA Report (Oral)-Andrea Donan
  - a. Newcomers' event for incoming K & 1 classes with school tour and presentation was well attended. The APTA plans to continue this event next school year.
  - b. Online portion of orientation went well but will work through the kinks for next school year.
  - c. Room Parent meeting will be held on August 31, 2021.
  - d. Screening Committee breakfast will be held on September 15, 2021.
  - e. Committee on Christmas in Anchorage continues to meet to plan the event.
3. Other Reports
  - a. None

Staff Reports:

The Board reviewed the following staff reports:

1. Personnel Report (Ms. Ransdell)
2. Curriculum Update (Ms. Haile)
3. Conference Participation Schedule (Ms. Ransdell)
4. School & Council Report (Mr. Terry)
5. Superintendent's Report (Ms. Ransdell)
6. Strategic Plan Update (Ms. Ransdell)
7. Data Dashboard (Ms. Ransdell)
8. Treasurer's Report (Mr. Travis)

Consent Items for Approval:

1. Vouchers
2. Minutes of July 26, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
3. Minutes of August 2, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
4. 2021-2022 Class Sizes

Mr. Greene moved that the Board approve the consent items.  
Mrs. Gabriele seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval of District Employment Practices and Employment Management Plan:

Mr. Greene moved that the Board approve the Employment Practices and Employee Management Plan for Anchorage Independent School District.

Mr. Harris seconded the motion and it passed.

Approval of Support the Council For Better Education Inc.

Resolution:

Mr. Greene moved that the Board authorize Superintendent Kelley Ransdell to take to support the Council for Better Education, Inc. ("CBE"), in its legal challenge to the unconstitutionality of the tax credits in House Bill 563, including payment of \$180.22 dues related to this school district's membership in CBE or its support of the referenced legal challenge.

Mrs. Abate seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval of Revised 2021-2022 AISD Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction:

Mrs. Gabriele moved that the Board approve Mrs. Barnes and Mr. Greene to work with Ms. Ransdell to revise 2021-2022 Anchorage Independent School District Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction to remove the requirement that indoor volunteers be vaccinated and to align indoor mask exemptions to those approved by the Kentucky Board of Education.

Mrs. Abate seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval Resolution Relating To Quarantine Leave (702 KAR 1:191E):

Mr. Greene moved that the Board approve the resolution of the Anchorage Independent Board of Education relating to quarantine leave during the 2021-2022 school year pursuant to 702 KAR 1:191E..

Mr. Harris seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval of Fundraiser Request:

Mr. Greene moved that the Board approve the Class of 2022 fundraiser request of a donation jar at the Anchorage School Fall Festival.

Mrs. Abate seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval of Small Gym

Ventilation:

Mr. Greene moved that the Board approve adding a Big A Ion Technology ceiling fan in the small gym at a cost of \$12,316 to be paid for with reduction of two high intensity first grade tutoring sessions and the reduction indirect costs of the ESSER Spending Plan.  
Mrs. Gabriele seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Closed Session:

Mr. Greene moved that the Board go into closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(c) for the following:  
1. Proposed or Pending Litigation  
Mrs. Abate seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Open Session:

Mr. Greene moved that the Board reconvene from closed session.  
No action taken.  
Mrs. Gabriele seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Mr. Greene moved that the Board meeting adjourn.  
Mrs. Gabriele seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

These minutes represent a fair and accurate record of the meeting held by the Anchorage Independent Board of Education.

Chair of the Board \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary to the Board \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer for the Board \_\_\_\_\_