

COVA Board Meeting

September 23, 2010

4:00 p.m.

Colorado Virtual Academy Office
11990 Grant Street, Suite 402
Northglenn, CO 80233

A. PRELIMINARY

A-1 Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:09 p.m.

A-2 Roll Call

In attendance were. Tim Booker, Pam Benigno, Lori Cooney and Denise Mund.

A-3 Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as stated by Mrs. Benigno, seconded by Mrs. Cooney. Motion carries unanimously.

A-4 Approval of the Minutes from June 2010

Mrs. Benigno made a motion to approve the minutes from June 24, 2010; second by Mrs. Cooney.

B. COMMUNICATION

B-1 Public Comment

The chairperson will recognize anyone who has submitted a request form before meeting time. Remarks will be limited to three minutes per person with a total of ten minutes per subject, or designated by the COVA Board. Speakers will be reminded when they have 30 seconds left to speak. Individuals may also sign-up to address a specific agenda item and they will be recognized to speak with the Board discusses that item. Ordinarily, Board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction following a presentation.

Shantelle Mulliniks, middle school teacher, spoke about the proposed teacher/student ratio plan and teacher supports needed for student retention. Amy Arndt, an elementary school teacher, also spoke about the same issues.

B-2 Head of School Report

Ms. Magri showed a slide listing all the colleges and universities recent COVA graduates have either been accepted into or are attending.

Vinny Badolato, from the League of Charter Schools, spoke about an investigation the League is doing in regard to the quality of authorizing by the Adams 12 Five Star School District. He also conveyed information about the economic forecast that came out of the Governor's office earlier this week, which was \$269 million less than previously anticipated. Finally, Vinny told about a meeting last week in regard to hybrid learning and how legislation could possibly be proposed to address the problems with funding for that type of learning.

Ms. Magri then read an email she'd received from a COVA student's mother praising the work of the K12 staff. The student had been in COVA since fourth grade and entered a brick and mortar school this year.

A dashboard was presented and explained by Ms. Magri. The board discussed various tables and data points in the dashboard. The district worked with Ms. Magri to develop "probable" CSAP data, which was analyzed internally only due to the misadministration no-scores. She reviewed the true data that was from tests not misadministered.

Ms. Magri provided an update on the School Accountability Committee. Two town hall meetings will be held during the year.

B-2 Finance Committee Updates

Mr. Barela reviewed the budget with the board. This budget reflects 3% of bonuses will be paid in December and the remaining 10% at the end of the school year, as proposed on the board's agenda later in the meeting.

C. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be approved/enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested by a Board member for further discussion or removed from the agenda, there will be no discussion of these items prior to the to the Board votes on them. The Head of School recommends approval of consent agenda items.

C-1 Changes to the K-8 Merit/Bonus Plan

C-2 Approval of 10/11 Board Meeting Schedule

C-3 Approval of Proposal of Ongoing Enrollment

D. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

D-1 Approve FY 10/11 Board Policies Revisions

Moved by Mrs. Mund and seconded by Mrs. Benigno to approve policies 8.1 and 8.2 as presented on first reading. Motion carries unanimously.

Three policies (whistle blower, records management and conflicts of interest) will be incorporated into this draft. .

D-2 Approve Special Bonus

Ms. Magri explained the proposed special bonus plan to the board and as included in the board packet.

Mr. Booker moved to approve the special bonus as presented in the board packet. Motion seconded by Mrs. Benigno and adopted unanimously.

D-3 Board Elections

Mrs. Benigno moved that Mr. Booker remains as President, Mrs. Benigno remains as Vice President, Mrs. Cooney remains as Treasurer and Mrs. Mund serves as Secretary. Seconded by Mrs. Cooney. The motion carried unanimously.

The board took a short break.

The meeting reconvened at 5:50 p.m.

D-4 2010/11 Board Meeting Schedule

The Feb. 24th date was changed to March 3, 2011. Motion by Mrs. Cooney to accept the revised 2010/11 board meeting schedule. Seconded by Mrs. Mund. Motion carried unanimously.

D-5 Ongoing Enrollment for K-8

Mrs. Benigno moved to approve the ongoing enrollment plan that was approved by the Finance Committee yesterday. Motion seconded by Mr. Booker. The motion carried 3-1 with Mrs. Cooney voting nay.

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None scheduled

F. OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Mund asked for staff to get an update from the district on the Ed Jobs money that is available now and through the 2011/12 school year. The update should be provided to the board as soon as possible.

G. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mrs. Benigno asked for the bottom of the agenda to list the next meeting's dates.

H. AJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m. Moved by Mrs. Benigno and seconded by Mrs. Cooney. Motion carries unanimously.