

 ASPIRA OF DELAWARE CHARTER OPERATIONS, INC.	BOARD MEETING MINUTES: ASPIRA OF DELAWARE CHARTER OPERATIONS INC. (ADCO)
	DATE: 3/27/2014 LOCATION: Conference Room Las Americas ASPIRA Academy (LAAA) Charter School 326 Ruthar Drive, Newark DE 19711-8017
Directors Present: John Laznik, Jamie “Gus” Rivera (Vice-Chair), Lourdes Puig (Chair), Jorge Diaz, Alex Fajardo Directors Absent: EJ Blied, Lilia Meredith, Daniel Segui Others Present: Greg Panchisin (Business Manager), Margie Lopez-Waite (Head of School)	
Future Meetings Dates: 4/24, 5/22, 6/24, 7/24	

Call to Order

Lourdes Puig called the public session to order at 6:08PM. She noted that there were five voting-eligible Directors present and that a quorum was established. References hereunder to “unanimous” actions of the board refer to the actions of the five present voting-eligible Directors.

Public Comment (topics)

None.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Agenda for March 27, 2014 was presented and reviewed. Laznik presented a motion to accept the agenda as presented with a change under Future Meeting Dates, 5/29 should be 5/22. Diaz seconded the motion and the motion to approve the agenda was approved by unanimous vote of the Board. Minutes of the February 27, 2014 Board Meeting were presented and reviewed. Diaz presented a motion to accept the February Meeting Minutes as presented which was seconded by Rivera. The motion to approve the minutes was approved by unanimous vote of the Board.

Committee Updates

Operations Committee as reported by Greg Panchisan

- ASPIRA Academy Lease/Purchase Options were presented

A motion by Rivera, seconded by Laznik that the ADCO Board allow Anthony G. Bariglio from Patterson Woods & Associates to move forward with:

- 1) Discussion with Mattei about Master Lease of building
- 2) Discussion with Mattei about Purchase of building
- 3) Approaching lenders regarding financing
- 4) Looking into rolling existing debt and construction into financing option
- 5) Discussion with Sportsplex regarding sub-lease
- 6) Obtaining 3 bids for future construction

with the stipulation that all of the above items are contingent upon the charter renewal of the school in 2014-15. Final resolution was unanimous.

Academic Committee:

- Continuing to work on Academic draft document

Financial Committee:

- None

Finance Committee Report (FOC) *as reported by Greg Panchisin (Business Manager)*

Greg reviewed the February monthly financial report. Actual to budget remains favorable. Several questions were raised and answered. The full report will be available on the FOC portion of www.aspiraacademy.org. A motion by Laznik, seconded by Fajardo that the ADCO Board accept the February 2014 Monthly Financial Report as presented. Final resolution was unanimous.

Head of School Report *as reported by Margie Lopez-Waite*

School Calendar

Margie reviewed the 2014-15 school calendar. Several questions were raised and answered. A motion by Laznik, seconded by Fajardo that the ADCO Board accept the 2014-15 School Calendar as presented. Final resolution was unanimous.

Enrollment

As of 3/27/14, we are at 91% of our enrollment goal for 2014-15 (467 out of 514)

Staffing 2014-15 School Year

- Open teaching and administrative positions were share for the 2014-15 School Year
- Recruitment efforts were presented

Discipline Report

249 Demerits Year to Date; 150 School (60%); 99 Bus (40%)

Academic Update

- Proficiency results (DCAS Fall and Winter)
- Instructional Growth Results
- Initiatives to address student achievement were presented

Highlights/Announcements

- QUEST Program established for accelerated learners
- School Dance/Talent Show/VIVA ASPIRA event and Spring Break dates were announced

New Business

Board Training – reviewing dates for Board

Board recognitions – discussion continued about a possible annual volunteer award as presented by the ADCO Board

Adjourn The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:20PM.