

American Leadership Academy



Board of Trustees Public Meeting  
November 1, 2007  
7:30 P.M.  
Administration Building

Call to Order: 7:50 P.M.

Attendees: Chairman, Dr. Hogenson, Ann Marie Mair, Vickie Peterson,  
Shelina Way, Mike Hess, and Parent Council President Elect Mrs. Savage

Excused Krystin Morley and Jan Searle

Director Rob Muhlestein, Asst. Director Kalin Hall, Asst. Director Kenna Marrelli

General Public; Roll attached to the minutes

Spiritual Thought: Chairman, Dr. Hogenson

Items of Business:

**Student Records Policy**

Vickie Peterson presented the Student Records Policy, stating that the policy had been written as requested by the State. The policy complies with state law concerning student records. The policy is attached to the minutes. Vickie stated it closely resembles Nebo School district's policy. Board members were given the policy to review before the Public meeting. Opportunity was given for public comment. No one from the public commented. The Board voted unanimous to accept the policy as written. Those voting are Vickie Peterson, Shelina Way, Ann Marie Mair, Mike Hess, and Chairman, Dr. Hogenson.

**Enrollment Policy**

American Leadership Academy Enrollment Policy was introduced and discussed. The policy was written in alliance with state enrollment laws. The policy is attached to the minutes. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the policy. Those voting are Vickie Peterson, Shelina Way, Mike Hess, Ann Marie Mair, Chairman, Dr. Hogenson.

**Public Comment:**

**Heidi Abbott** (parent) has concerns with the backyard of the school. She expressed a need for a block wall to determine between school property and public property and the need for crosswalks.

The board commented that this was a city issue and that the city would need to be petitioned.

**Pat Parkinson** (parent) Concern with not having enough full time elementary aids. This is a huge selling point for the school.

**Director Rob Muhlestein**, a Grant could give an extra \$120,000 which we can apply to help with aids. We have 17 aids in the Elementary and 24 teachers. They rotate through classes. With Title I grant we could have more.

**Ms. Clements** asked Mr. Muhlestein about the fine arts track and who it would be for.

**Mr. Muhlestein** state this is mainly for the High School Students. He would love to see it even in the elementary.

**Chairman, Dr. Hogenson**, said he was pleased that ALA offered the students many tracks such as MATC, UVSC, Fine Arts and Athletics. He is pleased that this leads to skills for the students when they graduate as well as getting degrees and a job, offering a basic foundation.

Parents expressed concerns that phonics may are not being taught.

**Mrs. Marrelli** said that phonics is being taught through Core knowledge and the level readers also the Riggs program would be a great phonics program too.

Parents will need to speak with the teachers about a strong phonics program.

**Beth Pearson**, concerned with the elementary Spanish program. She is not satisfied that the students are getting enough instruction.

**Director Rob Muhlestein**, would also like to see a Latin program this would need parent support. Maybe we could offer this next year.

**Reid Harrison**, counseling is running great this year. We need more information about the ACT, when and where it will be held.

This information is posted in the counseling office. In December the counselors will be meeting and going over this with the students. Mr. Nichols holds a class on ACT prep.

Mike Hess made a motion to adjourn Shelina Way seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned 8:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Vickie Peterson

Policies can be reviewed in ALA's records department