



ASCENT COLORADO CLASSICAL SCHOOLS

**Ascent Classical Academy Charter Schools, Inc.
Governing Board - Regular Meeting Agenda
January 28, 2025
3:30 pm**

In-person: 4690 Table Mountain Drive, Suite 100, Golden, CO 80403

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The Governing Board of Ascent Classical Academy Charter Schools, Inc. will convene.

1. Preliminary.
 - a. Call to order.
 - i. Mr. Shanfelt called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM
 - b. Roll Call.
 - i. Shanfelt, Gilan, Warhurst, Williams
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance.
 - d. Read Mission/Vision.
 - e. Adopt Agenda.
 - i. Motion to approve the agenda as presented: Williams, Second: Warhurst, Motion Carried
2. Reports
 - a. Finance Report.
 - i. Mr. Scott presented the quarterly financial report of the general fund, as well as the capital projects and Debt Services funds.
 - ii. The general fund financials are on a budget except for those that have been discussed - in particular the GJ budget is running over due to the breakfast/lunch fund.
 - iii. Miscalculation of the Mil Levy equalization fund at the state level and the at-risk population allocations impacted the network's revenues.
 - iv. Debt services were discussed. Mr. Jones provided a financial update on the capital improvements. The delay on the gym at DougCO is causing an increase in interest funds where the dollars are currently invested.
 - v. Capital Projects/Capital Reserve financials have no changes.
 - b. Headmaster Reports.
 - i. Mrs. Drake updated the board on the events taking place at GJ. Enrollment is progressing well and there are a number of great community events taking place at the campus.
 - ii. Mr. Jones shared that the intent to return process for students and staff is underway in Douglas County. Mr. Jones also shared about a number of events that are taking place at the DougCo campus including professional development, fine arts events, and enrollment meetings.
 - iii. Dr. Tacoma shared his update with the board. Dr. Tacoma shared

- that the homeschool enrichment program proposal to CSI was approved, Minga Education has been on site to provide support around the Title II school improvement process, and a hire was made for the special education position that has been hard to hire.
- iv. Mr. Krammer reported that there will be a number of leaders attending the Hillsdale job fair in the next few weeks. He reported that there are a number of great candidates who are reaching out to the school to inquire about job opportunities for the coming school year. He also commented on the events that are taking place at the Northern Colorado site, including the girl's basketball program that is currently 11-2 and the archery program is running. On the academic front, there has been some significant growth on the DIBELs assessment.
 - c. Fundraising Report.
 - i. Mr. Scott updated the board about the final stages of bringing on a fundraising specialist.
 - d. Facilities Report. Mr. Connolly
 - i. Lone Tree Gym
 - ii. NoCo Phase II
 - iii. Grand Junction Phase I
 - iv. Northern Denver Phase I
 1. Mr. Connolly provide updates on the projects taking place within the network including the search for land in the Northern Denver area and 2 additional modulars for the current site.
 2. An RFP is out for architectural services for the front of the building at Northern Colorado
 3. Grand Junction is in the process of reviewing 2 more modular locations. Master planning for phase II is underway.
 3. Public Comment – Members of the public may email Stephen.Gilmartin@ascentcolorado.org by 2:00 pm the day of the meeting to sign up for public comment.
 - a. No public comments were requested.
 4. Consent Agenda.
 - a. Adopt meeting minutes of the 12/17/2024 Board Meeting
 - b. ACAGJ FY26 Calendar approval (amendment)
 - i. Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented: Gillan, Second: Warhurst, Motion Carried
 5. Business
 - a. Vote in Secretary
 - i. Upon Mr. Fuller's resignation from the board, the secretary position is open.
 1. Motion to approve Mrs. Warhurst as the Board Secretary Mr. Shanfelt, Second: Williams. Motion Carried
 - b. Amend Armed Staff Resolution; Recognition of School Security Officers
 - i. Mr. Scott updated the board regarding the policy for School Security Officer positions. The report provided to the board includes changes to the description of the employment status of SSO with Minga Education Group being the employer. The update includes insurance adjustments, contracting adjustments, and the ability of the board to nominate and accept SSOs.

- ii. Motion to adopt the policy revisions as presented: Williams, Second: Gillan. Motion Carried (with enthusiasm)
 - iii. Motion for the board to accept the names shared with the board chair to be designated as SSO's as presented: Shanfelt, Second: Williams, Motion Carried.
 - c. FY25 Amended Budgets - 2nd Viewing
 - i. Mr. Scott provided an overview of the amended budgets for each school location within the network.
 - ii. Motion to adopt the amended budgets with the edits as presented: Gillan, Second: Shanfelt, Motion Carried
 - d. Approval to open Bank account for Raffles
 - i. Mr. Scott shared the process of establishing a new bank account for the purpose of raffle collections. Motion to approve the bank account: Shanfelt, Second Gillan, Motion Carried
 - e. Vote in new board member
 - i. Mr. Thomas Coyne was nominated to join the board of the Ascent Classical Academy Charter Schools. Motion to approve Mr. Coyne as a board member, Shanfelt, seconded by Gillan. Motion Carried. Mr. Coyne was sworn in.
 - f. Executive Vacation policy/calendar
 - i. Mr. Franko shared an update on the process of establishing a recommendation for the Executive Vacation policy/calendar.
 - g. [Executive Oversight Committee of the Board](#)
 - i. Mr. Franko provided an overview of the proposed executive oversight committee of the board. The board will provide feedback to Mr. Franko and Mr. Scott for further discussions.
 - h. Recommendation to transfer from General Fund to Capital Projects Capital Reserve Fund
 - i. Mr. Scott provided an update on the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Capital Reserve Fund. Mr. Scott provided a recommendation for an amount of money to fund the account that was created for the Capital Projects Capital Reserve Fund. Motion to approve the transfer of funds as presented: Shanfelt, Second Warhurst, Motion Carried.
 - i. Title IX Policy - return to 2020 Rules
 - i. Mrs. Petersen, legal counsel, provided an update on the Title IX ruling taking the 2024 rules out of statute. The 2024 statute was vacated therefore reverting the Title IX policy to the 2020 version that was adopted previously by the board. Motion to approve the Title IX policy as presented: Gillan, Second, Shanfelt. Motion Carried.
6. Executive Session
- a. In accordance with C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e), upon affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present, the Board will reconvene in an Executive Session in order to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; develop a strategy for negotiations; and instruct negotiators. Motion to move into the executive session: Shanfelt, Second: Williams. Motion Carried
 - b. Motion to exit Executive Session at 6:12 PM: Gillan, Second: Warhurst Motion Carried.
7. Adjourn.

- a. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 PM: Warhurst, Second: Coyne.
Motion Carried.

Vision

Ascent Classical Academy Charter Schools develop the moral and intellectual skills, habits, and virtues upon which independent, responsible, and joyful lives are built, in the firm belief that such lives are the basis for a free and flourishing republic.

Mission

Ascent Classical Academy Charter Schools train the minds and improve the hearts of young people through a classical, content-rich education in the liberal arts and sciences, with instruction in the principles of moral character and civic virtue in an orderly and disciplined environment.