

**Clackamas Academy of Industrial Sciences
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2024**

The Clackamas Academy of Industrial Sciences Governing Board met in regular session on January 10th, 2024. The meeting was convened in the school office conference room.

In Attendance: Joel Kershaw, Tracy Rumpca, Jay Goodrich, Jerry Smith, Bo Smith, Eric Storm and Laurie Shepherd

Not In Attendance: Nicole Sims, Lori Luchak

There was a quorum in attendance.

Eric called the meeting to order at 3:50.

PATRON INPUT:

None given.

CHARTER RENEWAL:

Eric reiterated that the CAIS Charter was renewed at the June 12th OCSD Board meeting and then approved by the Superintendent's cabinet. This is for a five year period. The changes made in follow up meetings with the district were basically all regarding financial responsibilities and clarification regarding building use, maintenance and utilities.

Our funding is based on ADM numbers. High school funds at 95% and middle school at 80%. Students average \$10,000 annually. Any surplus or deficit as based on enrollment numbers.

It was confirmed that nutrition and transportation funds are being handled fully by the district.

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Eric discussed the enrollment numbers. Current number is 371 with 202 in middle school and 169 in high school.

It was asked why ninth grade was lower than we'd anticipated. The list of applicants was much higher than the cap of 70 but it took too long to decide if the cap would be raised or not, so many families made other plans.

We had a full staff at the beginning of the school year, but one of the new Middle School humanities teachers quit just a few weeks in which caused lots of issues with other teachers being spread thin to cover that room until another teacher could be hired.

New hires were three new integrated/humanities, one new science and one new shop all in middle school. In high school we hired a new math teacher. We also replaced our Dean of Students position.

THE FUTURE:

There was conversation surrounding the structure of CAIS as a charter school and the possibility of changing to a magnet school.

If this were to happen the structure of the CAIS board would change, but only in intent. It was originally to be a functional board, but has only been advisory. This would become the official role of the board as a magnet.

Joel asked why we were a charter in the first place. We were formed with funds from a federal charter school grant in the amount of \$500k.

Other differences would be mainly in the area of enrollment. The only requirements to attend a charter are that you live in the state and there is space within the cap. For a magnet, schools can set demographic guidelines to match the district norm as a whole. Things such as special education, gender, race and behavior supports can all have limits set on them.

For example the current average percentage of student services within the OCSD schools is 15% with IEPs. The current percentage of students with a student services designation at CAIS is 32% with IEPs. CAIS also has an additional 20% of students with a 504 plan.

There is an upcoming meeting with the cabinet to brainstorm ideas and make recommendations for how to best move forward.

There was discussion regarding how difficult both schools and workplaces have become in the current culture. Attention spans, ability to follow instructions, stay on task, timeliness, respect for authority and commitment are all needing to be taught at all levels.

Tracy said that he would be more than willing to come speak to the cabinet or the board if that would be helpful as now more than ever he needs graduates ready to work that already have some of these skills.

Jay mentioned how good the CTE Program at the Salem school district is and how much he enjoys working with them. The need really is driven by industry needs and it is great.

Joel and Bo told everyone how the relationship with CAIS and Benchmade is growing and doing well. Students are going up to work onsite a couple of days a week. An internship program will be kicking off this spring with one student and hopefully two in the fall.

Tracy reminded Eric that the board is available to help and wants to be involved as much as is helpful.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05.