

Clackamas Academy of Industrial Sciences
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2023

The Clackamas Academy of Industrial Sciences Governing Board met in regular session on June 28th, 2023. The meeting was convened in the school counseling office and lunch was provided.

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

Not In Attendance: Nicole Sims, Jay Goodrich

There was a quorum in attendance.

Eric called the meeting to order at 12:40.

PATRON INPUT:

None given.

CHARTER RENEWAL:

The CAIS Charter was renewed at the June 12th OCSD Board meeting. This is for a five year period.

The negotiation process regarding the details of the charter with the district have begun.

The Superintendent's cabinet should finalize the vote before September.

The main negotiation conversations will be:

- increasing the high school student cap to 100 per grade - likely waiting until 2425 school year
- formalizing a building use agreement
- clarification on a more formal budget that spells out who pays for what between CAIS and district funding
- moving to a four day school week - will wait until 2425 school year

Joel asked about the approval process for changes to the charter agreement. Eric explained that it is through the cabinet and does not have to be approved by the school board.

There was further discussion surrounding the four day school week. This will provide numerous opportunities for students to be involved in work studies with local community partners. The board is very excited about this. Bo and Joel shared that a few students had already been doing this one day a week at Benchmade this past semester and it was well received on both sides.

A four day week would also allow a more consistent schedule for Professional Development staff time to partner with the board and/or other community partners to work on curriculum, opportunity development and building schedules to have the board on campus in classrooms when appropriate.

A main hurdle to a four day week will be the adjustment to the MOU with employee contract hours through the union.

There was discussion surrounding the fact that per the charter decision making belongs to the CAIS board, but it has always been delegated to the OCSD school board. Is this what we want? The CAIS board has always acted only in an advisory capacity. It was agreed that after the charter is renewed there should be more conversation surrounding this topic.

Eric asked if there had ever been a formal process for determining the members of the CAIS board and no one could remember one. This topic needs to be revisited as well. We would like to recruit a new member or two and having community and school suggestions for members would be helpful.

A question was asked about how the budget works now and Eric explained Student Body versus Operational funds. We have about a \$49k rollover in Student Body funds from this 2223 school year.

The state standard for funding to a charter is 95% goes to fund the charter for a High School program. This is 80% for Middle School. The balance funds the supports at the district level.

The charter agreement should define who pays for various expenses, the charter accounts or the district accounts. These are things such as transportation, building maintenance, staffing, etc...

Transportation specifically receives a 70% federal reimbursement which is managed by the district. To access that we must work through the district and give them the first option to provide transportation. If they cannot meet our minimum requirements they can allow us to manage through a third party but they would hire that third party in order to include it in the reimbursement total. The main focus in this area is cost effectiveness.

Joel asked if there were legal supports available during the charter negotiation process. Yes, a representative from the state works with all charters during this process. She worked with us on our presentation to the school board as well regarding the renewal of charter.

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Eric shared that enrollments for next year are looking to be higher, but similar to this year overall.

There will be some changes in staffing as some have resigned and we are opening up one new full time position to work with a staff person that is moving to half time. There are seven interviews happening this week and a few positions are not posted yet as final resignations have not been submitted.

We will continue with an A/B schedule to accommodate our students attending CCC part time. There are fewer students attending full time but still a lot part time. Independence is an important part of students wanting to go to CCC and after covid that is sometimes lacking. We are working to re instill this in our students.

There was discussion about this same issue with new employees. There is a lot of micromanaging required.

Curriculum development is still an issue in some areas. We have access to the district's curriculum but it is not applicable in some cases to our program. Board input in some CTE areas could be helpful.

We are still required to meet state standards for graduation. An example would be the new sex education program put into place this school year.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:45.