

AISU Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
4:30 p.m., Friday, April 29, 2016  
AISU Board Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room)

In Attendance: Richard Maxfield, B.J. Millar, Diane Johnson, Nyal McMullen, Geoff Davis, Mark Smith, Nathan Justis, Mike Farley, Steve Findley & Tyler Jensen

- I. Richard Maxfield calls the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.
  
- II. Approval of Minutes from March 18, 2016
  - a. Nyal McMullen motioned to approve the minutes
  - b. B.J. Millar seconded the motion.
  - c. Votes in favor: Maxfield, Millar, Johnson, McMullen, Davis (unanimous)
  
- III. Public Comment
  - a. Caleb Fralick (AISU student)
    1. Credit recovery for graduating seniors with new GCE curriculum.
    2. Preserve individualized learning
  - b. CT Steil (AISU student)
    1. Credit recovery
    2. Early start time and the front runner schedule
    3. Early morning seminary conflicts
    4. Crew time changes in the afternoon
  - c. Robin Van Wagner
    1. Course offerings seem too politically polarized specifically the banned books of the bible and Quran. Deficiency of fundamental mathematics courses.
  - d. Aundrea Hurtado Angeles
    1. Mathematics curriculum has been lacking at AISU.
    2. Lower elementary introduction to hands-on science experiences.
    3. School lunch has poor nutritional value, food is wasted, poor quality & cafeteria lacks cleanliness.
  - e. Allen Sullivan
    1. Earlier start-time would be better to accommodate after school extracurricular activities.
  - f. Hillary Raleigh
    1. ACT score impact
    2. Learn at own pace and GCE curriculum
    3. Lack of physical books
    4. School start-time
  
- IV. Financial Committee Report (B.J. Millar)
  - a. 401-K match reinstatement: The recommendation of the finance committee is to make the motion to approve reinstatement of 401-K match for this year (2015-16.)
    1. Geoff Davis motions to approve the 401-K match re-instatement for 2015-16.
    2. Nyal McMullen seconds the motion
    3. Votes in favor: Maxfield, Millar, Johnson, McMullen, Davis (unanimous)

- b. The finance committee reports that AISU is at a sustainable operational trajectory with at least 60 international students enrolled.
- c. 2016-17 Budget to be reviewed during May board meeting.
- d. Budget Officer to be appointed and voted on during May board meeting.
- e. AIS-China and EB-5 status report (Mike Farley)
  - 1. We have (2) potential AIS EB-5 investors
  - 2. Potential cultural exchange programs to be developed in which AISU student could study in China for a semester.
- f. Proposed Budgeting and Accounting Framework
  - 1. AISU
    - i. Public charter school (enrolling all local students.)
    - ii. 501(c)(3) no profit
    - iii. Board governed
  - 2. AIS, LLC
    - i. LLC with AISU as majority owner (49%)
    - ii. School management and instructional services (for both public and private)
    - iii. Employs AISU-AIS International personnel
    - iv. EB-5 investment/employment vehicle
  - 3. AIS International
    - i. Recruits and enrolls international students
    - ii. Pays super share of AIS/AISU school staffing and facility lease
    - iii. Pays for international department staff
    - iv. Contributes to AIS Development start-up operational costs
  - 4. AIS Development
    - i. Oversees AIS program development
    - ii. Public/Private hybrid replication efforts in other states
    - iii. AIS-China coordination
    - iv. Manages EB-5 program
    - v. Seeks non-EB5 investment and development partners
    - vi. Joint ventures
    - vii. ICETI

V. Program Improvement Committee (Geoff Davis)

- a. Areas of improvement with grades given by AISU Board
  - 1. Competency Learning Based “C+”
  - 2. Blended Learning “C”
  - 3. Project Based Learning “C”
  - 4. Personalized Learning (Pacing & Pathways) “C-”
  - 5. Peer Learning “C-”
    - i. To improve: we need to develop better framework for example time, places, courses, and training teachers/students etc.
  - 6. Learning Environment and Culture
  - 7. Teacher Training and Selection
- b. The improvement committee will report back to full board with their recommendations to improve the areas listed above.
  - 1. Board to vote on plan by June 4, 2016
  - 2. Plan implementation by August 18, 2016

- VI. Superintendent's Report/ Staff Reports
  - a. Superintendent/Board/Staff Communication improvement plan: Mike Farley will continue meeting weekly with improvement committee and also set aside Monday's from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. for board preparation.
  - b. GCE Curriculum as Framework for High School Core
    - 1. We will tailor this curriculum to AISU needs. It is a starting point for our teachers that is years ahead of where we would get working on our own.
    - 2. We need to have framework to allow for flexibility in course curriculum credit earned to accommodate credit make-up and increase ability to accelerate.
  - c. ICETI: International Center for Educational Technology and Innovation (*potential growth idea for board consideration*)
    - 1. AISU could partner with different technology educational companies in Utah.
    - 2. ICETI would be pitched as a development lab and demonstration site for technologies that some of the partners could help develop.
  
- VII. Board Member Recruitment
  - a. Existing members will bring recommendation to the next board meeting.
  
- VIII. Adjournment
  - a. Geoff Davis motions for the meeting to adjourn
  - b. Diane Johnson seconds the motion.
  - c. Votes in favor: Maxfield, Millar, Johnson & Davis (unanimous)
  - d. Richard Maxfield calls the meeting to a close at 6:54 p.m.