

Board Meeting Minutes
American International School of Utah
4998 South Galleria Drive, Murray, UT 84123
May 8, 2019 @ 5:00 p.m.

Welcome– Roll Call

Board Members Present: Kent Burggraaf (by phone); Craig Lawson (by phone); Kenneth Grover (by phone); Mindy Young; Diane Longhurst-Johnson (by phone); Tasi Young (School Director; non-voting); and April Todd (Secretary; non-voting)

Excused Board Members: Dan Griffiths (joined the call at 5:17)

Absentee Board Members: none

Staff: Abbey Wallace, Katie Hedman, Janae Powell, Jandy Stelter

Others: Lincoln Fillmore (Charter Solutions), Royce Vantassell (Charter Association),

Consider whether and when to close AISU (vote possible, pending outcome of discussion)

Kent Burggraaf: This meeting will much for brief than last week but there has been much diligence to find solutions over the last week. In such situations it is typical to make some findings that can be referred to during a motion.

There has been much effort made to find other solutions to find new and alternative solutions for issues that would cause AISU to close, there have been some other circumstances that have been contributing factors.

Here is a list of some of the finding.

1. AISU has management agreement with AIS. There has been about 5 million dollars of investment money taken on through AIS. These funds were taken on by previous administration.
2. AISU from initial had proposed to be a public private hybrid that would help facilitate the additional of international students to create a unique culture and environment. The contract with Realms of Inquiry is being looked at and might require a pay back of \$1.5 million. Even though the idea was outlined in the Charter the details were not approved.
3. A audit finding about restricted funds Special Education \$514,000 for unallowable costs. The funds have been slightly reduced but the funds will still need to be paid back. The finding of the audit has changed the way that the state is going to receive Special Education funds on a reimbursement basis. There are other types of restricted funds that the state official will be doing additional audits on.
4. Because of the scrutiny over the partnership with a private school it would most likely reduce \$1 million in revenue.
5. State authorization, they might not authorize AISU to operate for the entire 2019-2020 school year because they can not allow us to be on a longer payback than 5 years.

As described in there has been a real duality with how the state has operated on with AISU. They have told us that they would help in the process of closure, however if AISU does not come to a conclusion to close then the scrutiny will continue.

The main long term concern is if AISU can be financially be viable.

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In the past week and in previous weeks the AISU community has been supportive in looking at ways to help AISU save. However none of the solutions that have been brought forward have not been viable to change the financial situation. This is a hard decision. For us to come to an unanimous decision.

Tasi Young- August 15 could be an appropriate closure date

Close AISU no later than the date of August 15th 2019 adopting the findings noted earlier in this meeting. Directing Tasi to create a closure plan of no later than Aug 15th.

Motion: Dan Griffiths

Second: Kenneth Grover

For: Unanimous

Against: None

Kent Burggraaf: Speaking for all of the board members that this is a hard decision to be made. It's not a decision that has been taken likely, and we want to express our love and support for the community.

We will postpone all other items on the agenda.

Motion to Adjournment

Motion: Mindy Young

Second: Craig Lawson

For: Unanimous

Against: None

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