

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE ACADEMY AT MIDDLE FORK
ADVISORY BOARD
APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Wednesday, May 22, 2019.

3:00 p.m.

Academy at Middle Fork, Media Center

CALL TO ORDER: The Academy at Middle Fork Advisory Board of Appalachian State University met at the call of the Chair and Chancellor on Wednesday May 22, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the media center on the campus of The Academy at Middle Fork, Walkertown, North Carolina. Chair Neva Specht presided and called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Neva Specht
David Hostetler
Melba Spooner
Lisa Gross
Denise Levy
Woodrow Trathen
Cheryl Dickson
Mr. Rusty Hall (Proxy for
Kenneth Simington-
Superintendent of Winston
Salem Forsyth County Schools).

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Susan Branch

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robin Groce
Jennifer Chrisohon
Tasha Hall-Powell
Verschello Nelson
Amie Snow
Vivid Oguntoyinbo
Aubry Dix

CONFLICT OF INTEREST NOTICE: Chair Specht read the following statement:

“Under the State Government Ethics Act, all voting members of the Board have a duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts. Looking at the agenda for today’s meeting, does anyone know that you have a conflict of interest or an interest that would give rise to the appearance of a conflict of interest? If so, please let me know now. [None reported.]

APPROVAL OF ABSENCE: The Chair stated that board member Susan Branch’s absence was approved. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the absence was approved as presented.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION: The Chair welcomed everyone and introduced Mr. Aubry Dix from the Office of General Counsel who will be assisting Jennifer Chrisohon. She also acknowledged the presence of Mr. Rusty Hall, the proxy for Dr. Kenneth Simington, interim superintendent of the Winston Salem and Forsyth County Schools.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of meeting for March 20, 2019 were approved.

UPDATES FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM: The Leadership team, Principal Tasha Hall-Powell, Assistant Principal Verschello Nelson and Dr. Amie Snow shared information and pictures of events at the Academy including the Science fair where the students had the opportunity to conduct different experiments, literacy night, 4th and 5th grade writing pieces, book tasting as well as the opportunity for the leadership team to conduct parent survey during the event.

The 4th and 5th grade had a field trip to the Boone Campus of the Appalachian State University where the winner of the year book contest presented the year book to Chancellor Everts. The Students, Counsellors and Ambassadors had lunch with the Chancellor at the Appalachian house and took a tour of the Campus. The

Kindergarten class also had a field trip to Tweetsie railroad theme park for Tweetsies' Letterland event.

PERSONNEL UPDATE: Dr. Robin Groce, Associate Professor and Assistant Dean of the Academy at Middle Fork gave an update on current vacancies and plans to recruit three teachers and one teacher assistant (TA) depending on Kindergarten enrollment for the coming year.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES AND GOALS/PROJECTS: Principal Tasha-Hall Powell talked about plans for the Academy to host (if approved) its first summer program and to serve as a breakfast and lunch open feeding site for Children and members of the community over the summer from July 8 to August 1st. With current goal of 315 and total student population at 283, Principal Hall-Powell mentioned that current recruitment efforts being made to boost enrollment includes word of mouth, fliers, door to door, museum visits, partnership with the boys and girls club, social media, open enrollment events as well as visit from University communications with a promise to help advertise the recruitment drive.

Dr. Amie Snow provided information about the summer reading clinic for students, which will include one-on-one reading support to students from graduate teachers working to earn their Masters of Art in Reading Education.

Principal Tasha Hall-Powell commended the ESL teacher for compiling and publishing the poems written by the students about Earth day into a book.

PRINCIPAL EVALUATION AND DEAN RECOMMENDATION: The Chair introduced Dean Spooner who made the recommendation of continuation for Principal Tasha Hall-Powell. Dr. Robin Groce, Associate Professor and director of planning and implementation for the Academy who also serves as the supervisor of the Principal conducted the evaluation in compliance with Appalachian State University People Admin. and the State of North Carolina guidelines.

Motion was moved to accept recommendation of continuation for Principal Tasha Hall-Powell.

LICENSURE PAYMENT FOR TEACHERS: The floor was open for questions and discussion about licensure fees for teachers. The board agreed that licensure payment for teachers is not a norm in the Winston Salem and Forsyth County School district but will continue to support and help teachers with renewal of licenses.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Chair informed the board of the Chancellors' recommendation to replace Dr. Nickolas Jordan with Dr. Rebecca Jordan, Assistant Professor of Reading Education. Dr. Rebecca Jordan's term would start on July 1, 2019 and run through June 30, 2021.

Principal Tasha Hall-Powell invited the board members to the Fifth Grade - 1st graduating class of the Academy set to take place at the Academy at Middle Fork on the 6th of June, 2019. She mentioned that a formal invitation will follow and encouraged the board members to attend.

CLOSING REMARKS FROM CHAIR: Chair Specht thanked the leadership team of the Academy and everyone for their contribution. The next advisory board meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m., September 5th, 2019 at the Academy at Middle Fork Media Center.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

DR NEVA SPECHT, Chair

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Recording Secretary