



ACCA Governing Board
Board Training Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2024, at 10:00 am

Present:

Tom Marquette, Rita McElfresh, Audrey Sikula, Tom Gaus, Matt Miller Board Members.

Other Attendees:

Ohio Department of Education, Office of School Sponsorship, Maureen Businger, Consultant.

Presenter:

Brian DeSantis, Esq., Pepple & Waggoner.

Meeting Called to Order at 10:00 AM by Rita McElfresh, Board President at Ashland Public Library.

Mr. Brian DeSantis presented an overview of Community Schools which included a history of Community Schools and how Community Schools over the years have changed based on several factors including the 2015 House Bill 2 which overhauled the oversight of Community Schools.

Mr. DeSantis presented training for the Board on Public Records and Open Meetings per the contract requirements. Several examples of current issues/cases were discussed, while also providing specific examples for the Board to avoid ensuring compliance with Open Meetings regulations.

Mr. DeSantis discussed appropriate notices for the various meeting types (Special, Emergency and Regular) and how the announcements are to be made and how they are to be made public. A discussion around posting ensued.

Mr. DeSantis reviewed the reasons for Executive Session and protocols for calling for Executive session and who is permitted to attend Executive session.

Mr. DeSantis reviewed what records are and the disposal of records and outlined the Records Request process and procedures.

Mr. DeSantis trained the Board on Ethics. He discussed current law. He also pointed to the Ohio Ethics Commission and discussed criminal findings for certain activities. Various examples of Ethics Violations and provided an interpretation with of the rules governing identified family members.

Mr. DeSantis discussed the Code of Regulations and how the Board operates, terms, membership, committees.

Mr. DeSantis presented the Charter Contract and highlighted areas for the Board areas related to Sunshine and Ethics and identified HB2 reformation legislation and identified specific training, contract cancellation, and some other important details concerning the contract and the numerous compliance items required for the school.

Motion by Matt Miller, Second by Tom Gaus to Adjourn.

Vote 5 - 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 PM.

X Rita McElfresh 03/13/24
Board Chair Date

X [Signature]
Treasurer

Date 03/13/24