

Governance Board Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2014
Location: Catalyst Charter Middle School

Attendees:

Sandy Wisneski
Margaret Soda
Renee Schoff
Jennifer Erickson
Tom Hoh

Absent:

Jack Christ
Candie Baker
Amy Pollesch

I. Call to Order

Renee called the meeting to order at 4:46pm

II. Approval of Minutes

III. Community Input

Rooms for new building at high school design are being evaluated
PD for new staff at Buck Institute
Lead teacher creating a list of what each teacher needs for training

IV. Administrator's Report

V. Committee Reports

VI. Old Business & Discussion Items

VII. Action Items

VIII. New Business

a. Catalyst Contracts

Page 6 of contract reads as follows:

Amount to be paid to the Charter School each year of the contract: All per pupil allocations for Catalyst Charter Middle School will be equal to per-pupil allocations for other schools in the Ripon Area School District. These are established on an annual basis as a part of the district's budget process for the next school year. Among the specific expenses would be the ALEKS and/or other program cost per student (approximately \$40 per student for 12 months as of

(February, 2011). After the "grant years," the district will pay for 50% of all PBL training for Catalyst Charter Middle School teachers. If/when the district adopts new curriculum material Catalyst Charter Middle School will also receive the same amount of money (per pupil) for curriculum purposes. The Ripon Area School District will also pay for a range of classroom and support staff, office staff, custodial staff, guidance staff, media support staff, administrative staff, food service staff, and various administrative and business office services, as needed and as described in this contract.

Training for new teachers for charter schools has been discussed and support from District and what that looks like was discussed.

A committee of teachers currently decides the budget money allocation. All Catalyst students are using Achieve and ALEKS.

At what point do the programs become part of our curriculum and the district pays for it?

Professional development dollars need to have specific parameters.

\$12,000 for Personal Development

Catalyst has been very frugal about their money for Personal Development

#1 Sandy needs to evaluate needs with materials/curriculum and personal development training for new staff

#2 How to approach superintendent for Personal Development training dollars

Second discussion point

b. Cap of 150 enrollment (first year only)

Currently we are over the cap limit

Year by year basis for enrollment

Balance between schools is important

c. Appropriate space

First round of interviews are next week for users to state what they would like for the new space allocation

Adjacencies and room size/design need to be addressed

Sandy put out a document for teachers to relay their input and ideas

Sandy will be our liaison for Catalyst

IX. The meeting was futuristic and hopeful. Eyes on the horizon.

Adjourn at 5:20 pm