

**ACADEMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2023**

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call-** Michelle Leeper called to order the regular meeting of the AES Board of Directors at 2:31 pm on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at the Academy of Environmental Science Campus. Present: Michelle Leeper, Chris Monrad, Michael Fisette, Drake Banks, Barry Widman, Tom Gotterup, Angelique Hickman. Michael Czerwinski arrived at 2:42 pm. Pierre Santos absent with prior notice. Staff present: Nikki Rieck, Ernest Hopper Misty Lyons, Cynthia McKenna, and Tracy Buettner
2. **Moment of Silent Reflection**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Introduction of Visitors and Guests**
 - a. Darrick Buettner, Director of Area Schools and Secondary Education for Citrus County School District
 - b. Dr. Jill Adera
 - c. Kevin Cunningham
 - d. Keith Pullias
5. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Mike Fisette to accept the agenda; seconded by Tom Gotterup. Motion Carried
6. **Approval of November 9, 2022, Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Tom Gotterup; seconded by Mike Fisette. Motion Carried.
7. **Approval of December 14, 2022, Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Angelique Hickman; seconded by Tom Gotterup. Motion carried.
8. **Approval of December 28, 2022, Special Board Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Angelique Hickman; seconded by Barry Widman. Motion carried.
9. **Citizen Comments**
 - a. Kevin Cunningham recommended consistent talking points.
 - b. Keith Pullias spoke about his experience as a student at AES and the Alumni Facebook group.
 - c. Derrick Buettner spoke about the taskforce that has been created with CCEF. He is acting as a temporary liaison for Shaunda Burdette. The taskforce will be meeting every Monday at 6:00pm via Zoom as of January 9, 2023.
 - d. Dr. Jill Adera updated the board about parent fundraising.
10. **Officers Reports**
 - a. Vice-Chairman- Nothing
 - b. Treasurer- Tabled to the next regular board meeting.
 - c. Secretary- Ask for updated donor information.

11. Principal's Report- Mr. Hopper updated the board on community donations. AES students will be helping with Pleasant Grove Elementary School Science Night. The next AES SCUBA group has 6 students. They are starting to recruit for next year.

12. New Business

- a. Discussed the email sent to Tom Gotterup from City of Crystal River's lawyer on January 10, 2023. Chris Morad volunteered to follow up.
- b. Angelique Hickman is looking into www.floridacharterschool.org

13. Old Business

- a. Facility maintenance/capital repairs
 1. Coastal Resiliency – Joe Meek and Ken Frink were reminded of grant money that is available.
 2. Status of repairs – Current repairs are in progress. Roofers are done. The lift should be removed soon. Elevator is still not operational, repairs to be completed this summer. The repair phasing plan was distributed. **Motion** made by Mike Czerwinski to allow Mr. Hopper to draft a cover letter to accompany the repair phasing plan. **Seconded** by Tom Gotterup. **Motion carried.**
 3. Septic to sewer – permits should be pulled soon.
 4. Plan for next year's repairs
 5. Boat Auction – **Motion** by Mike Czerwinski to allow Mr. Hopper to remove the reserve and proceeds to be placed in the building fund. **Seconded** by Chris Monrad. **Motion carried.**
 6. Public Outreach Campaign – Dr. Adera updated the board on the parent outreach for donations. Dr. Adera and Dr. Adera will be doing a "Botox for AES" drive and all proceeds will be donated to the school. Consensus of the Board is to allow Dr. Jill Adera to contact the City of Inverness regarding our need for funding.

14. Committee Reports

- a. Fundraising- Michael Czerwinski distributed the Gala Sponsorship form and discussed vendors that may donate silent auction items. Mrs. Leeper informed the fundraising committee to hold on ticket sales until we are past the February deadline for building repair funds.

15. Board of Directors' Report/Comments- It has been stated that the board will not discuss funds in public.

16. Staff reports/comment- Nikki Rieck informed the board that an alumni Facebook group has been created.

17. Calendar/Upcoming AES events

- a. Field Day January 13
- b. Manatee Festival January 14-15

- c. Science Fair February 2,2023
- d. Special Board Meeting January 25 at 2:30 pm. The same agenda as the December Special Board Meeting. Nikki Rieck will post the notice.

18. Items for Next Meeting Agenda

- a. Coastal Resiliency
- b. Status of repairs
- c. Septic to sewer
- d. Plan for next year's repairs
- e. Boat Auction
- f. Public Outreach Campaign

19. Time and Date of next meeting

- a. Special Board Meeting, January 25, 2023, 2:30pm at AES.
- b. Regular Board Meeting, February 8, 2023, 2:30pm at AES

20. Adjournment- Motion by Chris Monrad to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Angelique Hickman. Motion carried 4:45pm