

A-TECH GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING

May 17, 2017

4:00 PM

APPLETON WEST HIGH SCHOOL ROOM 136

1. WELCOME:

Unable to attend: Steve Haas, Chris Linn

Guests: Jermiah Janssen and Nancy Johnshoy from the First Business Bank. A-Tech teaching staff were also present

2. OLD BUSINESS:

- Approve minutes-minutes from May-Greg
Motion to approve:
2nd: Wes Fietzer

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- President Report-Jared
 - a. Jared thanked Greg for starting A-Tech, and included the presentation of a \$2,500 scholarship financed by The Business Bank. The money will be used to provide future scholarships for A-Tech students attending FVTC (see attachment from Jared)
 - b. Jared will meet with Mark to decide on how often the board would like to meet next year. This year the board met monthly, but the feeling was that every other month may suffice next year.
 - c. Jared will work with Mark McQuade to look at terms for board members
 - i. Katy Kornowske plans to step down from the board as she has completed her term.
 - d. Jared thanked the teachers for their dedication
- Principal Report-Greg
 - a. Greg explained the enrollment projections for next year are very good...with an expectation of 80 students.
 - b. Greg discussed the budget, which also looks good. We will have approximately \$6,000 to carry over to next year.
 - c. Paul L talked about the Forge that was purchased with grant dollars

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **MARKETING/STUDENT RECRUITMENT-** Nothing different was shared from what Greg had reported during his report.
- **CURRICULUM-**staff members are signed up FVTC courses, Steve thanked Greg for starting and leading A-Tech, Paul L explained the status of youth apprenticeships
- **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP-** Nothing has been done for fund raising the money for the CNC
- **BUDGET AND FINANCE-**
 - a. The board would like to use some money from this year's budget to put towards future fixture and tooling costs for the CNC. Amount to be determined once final 2016-2017 budget is concluded.
 - b. We can expect to receive money through the state Youth Apprenticeship (YA) program. We receive a certain amount for each A-Tech student who completed a YA program during the 2015-2016 school year

5. FTGOTG:

- No items

6. MOTION TO ADJORN: Jared

2ND: Jerry

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

JARED BAILIN

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the board, staff, students and community to say a few words of appreciation for Greg Hartjes. As you know, this is Greg's last board meeting as principal of A-Tech.

Greg is the founder and driving force behind the creation of the A-Tech Charter School. Without Greg's passion to see all students succeed, we would not be here today. He had the foresight to see that not all students can or should go to a 4 year college, and that there could be other options and pathways for young people to succeed. A chance conversation with a business owner helped to put Greg's ideas in order which gave him the idea to apply to the State Of Wisconsin to start a charter school.

Not only is Greg a first rate administrator, but he is an action oriented and creative person. His experience as an educator has enabled him to build and inspire an impressive team of educators and staff. As an experienced high school principal, he has the very valuable skills to navigate the state and district education processes. Greg has worked very hard to build partnerships with businesses, Fox Valley Technical College as well as community organizations.

For me (and I can probably speak for everyone here) working with Greg has been an inspiring experience. I have learned a lot and enjoyed our time together. No longer working directly with Greg will be something that I will truly miss.

I know that Greg doesn't like to be singled out for praise and honor, but his accomplishment of starting A-Tech is a pretty big deal. Thanks to Greg's efforts and dedication, A-Tech has positively affected the lives of many students and their families and will continue to do so for many years to come. Melding the mission of A-Tech to benefit students, business community and the school district has been a win, win, win situation.

Greg, on behalf of the Governing Board and everyone associated with A-Tech, we thank you and wish you much success and happiness as you begin a new phase with your new position with AASD.

In recognition of Greg's passion for student success, and his continued dedication to education, as well as The Appleton Area School District, the A-Tech Governing Board has created the Greg Hartjes Scholarship to benefit future A-Tech graduates.

First Business Bank has generously offered to provide the initial funding of this scholarship. Jeremiah Janssen and Nancy Johnshoy are here today to present a check and say a few words.