



Rilke Schule
Academic Policy Committee Minutes
Monday, December 9, 2024
5:30 PM at Rilke Schule

In accordance with Alaska State Statute, the Rilke Schule APC, under contract with the Anchorage School Board, operates this charter school. The purpose of the Academic Policy Committee is to provide strategic governance for the school and its future. The board meets publicly to conduct the business of the school. The board is comprised of voting and advisory members representing parents, faculty and staff. Parent-elected representatives serve staggered, three-year terms with elections every February. The Academic Policy Committee values public comments and encourages all interested parties to submit written public comments on any subject to apc.rilke@asdk12.org. Fifteen minutes are reserved at the beginning and end of each regular meeting for public comments. *Next scheduled meeting: 19 December 2024*

Present: Akara Anglin, Rebecca Colvin, Jill Doniere, Jason Hotch, Branden Strauch, Mark Truog, Amanda Thompson

Present, on Zoom: Maggie Weyrens

Tardy excused, on Zoom: Katie Kelly

Absent: Robin Phillips

Guests: Vice Principal Cameron Vincent-Lang and RSI Treasurer Jocelyn Blanchard

I. Call to Order at 5:34 PM & Adoption of Agenda and Minutes from 21 November 2024 Regular Meeting.

A. Motion to adopt the minutes was made by Performance Chair Anglin. Staff Representative Doniere seconded the motion. As some members were present on video call, Roll Call vote was utilized:

Maggie Weyrens: Aye

Akara Anglin: Aye

Jill Doniere: Aye

Rebecca Colvin: Aye

Mark Truog: Aye

Amanda Thompson: Aye

Jason Hotch: Aye

B. Motion approved, with 7 ayes, no nays, no abstentions.

II. Public Comment: No comments.

III. New Business

A. Staff Representative Doniere made a Motion to approve the 2025-2026 budget. It was seconded by Facilities Chair Hotch.

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1. Information on the budget proposal was given first by Principal Strauch. He explained that exact numbers for some revenues and expenditures are still unknown, including lease costs, legislative funding, and increased staff costs due to AEA negotiations. The presented budget totaled \$5.5 million, and will bring the school's savings account to around \$500,000, well below the \$1.6 million operational savings goal. These and other summary details were included in the committee report and also relayed by Treasurer Truog.
2. Discussion included answering questions about the realization of one-time funding, staff professional development costs, items requested to RSI to fund, and reducing staff costs through not filling retirement-created openings. Requests were made to have more formalized board input into budget priorities each fall, and an itemized list of non-ASD funding options.
3. Further information was given by RSI Treasurer Blanchard on their intention to take on the German intern program, evening custodian costs, and tech requests; and how ASD's December 17 announcement regarding "rightsizing initiative" school closures will affect their planning. Clarification was given on how RSI and APC make requests to each other for funds.
4. Motion to amend the budget by adding up to \$5000 in legal fees by Amanda Thompson. No second. Amendment failed
5. Roll Call vote was utilized:

Jill Doniere: Aye

Mark Truog: Aye

Akara Anglin: Aye

Katie Kelly: Aye

Maggie Weyrens: Aye

Jason Hotch: Aye

Amanda Thompson: Aye

Rebecca Colvin: Aye

- a. Motion to approve the 2025-2026 budget was passed, with 8 ayes, no nays, no abstentions.

IV. Public Comment: 1 comment.

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V. Board Member Comments

A. 3 comments.

VI. Executive Session: None needed.

VII. Adjournment

The business of the Special Meeting being concluded, Facilities Chair Hotch moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Performance Chair Anglin. Roll Call vote ensued:

Rebecca Colvin: Aye

Jill Doniere: Aye

Akara Anglin: Aye

Amanda Thompson: Aye

Jason Hotch: Aye

Mark Truog: Aye

Katie Kelly: Aye

Maggie Weyrens: Aye

Motion passes with 8 ayes, no nays, and no abstentions. Meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM.

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