

Scholar Academy
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 20, 2015
Location: 928 North 100 East, Tooele, UT 84074

In Attendance: Tye Hoffmann, Alison McCoy, Joyce James, Dusty Griffith

Excused: Sandra Larsen, Jared Hamner

Others In Attendance: Gavin Hutchinson, Shirley Atkinson, Kirk Blake, Kim Dohrer, Michele Brady

Scholar Academy is committed to creating a learning environment that fosters in students the development of divergent thinking and problem solving skills, providing opportunities which enable all students to develop a sense of civic responsibility and achieve their highest potential.

MINUTES

5:07 PM – CALL TO ORDER by Joyce James

CONSENT ITEMS

- ❖ Approve November 18, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes
- ❖ Updated Budget through December 31, 2014

Tye Hoffmann made a motion to approve the below listed Consent Items. Alison McCoy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous and motion passed.

REPORTS

- ❖ Principal's Report

Sandy Shepard provided an overview of the lottery and attendance rates. Attendance at this time is 93%. She answered questions about the curriculum. There are currently two positions opened.

- ❖ Budget Report

Dusty Griffith gave a report on the current standing of the budget. The budget is looking really good at the current time.

VOTING ITEMS

- ❖ SPED Policy

Michele Brady presented on the Special Education Policy and Procedures. Sandy Shepard complimented Michele Brady on the job well done at serving this student population. This student population is successful at Scholar Academy.

Alison McCoy made a motion to approve the Special Education Policy and Procedures. Dusty Griffith seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous and motion passed.

- ❖ 2015-2016 School Calendar

Sandy Shepard talked about the 2015-2016 calendar. The board discussed the dates and decided to wait to approve the calendar at next month's board meeting.

Dusty Griffith made a motion to table the calendar. Tye Hoffmann seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous and motion was tabled.

❖ One Portable Lab not to Exceed \$17,000.

Sandy Shepard provided numbers for the board to approve for a portable computer lab. She requested that “up to \$14,000” be approved. Portable means that the lab can be moved around not to be a portable out back.

Alison McCoy made a motion to approve up to \$14,000 for a portable computer. Dusty Griffith seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous and motion passed.

❖ Smart Boards

There was a general discussion about the smart boards. This was previously approved, but the total cost for all smart boards was slightly higher than anticipated.

Dusty Griffith made a motion to approve up to \$9,000.00 for 4 smart boards. Tye Hoffmann seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous and motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

❖ Association Membership

There was a discussion that the association membership decision will be made by Sandy.

❖ Uniform Dress Code Changes for 2015-2016

There will be a few color additions for dress code. No decision will be made tonight, but Sandy Shepard wanted feedback from the board before it is brought up for a vote.

❖ Writing Assessment

Sandy Shepard let the board know that the writing assessment will be coming up for the 3rd-6th graders.

❖ Principal Evaluation

This will be discussed during closed session.

❖ Bus Discussion for Transportation

Sandy Shepard has been inquiring about the cost to get buses for transportation to Scholar Academy. They will be primarily used for field trips. This may be a good option as UTA donates these buses.

❖ Summer School

Sandy Shepard will be proposing that summer schools be ran 3 days a week for half days. It will be a great opportunity for students to keep up on math and reading. Parents pay for this program without any reimbursement from the state.

Alison McCoy made a motion at 6:05pm to enter into Closed Session. Tye Hoffmann seconded the motion. Voting was as follows: Tye Hoffmann – Aye, Alison McCoy – Aye, Joyce James – Aye, Dusty Griffith – Aye. Voting was unanimous and motion passed. All members of the public were excused.

CLOSED SESSION - A closed session was used to discuss an individual’s character, professional competence, or physical or mental health.

Tye Hoffmann made a motion at 5:38pm to return to Open Session. Dusty Griffith seconded the motion. Voting was as follows Tye Hoffmann – Aye, Alison McCoy – Aye, Joyce James – Aye, Dusty Griffith – Aye. Voting was unanimous and motion passed.

CALENDARING

- February 17, 2015 Board Meeting – 5:00PM, Location: Scholar Academy
- Open House for New Families – 6:30PM January 20, 2015
- Action Items
 - Complete your GBOTs

6:15PM ADJOURN by Sandra Larsen

Dusty Griffith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alison seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.