

Scholar Academy
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday May 19th, 2015
Location: 928 North 100 East, Tooele, UT 84074

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

5:012PM – CALL TO ORDER

Joyce James called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m. In attendance: Tye Hoffmann, Allison McCoy, Joyce James, Jared Hamner, Sandy Shepard, Dusty Griffith, Traelle Gaily, Kim Dohrer, Krystal Garner, Brandon Fairbanks. Sandra Larsen joined the meeting during the Principal's Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made

REVIEW ACTION ITEMS

Sandy Shepard noted that the Annual Board Retreat will be held at 8:30 am on Monday, June 15th before the UAPCS Conference.

CONSENT ITEMS

- ❖❖ Approve April 21st, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

Alison McCoy made a motion to approve the April 21st, 2015 board meeting minutes. Tye Hoffman seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous and the motion passed.

- ❖❖ Ratify New Employees

There were no new employees to ratify.

REPORTS

- ❖❖ Principal's Report

Sandy Shepard gave an overview of the enrollment numbers for this year compared to last year. The lottery looks very healthy. Mrs. Shepard noted that the school is fully staffed, and feels they are on track for next fall. Mrs. Shepard discussed parent service hours and the board discussed ways they could reach out to families who have not completed service hours.

- ❖❖ Service Learning Report

Traelle Gaily presented a Service Learning Report. A brief description of each grade's participation was covered. The learning projects and field trips included activities such as working with the zoo, local trails, water treatment centers, water conservation, and veterans. Ms. Gaily indicated that next year they hope to include more research and thinking maps.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

❖❖ 2015-2016 Budget

Sandy Shepard discussed the 2015-2016 budget with the board. Voting on the budget will be at the June board meeting. Mrs. Shepard noted that several budget categories have changed from the previous year's budget. These changes have been implemented to provide more clarity. Dusty Griffith provided additional information and noted that the budget looks healthy.

❖❖ Kindergarten Sessions

Sandy Shepard discussed half day vs. full day Kindergarten. She noted that Utah public schools only receive funding for half day Kindergarten, but she is working within the school's budget to offer full day kindergarten to more Scholar families. She indicated that she will apply for the grant funding to support extended kindergarten, as she did last year.. Mrs. Shepard recommended for school year 2015-2016 they continue with 3 sessions of kindergarten, one full day session and 2 half-day sessions. The board discussed ways to increase the number of full day sessions, including a discussion about building needs and financial support.

❖❖ Construction Projects

Sandy Shepard discussed the school's need for three additional classrooms in the fall of 2016, and the need to have a building committee oversee the effort. Dusty Griffith and Tye Hoffman volunteered to sit on the building committee with Mrs. Shepard.

❖❖ Conference and Board Retreat

Sandy Shepard reviewed that the UAPCS conference and discussed the board retreat on June 15th.

❖❖ Graduation Assignment

Sandy Shepard discussed graduation on May 27th and asked for a board member to attend and help as needed. Dusty Griffith and Joyce James volunteered to attend.

BUSINESS ITEMS

❖❖ Discuss and/or vote on Curriculum Purchase

There was discussion of the curriculum purchase up to \$45,000.

Allison McCoy made a motion to approve the curriculum purchase up to \$45,000. Dusty Griffith seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous and the motion passed.

❖❖ Discuss and/or vote on Kindergarten Sessions

Tye Hoffman made a motion to accept the Principal's recommendation for Kindergarten sessions at one full day and two half-day sessions. Joyce James seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous and the motion passed.

CLOSED SESSION --To discuss an individual's character, professional competence, or physical or mental health.

At 6:27 pm, Tye Hoffmann made a motion to enter closed session to discuss an individual's character, professional competence, or physical or mental health. Sandra Larsen seconded the motion. Voting was as follows: Joyce James, Aye; Tye Hoffman, Aye; Allison McCoy, Aye; Dusty Griffith, Aye; Jared Hamner, Aye; and Sandra Larsen Aye. Voting was unanimous and motion passed.

Tye Hoffmann made a motion to return to open session. Dusty Griffith seconded the motion. Voting as follows: Jared Hamner, Aye; Dusty Griffith, Aye; Sandra Larsen, Aye; JoyceJames, Aye; Tye Hoffmann, Aye; and Allison McCoy, Aye. Voting was unanimous and the motion passed.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- ❖❖ Discuss and/or Vote on Principal's Employment Agreement

Tye Hoffman made a motion to approve the Principal's Employment Agreement as discussed in closed session. Allison McCoy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous, and the motion passed.

CALENDARING

- ❖❖ June 15th, 2015. Annual Board Retreat 8:30-1:00 PM
- ❖❖ June 15th-16th, 2015. UAPCS Conference- Utah Valley Convention Center
- ❖❖ Graduation May 27th, 6:30 PM

ADJOURN by Sandra Larsen

Jared Hamner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tye Hoffmann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.