



RENAISSANCE ACADEMY

## Board Meeting Minutes

### Meeting Information

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| <b>Date:</b>         | Wednesday, September 16, 2020                        |
| <b>Time:</b>         | 7:00 pm  |
| <b>Location:</b>     | Renaissance Academy, 3435 North 1120 East, Lehi, UT. |
| <b>Next Meeting:</b> | Wednesday, October 14, 2020                          |

### Attendee Information

| Board Members |                                | Schoolhouse                                    | Public           |
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| X             | Ryan Hunter, Board Chair       | Mark Ursic, Executive Director                 | Jennifer Lambert |
| X             | Nate Sechrest, Vice-President  | Stephanie Avery, Dean of Students and Families |                  |
| X             | Cameron Hughes, Treasurer      | Patti Davis, Office Manager                    |                  |
| X             | Lance Anderson, Secretary      | Ashley Doyle, Executive Assistant              |                  |
| X             | Monica Wonnacott, Board Member |  |                  |
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### Motions

| # | Motion made by   | Motion             | Vote   |
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| 1 | Monica Wonnacott | Close the meeting. | Cameron seconded. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned. |
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### Time

### Topics

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| 7:04 | Nate conducted until Ryan Hunter comes on later. Roll call.  |
|      | <p>Nate brought up that his wife is hoping that we could stick to Chinese and English on the same days each week. Although that is how we've always done it, Nate's wife counted the days in the school year and found that it wouldn't change much if anything in regard to how many days student's spend in English vs Chinese.</p> <p>Next item that Nate brought up was that his son has a hard time focusing in online classes. Stephanie spoke to that saying that teachers are actively trying to implement new things to keep student's attention.</p> <p>Next item Nate brought up was asking if Chinese teachers can send lesson plans to parents so that parents can help their students when at home and when their breaks will be. After some discussion they came to resolution of teachers either writing down the time students are to be back or to put</p> |

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|      | <p>a timer on so that everyone is on the same page. Chinese teachers are to send home weekly correspondence about their week, but sending home individual lesson plans would be too much to ask from them.</p>   |
|      | <p><b>Open Meeting Training:</b> Mark shared his screen and had us watch a video from the state of Open Meetings. The video went over what is expected and what is not allowed. They discussed a few items afterwards to clarify what it means in regard to us specifically. Ashley will reach out to Glen with the PNW to ask about whether or not we are to upload minutes and recordings to the state website as well as the agenda.</p>  |
| 8:04 | <p><b>Enrollment Update:</b> Right now, we have 754 kids enrolled. Last year at this time we had around 725 students. Because our local revenue will be way down this year with COVID, an increase in enrollment will help our funding. Because of the increase, there has been talk of continuing our distance learning in subsequent years to potentially appeal to more families.</p>   |
|      | <p><b>Financial Report:</b> As stated previously, our local revenue will be near flat this year as we won't have field trip donations or our usual big fundraisers. The funding per student was raised a bit this year, so that will be nice.</p> <p>We're projected to have a net operating income of \$132k. Our bond was set-up so that this year we only pay \$650k to free up additional money to supplement the construction project if needed.</p> <p>For teacher salaries, there are three districts now starting teachers at \$50k. Alpine is not one of those districts, and actually gave the smallest percentage raises. While getting to a \$50k minimum is really hard to make happen, we do have a set schedule for raises based on education level and years with us.</p>  |
|      | <p><b>COVID Update:</b> Most of our absences related to COVID are because students had family members be tested. Out of 16 people that we had on our tracking sheet at one time, only one of our students had a positive test. Our student families here have been very cautious.</p>  |
|      | <p><b>Construction Update:</b> While the majority of Phase I is now complete, there are things that will need to be re-touched or re-done accordingly. Our flooring will be completely redone as the manufacturer has agreed to replace it due to all the flaws. We plan to get as much of that process done during Fall Break.</p> <p><b>Phase II:</b> Because of fire code issues, our original plan for our extension needs to be changed. We are now planning to build a separate building behind the school where the portable used to be to host our Middle School students. There were concerns raised by board members about M.S. kids not having the "middle school" feel while having to go to the main building for lunch. There was discussion of changing the layout of the MS building to have a common area that may be able to convert into a small eating area so students are able to stay in their building all day.</p> <p>For security reasons, each MS student would have an access card to get into the main building so that the back door can remain locked.</p> <p>Reworking our parking lot is also on our list. Tentatively the plan is to extend our parking lot to have two lanes that go around the grass/sidewalk island. Reconstructing the parking lot comes with a really large price tag, so we want to be sure to do the most we can with the money we have left from our building construction fund.</p> |
| 9:37 | <p>Board took a 5-minute break.</p>  |
| 9:42 | <p>Board had a discussion on trying to obtain more property to help us make our parking lot larger/more accessible.</p>  |
|      | <p><b>Global Ends Policy:</b> It is very similar to our school mission. We expect our students to work towards excellence, we'll have a model world language program, the school will work towards</p>   |

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|       | <p>academic goals established by the board, maintain a strong SPED department and learning in general, etc.</p> <p>Mark feels that while our language program is fantastic, Chinese has overshadowed Spanish and Arabic. We'd really like to highlight all three of our languages equally because our teachers work hard and students really grow in all of them.</p>  |
|       | <p><b>Academic Goals:</b> Several years ago, Administration would bring specific goals to work towards to the board. After a lengthy conversation last year, it was decided that the board should be the ones to present the goals. Mark wanted to clarify/confirm who would be doing that this year.</p> <p>Both Mark and the board felt that schoolhouse should be putting the goals together (especially because of how unique this year has been/will be) and bring them to the board.</p> |
| 10:09 | Monica motioned to close the meeting. Cameron seconded. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.   |
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