



Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information	
Date:	Wednesday, February 17, 2021
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Renaissance Academy, 3435 North 1120 East, Lehi, UT.
Next Meeting:	Wednesday,

Attendee Information			
	Board Members	Schoolhouse	Public
x	Ryan Hunter, Board Chair	Mark Ursic, Executive Director	Jen Lambert
	Nate Sechrest, Vice-President	Stephanie Avery, Dean of Students and Families	
x	Cameron Hughes, Treasurer	Patti Davis, Office Manager	
x	Lance Anderson, Secretary	Allie Trounce Executive Assistant	
	Monica Wonnacott, Board Member		

Motions			
#	Motion made by	Motion	Vote
1	Lance Anderson	Approve January Minutes	Second Cameron. Passed 3 to 0.
2	Cameron Hughes	Motion to end Board Meeting	Lance seconded. All in favor.
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Time	Topics
7:07 PM	Ryan Hunter opened the meeting. Welcome.
	Mark Ursic - Executive Director Update:
	Building Project Update: We would like to break ground as soon as possible. Site is getting prepped. Hold ups are waiting for City approval. City requires a pre-construction meeting before breaking ground. Exhibit A: Requires easement with the State before breaking ground because we are adding a fire hydrant in the back for the building. Also asking for a bond to cover the work and asking the City to accept the Bond. Anticipating a start date in the next few weeks.
	Budget- Original remodel design including a new building and traffic circulation improvements is out of budget. Cost projection of 300K to complete. City has eliminated front parking design because funds are not there. If we can find money to improve circulation we will. It may be on a smaller scale in design. We had move forward with the city on budget which does include extending back parking lot almost to the north property line. Currently, contractors estimate the

	<p>cost is roughly 2.25 million for phase two. The bond has a fixed amount of money in it and we will need to work within that budget.</p> <p>Financial Report – Budget was approved in June. This year’s local revenues were kept low due to Covid projected around \$54,000. We are trending low but not too far off. State moneys cost cuts due to Covid and additional new money provided due to Covid. August approved budget. Unanticipated costs of chrome books and personal protective equipment was also needed. All things considered we are in good shape and within budget. Expenses look good on budget for major categories. Bond payment is structured to look less than every other year. Bond goes to US bank and then trickles down. (Waterfall effect) Possible additional revenue could pay for a fair amount of front of building and parking lots improvements. Further discussions on how funds should be spent.</p> <p>2021-22 School Calendar- Calendar overview. Based off of Alpine School Districts calendar that has been approved for the 21-22 school year. RA usually stays consistent so holidays line up with other siblings attending district schools. Christmas break will be a back to back two weeks (20-31) Fall break in October. Spring break first week in April. Start date 17th of August. End of school May 26th. Very important to line up with Alpine School District.</p> <p>More discussion at next meeting. Needs to be on agenda for two months before voting on a decision.</p>
	<p>Ryan Hunter - Items of Business:</p>
	<p>Presenting a Board Meeting calendar: Proposing starting in March every 2nd Wednesday hold a Board Meeting. If two meetings are scheduled in June then July would be an off month. Board meetings need to be calendared. Mark will update. Wednesday nights are currently a conflict for Jennifer Lambert. Ryan and Cam will brainstorm more options and present at next Board Meeting.</p>
	<p>Board Members – Adding new, transition timelines, ideal number of members, when do the terms begin/end: Open invitation. Two meetings attended before taking a vote. Ideal number between 5-6 board members. Smaller board seems to be better with less opinions and easier to come to agreement. We need members with enthusiasm and commitment. Identifying good contributors is key.</p> <p>Review Bylaws. Best time for transition seems to be over the summer and overlapping when new members are brought on. New members attend 2-3 meetings in advance. Vote of new member in July which provides time from training before school starts. Continue discussion.</p>
	<p>Plans to return to “normal” school schedule- Lance Anderson’s thoughts: Current schedule has been good for the Covid situation but kids are struggling. The bar has been lowered and online is not serving our students well. Students need in person learning. Mark and Stephanie’s response:</p> <p>As much as we would all like to return to normal in person learning, it is a very large undertaking to rebuild schedules, very time consuming and difficult mid-year. We also have teachers who are still very uncomfortable with in - person teaching. As teachers become vaccinated this should help with feeling more at ease with returning to in - person. Over all, we have data percentage growth – in I-Ready reports despite this challenging year. RA is to be commended for a fantastic job under these unprecedented circumstances.</p>
	<p>Middle School language strengths- Is there room to pick up some district students for language only?</p>

	How do we grow numbers in reaching out to the community to make connections with families looking for dual enrollment? Put together a plan over the next few months. Chinese immersion students who have been in the district that may want to attend home school and RA a couple periods a day for Chinese classes. RA has an excellent Chinese and MS staff and in a good position to promote dual – enrollment if it makes sense from a financial business stand point.
9:06PM	Motioned to end Board Meeting.