



Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information	
Date:	March 21, 2018
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Renaissance Academy, 3435 N 1120 E, Lehi, UT
Next Meeting:	April 18, 2018

Attendee Information	
Board Members	Schoolhouse
<input type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Bayly, Board Chair	Mark Ursic, Executive Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jared Barfuss, Board Vice Chair	Stephanie McCappin Avery, Dean of Students and Families
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Hunter, Board Treasurer	Emily Depallens, Executive Assistant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monica Wonnacott, Board Member	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Bentley, Board Member	
Public in Attendance	
Marissa Allen	Danielle Bement
Erika James	Karen White
Emily Richards	Greg Jones
Amber Guymon	Carolina Araya
Randall Rupper	Heather Keele
Crystal Huang	Micah Hauley
Chia-Chen (Jenny) Buck	Satomi Steadman
Liz Harding	DeAynne Baker
Monica Schow	Esther Budd
Rebekah Pinegar	Maihsmy Boyle
Drew Wright	

Motions			
#	Motion made by	Motion	Vote
1	Ryan Hunter	To close the public comment.	Mike Bentley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
2	Monica Wonnacott	To approve the minutes from the February 21, 2018 Board Meeting.	Mike Bentley seconded the motion. All voted in favor apart from Ryan Hunter, who abstained.
3	Monica Wonnacott	To approve the School Land Trust Plan as presented by Mark.	Ryan Hunter seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
4	Ryan Hunter	To move the funds from the federal to the PTIF fund.	Monica Wonnacott seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
5	Ryan Hunter	To rescind last month's vote on an 8:30 start time.	No vote.

6	Mike Bentley	To give the administration more time to reorganize the schedule to accommodate the 8:30 start time.	No vote.
7	Mike Bentley	To postpone the decision of the 8:30 school start time to the 2019-20 school year.	Ryan Hunter seconded the motion. All voted in favor apart from Monica Wonnacott, who abstained.
8	Monica Wonnacott	To move to a closed meeting “described under Section 52-4-204 for: (a) discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual and (d) strategy session to discuss the purchasing, exchange, lease or sale of real property.”	Mike Bentley seconded the motion. All voted in favor by name.
9	Ryan Hunter	To close the meeting.	Mike Bentley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Time	Topics
7:10 pm	Welcome and call to order.
7:11 pm	<p>Public Comment</p> <p>Marisa Allen, Erika James, Emily Richards, Randall Rupper, Crystal Huang, Jennie Buck, Liz Harding, Greg Jones, Satomi Steadman, DeAynne Baker, Carolina Araya, Danielle Bement, Esther Boyd, Mahismy Boyle and Karen White all made public comments in regards to the schedule time change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The majority consensus was that parents were unhappy with a later end time, as it would interfere with activities in which their families are involved after school. Many families also have other students in different schools that end at different times so it would also cause conflict with picking up all of their students from school. Some parents felt that a later end time limited the time that they had with their students in the evenings. - Some parents were unhappy with the later start time. For many of them, they are able to drop their student off at school on the way to work. - Some of the parents felt very strongly that they wanted to keep Friday as an early out day. - Most of the parents felt like it would have been better if their opinions had been taken into account before the decision was made and felt caught off guard when the email went out. <p>Danielle Bement asked for the reason behind the change. Monica explained that as a pediatrician, she has read many studies about sleep that prove that a later start time is better for students. The American Academy of Pediatrics, which consists of 16,000 pediatricians, made a policy statement with The American College of Sleep on school start times, which was based on 864 studies about sleep. They recommended that Middle School and High School should start at 8:30. They also said that younger children need more sleep.</p> <p>This topic has been discussed a number of times. Each year during the February Board Meeting, the Board votes on the academic calendar for the next school year, which is why the time change was voted on in the previous Board Meeting.</p>

8:30 pm	<p>Motion Ryan made a motion to close public comment. Mike seconded the motion. All voted in favor.</p>
8:37 pm	<p>Motion Monica made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike seconded. All voted in favor. Ryan abstained.</p>
8:37 pm	<p>Financial Update The expenses are still looking very good. At the last meeting, we talked about two items that make other unrestricted money available. One of those was bond waterfall that was discussed in the meeting with the bond trustee, the bond waterfall. The other was our enrollment growth number from October 2016-2017 was significant. As a management tool, we did not put a growth number in our budget. In October, they came and did the attendance audit. After that, they adjust our revenues in January for the remainder of the year, which increased several of our revenue streams. Our expenses are still trending well.</p> <p><i>Repair & Replacement Plan</i> – The areas that would benefit the most would be updating the bathrooms. This would involve adding brighter light and tiling the floors so that it that looks clean and is easily maintainable, and replacing the partitions in each bathroom. The adult bathrooms do not require as much work as the student bathrooms. We would do the floors and add a layer of paint to the walls. The initial budget to revamp the bathrooms would be \$60-75,000. We have a budget of \$65,000 for carpet. We are also looking to get new hard flooring in the entryway. Mark will be looking for input on what kind of flooring that should be. That is one of the main ways we will be able to change and update the entryway.</p> <p>The money that we have from the bond is about \$116,000. Mark suggested using this for a reconfiguration of the front office area, to enhance the security of the entryway, as well as upgrading the security system. We would like to expand the cameras we have and put them on one platform. One problem we have had with securing the perimeter is that we have students out in the portables that need to come in and out of the back door of the school. One thought was to have it locked and give every student a key card to get into the building but there would be issues of the students lost those cards. There is new technology we are looking into to solve that issue. With the bond refinance, we will be able to expand the back of the building so we will no longer have the portables. Another possibility is facial recognition software with cameras. With this, students would be able to come up, look at the camera, and the door would open if they were in the system. This would also increase the security at the front of the school. Mark will be developing more cost estimates for all of these ideas.</p> <p><i>Technology</i> – Mark sat down with the IT workers and developed a three-year plan for our technology replacement. Mark said we should start upgrading the oldest devices that we have. A big expense will be spent on new copiers downstairs.</p>
9:00 pm	<p>Land Trust Plan Typically, with Land Trust money, it has been between \$60-75,000 a year that we have to provide a specific plan for that include measurement metrics and reports throughout the year. In the past, we have focused on something such as an ongoing program that has already been approved, that we can continue. This money has to be used for something that would benefit students directly. For the last two years, we have put all the money in support in the form of teachers that focus on intervention. This has been a combination of different things. Mark recommends that next year we do the same thing with that money.</p>

9:09 pm	<p>Motion Monica made a motion to approve the Land Trust Plan as presented by Mark. Ryan seconded the motion. All voted in favor.</p>
9:10 pm	<p>Waterfall Assets Based on the meeting with the bondholders, we need to pull those funds so that we can have access to them.</p>
9:17 pm	<p>Motion Ryan made a motion to move the funds in the bond from the federal to the State PTIF fund. Monica seconded the motion. All voted in favor.</p>
9:18 pm	<p>Schedule Review A decision needs to be made on the daily schedule for next year. Mark sent out a survey asking parents if they would prefer A. 8:30-3:30 Monday through Thursday and early out on Friday or B. 8:30-3 Monday through Thursday and 8:30-2:00 on Friday. The survey came back and the preferences were split 50/50.</p> <p>Stephanie and Mark explained the difficulty of creating the schedule and the reason for not being able to simply shorten the school day. To cut out 30 minutes during the day, we would have to cut time from recess or core classes. We offer a World Language class for each student, which extends our day by half an hour. We also have specialties every day for only 30 minutes, which includes the time getting to the specialty class.</p> <p>One concern that the parents had was that the decision was made after our lottery had been run. Most other schools have already run their lotteries, limiting the options for those families who had conflicts with the time change.</p>
9:52 pm	<p>Motion Ryan made a motion to rescind last month's vote. There was no vote.</p>
10:04 pm	<p>Motion Mike made a motion to give the administration more time to reorganize as they see fit. There was no vote.</p>
10:16 pm	<p>Motion Mike made a motion to postpone the decision of the 8:30 start time to the 2019-20 school year. Ryan seconded the motion. All voted in favor except for Monica, who abstained.</p> <p>The Board will keep this topic on the agenda until a definitive decision has been made.</p>
10:28 pm	<p>Motion Monica made a motion to move to closed session. Mike seconded the motion. All voted in favor by name.</p>
<i>Closed Session</i>	
11:25 pm	<p>Motion Ryan made a motion to close the board meeting. Monica seconded the motion. All voted in favor.</p>