



RENAISSANCE ACADEMY

Board Meeting Minutes

| Meeting Information | |
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| Date: | March 15, 2017 |
| Time: | 7:00 pm |
| Location: | Renaissance Academy, 3435 North 1120 East, Lehi, UT. |
| Next Meeting: | April 19, 2017 |

| Attendee Information | | | |
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| Board Members | | Schoolhouse | Public |
| x | Carolyn Bayly, Board Chair | Mark Ursic, Executive Director | John Bean |
| x | Jared Barfuss, Vice Chair | Stephanie McCappin, Dean of Students and Families | Amanda Gailey |
| x | Ryan Hunter, Treasurer | Patti Davis, Office Manager | Kayli Johns |
| x | Monica Wonnacott | Emily Simons, Executive Assistant | |
| x | Mike Bentley | | |

| Motions | | | |
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| # | Motion made by | Motion | Vote |
| 1 | Monica Wonnacott | To approve the minutes from the February 15 Board Meeting. | Jared Barfuss seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Minutes were approved. |
| 2 | Ryan Hunter | To approve the Conflict of Interest Policy amendment. | Monica Wonnacott seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Policy amendment was approved. |
| 3 | Ryan Hunter | To move to closed session. | Monica Wonnacott seconded the motion. All voted in favor by name. Meeting moved to closed session. |
| 4 | Monica Wonnacott | To close the meeting. | Ryan Hunter seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Meeting was adjourned. |

| Time | Topics |
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| 7:09pm | Welcome and Call to Order |
| 7:10 | Motion Monica made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2017 Board Meeting. Jared seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The minutes were approved. |
| 7:11pm | Monthly Finance Report Mark went over the monthly finance report with the Board. The forecast of line 210 was increased. Adjustments have been made to other line items to offset the forecasts and increases. Any expenses that were significantly less than 58% of forecasted numbers were reduced. These reductions came from Special Education, professional development, legal services, marketing, |

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| | building, equipment, technology hardware and dues and fees. After making those adjustments to lower those budgets, the income forecast for the year comes to around \$300 more than last month's report. |
| 7:20pm | Legislative Session Update There were a number of significant initiatives that have gotten a lot of attention in the news. There were a couple proposals to reject a lot of new revenue streams into education. Though those proposals did not pass, they are going to fund growth and they fund any increase in the WPU number. |
| 7:23pm | Space Center/Summer Programs We will be doing summer camp programs again this summer. We also want to do space camps this summer. Mark talked to Mr. Williamson. There will be three new missions that will be two and a half hours long. Mr. Williamson needs some artwork done in order to prep for these new missions. Mark is working with Julie now to put together an addition to the online registration so they can register through that online portal. We haven't established fees yet. We are a little behind the curb because the request to have this additional artwork done. In the next three weeks we should be able to roll out a schedule cost and promote it for everyone. The other summer camps are going to be rearranged. We are planning to do immersion camps as well that will operate independently from the rest of the camps. We are currently doing Space Missions every night. Mr. Williamson runs space simulations every evening with groups of students. There was a discussion of doing missions during the school day. However, there are so many things that would need to be considered and worked around that the school is not planning to do this yet. For next year, it will continue as an after school program. |
| 7:47pm | Enrollment This year, we need to turn offers over quicker. Mark went over the enrollment/lottery plan for this coming year. We plan to send out a lot more offers this year. |
| 8:18pm | Accreditation Visit Another site visit is scheduled for next year. There is no date yet; we just got a notification. Mark has to go to some trainings to have a better idea what the visit will entail. Last time the visit was incredibly involved. The only reason we have to do this is because we have 9 th grade. |
| 8:26pm | Homework Plan Update The Board and the Admin discussed the results from the homework survey that was taken by parents. We should be looking at how we administer homework, not whether or not we should assign it at all. Should we give parents more choice with the type of homework their students get? What parents have asked for generally from the survey was to give less homework. The survey also had recommendations of different ways that parents could be involved. We shouldn't be sending out homework that students can't do. There needs to be more of a two-way communication between parents and teachers. This is going to take time to work through with teachers and get their perspective on this. One recommendation was to move away from standard grade level assignments and have more parent input. That input will allow parents to work with the teacher to prioritize homework that would be the most helpful for their student. Each student is different and not all the same homework works for every student. Parents who have students in immersion feel overwhelmed with the amount of homework. If we don't give parents the choice of what homework should be done or is more important, they will do it for themselves anyways and decide which homework |

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| | gets down and which doesn't. |
| 9:06pm | HR/Staffing We have started recruiting teachers for next year. The Admin has asked teachers to let them know if they are planning to come back next year or not. They have given out a few offers for next year. One offer was accepted and the other two haven't responded yet. Kayli Johns comment |
| 9:40pm | Conflict of Interest Policy Amendment Mark added a line to the Conflict of Interest Policy that states...“Neither the Executive Director nor the Board shall allow any decision that would conflict, restrict, compromise, undermine or otherwise jeopardize the other party from fully executing their duties and responsibilities as described in Board governance policy.” |
| 9:44pm | Motion Ryan made a motion to approve the amendment to the Conflict of Interest Policy. Monica seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The policy amendment was approved. |
| 10:10pm | Motion Ryan made a motion to move to closed session “described under Section 52-4-24 held 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.” Monica seconded the motion. All voted in favor by name. The meeting was moved to closed session. |
| 10:58pm | Motion Monica made a motion to close the Board meeting. Ryan seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Meeting was adjourned. |