



Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information	
Date:	November 18, 2015
Time:	7:00pm
Location:	Renaissance Academy, 3435 North 1120 East, Lehi, UT.
Next Meeting:	January, 2016

Attendee Information			
Board Members		Invited Guests	
Attended	Name	Attended	Name
x	Carolyn Bayly, Board Chair	x	Jared VanOrden
x	Jared Barfuss, Board Vice Chair	Public in Attendance	
x	Ryan Hunter, Board Member	Attended	Name
x	Mike Bentley, Board Member	x	Patti Davis
x	Jennifer Orten, Board Member		
x	Monica Wonnacott, Board Member		
x	Chris Wareham, Board Member		
Schoolhouse			
Attended	Name		
x	Mark Ursic, Executive Director		
x	Stephanie McCappin		
x	Emily Simons, Executive Assistant		

Motions			
#	Motion made by	Motion	Vote
1	Ryan Hunter	Move the approval of minutes to next Board Meeting.	All voted in favor.
2	Ryan Hunter	Move to closed session	All voted in favor.
3	Ryan Hunter	Close the meeting	All voted in favor.

Time	
7:07pm	Welcome and Call to Order
	Renaissance Moment – Carolyn acknowledged how great the Middle School has been. She said there have been three families that had told her how helpful the Middle School team has been.
7:10pm	Squire Update – Jared VanOrden gave an update on the finances. Squire is wrapping up the audit. They are looking for a couple more things. They should have that sometime in December for review. The 990 has been extended until February. Things are looking good with the financial summary. Operating margins are not exactly where we want it to be but there will be but things will change with the October 1 st count. One thing to keep in mind is ADM (Average Daily Membership) and how to keep that number up. Everything is looking pretty standard.
7:15pm	ADM Funding Change – Over the last six years, we average about 25-30 kids. Even when enrollment is up, we can't count on that money. USOE is sending us emails that we should plan on them changing

	<p>the calculation and that we should start making adjustments. Even last year, when we let students in after October 1st, we did not stay at the level we were at on October 1st. Changes the dynamic a little of planning for the future. The trade-off on Charters was the cap. They have talked about if they are going to keep the caps in place. As we start to plan for the budget next year we have to consider how many kids we think we want to have/hold in reserve and until what time in the year. ADM + Growth is what you get funded on. They calculate the ADM by the number of kids there during the school year divided by 180 days. Jared asked whether this would affect the marketing we do for the school and attracting new students.</p>
7:31pm	<p>DIBELS Update – We looked at the scores from last year and the scores from this year so far (there are three tests a year). Comparing students last year after the first one and students this year after the first one, in several grades we have a higher percentage of students already at the beginning of the year who are on grade level. Our reading program is coming along. Tracy Scott is doing a great job. What is interesting is trying to track the implementation of a new program or a new staff member. It makes it hard to track where those things are making a difference because of immersion since the teaching style is different. We are starting out with kids that are a little more proficient than last year which will help us realign our resources. Jared asked what the main purposes are for this data. There is dedicated money we get for early reading. The goals that we set up in that program are to guide our use of that money.</p>
7:48pm	<p>Simulator Update – Chairs were delivered last week but they were the wrong chairs so we will be getting different ones. This week we will have monitors and computers delivered. Right now, the Middle School is using the room as a classroom but it is not really set up for a teacher to keep their things in. Someone came in today to give an estimate on painting the whole room. We want to have that done by Thanksgiving. Mark would like to have the grand opening the second week of January. There was discussion on whether it would be better to do an opening on a week day or weekend. There was also discussion on having 3 different openings Wednesday through Saturday.</p>
7:56pm	<p>Staffing Update – Stephanie gave an update on the new changes that have been made to 4th and 5th grade. In 4th grade, we have hired Mrs. Styler to help out. She is working part-time and teaching Science. In 5th grade, because of the teacher loss, the students have been put into two classes. Mrs. Messick, the head aide, is now teaching 5th grade math. We are looking to hiring a new teacher by December so that in the new year, we will have a new teacher in 5th grade to teach math. The Board discussed how some of these changes will really help the students learn organizational skills and allow them to receive more help.</p>
8:17pm	<p>Motion - Ryan moved to go into closed session as described under Section 52-4-204 to be held for: <i>(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.</i> Monica seconded. All voted in favor by name.</p>
9:00pm	<p>Motion – Ryan moved to close the meeting. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.</p>