



# Mountainville Academy

## Board Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2023

Notice is hereby given that the Mountainville Academy Board of Trustees will hold a Board Meeting and Executive Session at 195 S Main Street, Alpine, UT on Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

### BOARD MEETING

Present - Janese Vance, Nate Adams, Tanya College, Wes Funk, Jack Garzella, Wayne Sleight, Marisa Skousen, Kari Barney, Kevin Anglesey

Excused – Tanya

1. WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER Marisa called the meeting to order at 7:06pm
  1. Reverent Remarks – by Stephanie
  2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. PUBLIC COMMENT - Present: Ardice Lorscheider, Chandler Weeks

Public Comment is time for the public to give input to the board but is not discussion time. Comments are limited to 1-2 minutes per individual. Individuals wishing to make a longer presentation to the board may request placement on the agenda by contacting the board secretary or chairman. Administrative items, those regarding the day-to-day operation of the school, may be referred to the school director for resolution. Individuals who have previously met with the school director and still have concerns should feel free to participate in the public comment portion of the meeting.

Ardice Lorscheider - Introduced herself to submit her name for consideration as a board member. She is currently serving on the Special Vision Committee. She values the 7 Habits program the school adopted from the Covey Institute at BYU.

Chandler Weeks – Introduced himself. He is a practicing business and litigation attorney. Their family moved from the San Diego area about two years ago and they enjoy the program offered at MVA. Chandler would like to serve on the board as a way to give back to his community.

4. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT -Nate presented the budget up to September 2023. We might see a decrease in the budget due to a drop in the student enrollment count. The budget might approximately decrease by \$60,000. He will adjust the anticipated revenue to reflect the change in budget. Janese is keeping a close eye on the staff budget, enrollment... The drop in enrollment is mostly due to two large families moving away from the area. Between the families, the school lost around 10 children. The final student October count will be close to 700. Nate will present the audit report done next month.

### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes 8.17.2023 - Marisa moved we accept the minutes as presented. Jack seconded.

Ayes

Nays

Wayne  
Kari  
Marisa  
Kevin  
Jack  
Mikelle  
Stephanie  
Paxton

None

## 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Board Training – Utah State Board of Education (USBE) Training Videos – Trust System Overview - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FHEZp6mQGw> – link would not play. Board members should watch the training on their own.  
UPDATED What's New 2023-2024 - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v\\_wdkF5Ha6Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v_wdkF5Ha6Y)

B. Director's Report – Janese carpool is going well. We have not received any complaints except from the city.  
The school's retention rate from preschool to kindergarten is currently showing at 75% and from kindergarten to 1<sup>st</sup> grade at 59%. Retention rates from each class. Next month Janese will prepare a report on the state's rankings and other information. Things are going well.

### C. Committee Reports

- i. Executive – met and discussed school land trust and agenda for the board meeting.
- ii. Academic Excellence – two teachers attended the committee meeting this month with concerns about the math curriculum the school is using. The teachers, present at the meeting, suggested the school replace the program with a different math curriculum. There are not a lot of substitute replacement programs available. The program the school adopted, Alex/I-ready, is so far one of the few programs available. Stephanie suggested the teachers reach out to the program directly to give their feedback and see if they would work with them on possible improvements.
- iii. Finance – met this month. The committee will discuss the audit report and will update the board – No major updates concerning the school's sweep account which continues to build up on reserve.  
The committee discussed the benefits of opening a new high interest rate account to protect the school's savings against high interest rates. Will put this item down on the next agenda.
- iv. Development- Wayne updated all on fundraiser efforts. In addition to the main fundraiser's plan, Wayne reached out to local restaurants and started a new monthly fundraiser program in association with the restaurants to share a percentage of sales generated from the MVA community. This month is in collaboration with Café Rio. Wayne lined up a few more restaurants for the end of the year and January. They will send the results for this month's efforts once available from Café Rio.
- v. Governance – did not meet yet.
- vi. Technology – did not meet.
- vii. FSO – met and have all the future events planned for the year. Kari mentioned they have a great committee. The fall festival event was a success and they finally collected from all the food trucks that participated in the festival. Volunteers for lunches and dinners needed for Teacher Appreciation Week. Will have flyers ready soon for this event. They started a program to encourage all families to read together where families can buy a book every month and read chapters together. The money collected from the sale of the books will go towards the school's fundraising efforts. For December, they will plan on an event, Reading with Santa as a community event with parents.

Save the Date - Dec 19<sup>th</sup> for the board and teachers' dinner. The committee plans on renting a lodge ear at Traverse Mountain. More to come.

viii. Vision – Special Committee – met this month. Discussed the committee's previous efforts, purpose, and goals for the year. Will seek RFP from at least three firms to complete a feasibility study to

explore best options for a new facility that will meet the needs of the school. Another goal is to obtain drawing plans from selected firm by the end of the year.

- D. New Board Member Applications and Interviews – conducted the interviews with Ardice Lorscheider, Chandler Weeks
- E. TSSA School Land Trust Plan Timeline
- E. Utah Law and Policy Assurances 2023-24 – has to do with maturation every year we need to approve
- F. Teacher Student Success Act Framework 2023-24
- F. School Calendar 2023-24 – updated not exactly aligned with the district’s calendar but very similar
- G. Board Committee Members Update – updated
- H. Alpine City Property Purchase Next Door - 124 E 100 SOUTH Alpine- jack gave a brief update and

6. ACTION ITEMS

- A. TSSA School Land Trust Plan Timeline
- B. Utah Law and Policy Assurances 2023-24 Marisa moved we approved the Utah Law and Policy Assurances 2023-24 program as presented. Jack seconded the motion.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Wayne	None
Kari	
Marisa	
Kevin	
Jack	
Mikelle	
Stephanie	
Paxton	

- C. Teacher Student Success Act Framework 2023- 24 - Marisa moved we approved the Teacher Student Success Act Framework 2023- 24 program. Jack seconded.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Wayne	None
Kari	
Marisa	
Kevin	
Jack	
Mikelle	
Stephanie	
Paxton	

- D. School Calendar 2024-25 - Marisa moved we approved the school Calendar 2024-25. Wayne seconded the motion.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Wayne	None
Kari	
Marisa	
Kevin	
Jack	
Mikelle	
Stephanie	
Paxton	

7. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board will consider a motion to close the meeting to hold a strategy session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation, and/or to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property, and/or the character,

professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual in conformance with § 52-4-204 and 52-4-205 et. seq., Utah Code Ann.

8. ACTION ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. ADJOURN – Marisa moved we adjourned at 8:32pm

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