

Utah Military Academy

Board of Directors || Meeting Agenda December 13, 2023 1400 (2:00 pm)

Location: Hill Field Campus
5120 S 1050 W
Riverdale, UT 84405

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AgendaItem	Presenter and Time Stamp	Materials/Notes
Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance	Mr. Chuck Williams, Board Chair 2:48 pm Vice Chair Oda opened the meeting as Mr. Williams was still not in attendance 2:49 pm	Meeting start time was delayed due to Mr. Chuck Williams, Board Chair, being stuck in traffic Vice Chair began meeting, calling to order and Mr. Williams arrived. Turned over the meeting to him. Roll call: Board members present: Chuck Williams, Curt Oda, Baron Wesseman, Damon Kaiser, Mitch Blake, Guy Hollingsworth (online) 6 out of 7 present, enough for a quorum Absent: Sherrainn Reber (arrived at 3:51 pm; full quorum present at 3:51 pm) Guests: Ben Smith, Lichelle Watne, Mike Jarmeko, Major Kit Workman, Chief Kelly Martin, Whitney Horning, Jason Leavitt Online: CW Parent (anonymous), CW Parent 2 (anonymous) Pledge of allegiance led by Mr. Chuck Williams

Approve Minutes from October 24 2023 Board mtg.	2:49 pm	Baron Wesseman made motion to approve October 24, 2023 Board Mtg. Minutes, Mitch Blake seconded; Vote: Chuck Williams-aye, Curt Oda-aye, Baron Wesseman-aye, Mitch Blake-aye, Damon Kaiser-aye, Guy Hollingsworth-aye; motion passed unanimously
Board Chair Comments	2:50 pm	Mr. Chuck Williams comments
Superintendent Business:	2:56 pm	Principal reports: Began with Mr. Ben Smith from Hill Field campus, he reported on the incredible growth in learning using the IXL program; JROTC received an 'exemplary' rating on last inspection from headquarters; Armed response team update; academic achievement update (seeing great improvement); discipline is increasingly becoming better over the last few years, real focus on uniforms and self-discipline Lichelle Watne, interim principal for Camp Williams: culture is improving, teachers happier, students happier; 4 TAC officers who are dealing with discipline; IXL has been implemented for one month but already seeing improvement; 44% of students on Honor Roll; TAC officers helping in hallways and classrooms; VAPE detectors working well; excited for the camera installation to be completed on first floor (second floor are already installed and have been a huge help)
Financial Report	3:20 pm	Financial report by LTC William Orris, superintendent; see handout
Grants Update	3:27 pm	We have been awarded about 2.9 million, but in Utah we have to spend it first and then we will get reimbursed; we can apply certain salaries that qualify toward these grants and UMA has been doing so
Advertising and Enrollment update	3:32 pm	Redoing the website with a new lottery tool which should help enrollment; staffing, looking to hire an admissions director and an enrollment coordinator at each campus; UMA has amped up their teacher salaries to retain and to hire high quality teachers
Metal Detector Discussion	3:36 pm	Put up an RFP for a system, only ones who replied was Athena Security Weapons; contract of 50K for 4 years or buy out-right for 200K; still in discussion if we will even implement metal detectors
Fund Raising Policy	3:38 pm	Looking at a professional staffing model to help get UMA an annual fund; looking at ways to encourage parents to donate to the school; want to raise more money for cadet

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		activities, etc. LTC Orris handed out a fund raising policy for the board to look at
Family Engagement Policy	3:40 pm	UMA is a Title I school which requires annual meeting with parents and an annual Title I meeting; designates the way the school can spend 80K per year (40K per campus)
UMA Disciplinary Code updated; changes need to be Board approved	3:41 pm	LTC Orris turned the floor over to principal Ben Smith who headed up the committee to redo/update/edit the discipline code; in public handout packet; most changes are so that “the punishment fit the crime”
TEQlease buyout discussion	3:46 pm	TEQlease contracts are for chromebooks, computer labs, and camera system; this is to inform the Board; would like to use grants to buy these out; discussion on whether to continue to pay each month versus using savings to buy out and submit for grant reimbursement
	3:48 pm	Board approvals asked for by LTC Orris (all items in agenda and previously presented) : <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Metal Detector Contract discussion and vote: Curt Oda feels it is too expensive and suggested we look at something less expensive like a wand; Mitch Blake brought up concern that CW campus has several entrances which make it impossible to use metal detectors at the entrance as the students would just by pass the detectors; Orris suggests putting alarms and mag locks on the doors which would be more helpful right now than detectors; Blake suggested tabling discussion and decision on metal detectors until doors are dealt with (alarms and mag locks), many agreed- TABLED2. Fund Raising policy: Mitch Blake would like the policy to be fleshed out more regarding how the PIC would interact with it; Mitch Blake made motion to approve as long as PIC understands how they interact with the policy; Curt Oda seconded; Vote: Chuck Williams-aye, Curt Oda-aye, Baron Wesseman-aye, Mitch Blake-aye, Damon Kaiser-aye, Guy Hollingsworth-aye; motion passed unanimously3. Family Engagement Policy: taken straight from state law for Title I; Baron Wesseman made motion to approve and watch over the year to see if it needs further improvement; Mitch Black seconded; Vote: Chuck Williams-aye, Curt Oda-aye, Baron Wesseman-aye, Mitch Blake-aye, Damon Kaiser-aye, Guy Hollingsworth-aye; motion passed unanimously4. Disciplinary Code changes: Curt Oda made motion to approve as long as the small verbal changes are made; Chuck Williams seconded; Vote: Chuck Williams-aye, Curt Oda-aye, Baron Wesseman-aye, Mitch Blake-aye, Damon Kaiser-aye, Guy
	4:05 pm	

	4:07 pm	<p>Hollingsworth-aye; motion passed unanimously</p> <p>5. TEQlease buyout for camera contract \$508,720; LTC requested to TABLE discussion and vote</p> <p>Mr. Williams asked if there is any further business</p> <p>Mr. Williams asked if parents or visitors have any comments. No one responded</p> <p>Baron Wesseman moved to go to executive session to discuss items that cannot be discussed in public. Mr. Chuck Williams read the following: 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 § 524204 and 524205 et. seq., Utah Code Ann.</p> <p>So moved by Baron Wesseman; Mitch Blake seconded; roll call vote: Baron Wesseman aye, Curt Oda-aye, Mitch Blake-aye, Damon Kaiser-aye, Sherrain Reber-aye, Guy Hollingsworth-aye, Chuck Williams-aye. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>Executive Session, (Closed to Public) 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 § 524204 and 524205 et. seq., Utah Code Ann.</p>	4:50 pm	<p>Motion to move back into public session in order to adjourn; Baron moved to end exectuvie session for stated purposes as stated above and go back to regular session; Blake seconded; roll call vote; all unanimous</p>
Motion to adjourn	4:50 pm	<p>Sherrain Reber made motion to adjourn; Baron Wesemann seconded; Vote: Chuck Williams-aye, Curt Oda-aye, Baron Wesseman-aye, Mitch Blake-aye, Damon Kaiser-aye, Guy Hollingsworth-aye; motion passed unanimously</p>