



# Quest Academy

## Board Meeting Minutes

### February 13, 2024

**Location:** Quest Academy, 4862 West 4000 South, West Haven, UT 84401

**In Attendance:** Steven Reeve, Brittney Hale, Michele Kersey-Smith, Shawn Miehke, Brett Greenwell

**Others In Attendance:** Hannah Jones, Stacey Phillips, Ryan Smith, Dave Bullock, Gabe Clark, Angelee Spader, Nicki Slaugh, Roxsan Perry, Casey Hayes, Bianca Barkdull, Missy Warwood, Katie Cole

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### Board Priorities

State Accountability

Fiscally Sound

Personalized Learning/Individualized Learning

Brand Awareness

**CALL TO ORDER** – Steve Reeve called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- **2024/2025 Fee Schedule & Fee Waiver Policy**

This was the first public comment period for the 2024-2025 Fee Schedule and Fee Waiver Policy. Four members from the public attended to make public comment. Roxsan Perry, Katie Cole, Bianca Barkdull, and Missy Warwood all made comments to the board about the 2024-2025 School Calendar. Roxsan Perry said she is concerned about the calendar and doesn't want to go past Memorial Day and that spring break shouldn't be on a different week from the local school district. Bianca Barkdull mentioned there was a survey sent out at the end of last school year that let the parents submit preference for the school calendar. She also said that school should end before Memorial Day weekend. Missy Warwood is a parent that works at another local school and says she is concerned about the calendar and explained it's hard to juggle and coordinate kids on different school schedules. Katie Cole also made public comment about the calendar indicating it will be a struggle to balance different schedules.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

- **December 14, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes**

*Michele Kersey-Smith made a motion to approve the December 14, 2023, Meeting Minutes. Brittney Hale seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes as follows: Steven Reeve, AYE; Brittney Hale, AYE; Michele Kersey-Smith, AYE; Shawn Miehke, AYE; Brett Greenwell, AYE.*

### **REPORTS**

- **Administration**

- **State of the School**

Nicki Slaugh spoke about the honors society multiple service projects including making scarves, hats, toiletry kits, to give to the community. For 8 years the school

has participated in community service that is facilitated by the National Honors Society. Nicki went on to mention that Footloose is the school musical this year and is to be performed before spring break at Roy High with the dates TBD. Nicki went on to highlight some school tours that have taken place over the last couple of weeks. One of the visits was with Mike Schultz who came and toured the school and saw what makes Quest different from a traditional setting. Nicki mentioned that she represented Quest at USBE to express concerns during legislation and a lot of those issues have been resolved. Nicki said the other tour she wanted to highlight was a tour with the president of Carnegie learning who toured the school so they could see how to adjust the testing system at the state level. At the visit they learned about competencies and rubrics etc. and what makes Quest different from other schools. Nicki Slaugh told the board about the schools' initiative "Portrait of the graduate" which is things students should master before graduating outside of curriculum by the end of 9<sup>th</sup> grade; Nicki described these as "the soft skills". These skills include effective communicator, inquisitive thinker, resilient learner, and digital innovator.

Dave Bullock continued the state of the school report by thanking the board for approving the portable and said that in about a week it will be ready to be used by students. Dave mentioned parent teacher conferences and that they were a success. He said it is always good to see the parents and families. Dave let the board know that they've sent out intents to employees so that QA can plan ahead employment wise.

Shawn Miehle came into the meeting at 6:13 PM.

- **Financial Report**

The financial report was provided by Michele Kersey Smith and Ryan Smith. Michele said that things look good and appreciates the hard work of the administration to help the kids at Quest and use funds wisely. Ryan Smith added that the budget was prepared in May and wanted to talk about the safety grant and technology. He is planning to revamp the budget to make it more operating. Ryan concluded that things are looking very well and the long-term health of the school is looking positive.

## **VOTING & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- **2024/2025 School Year Calendar**

Angelee Spader began discussing the school year calendar. She made it known that they did want to move spring break to align with Weber School Districts calendar. She said that there was misinformation going around regarding the 2024-2025 SY Calendar. Angelee went on to explain that they changed their start date and are starting on the 21<sup>st</sup> instead of the 14<sup>th</sup> of August. She explained how this start date will help the school with the kids and families that may not be ready to come back to school due to events. Nicki Slaugh added that the main concern was the importance of kids being present for procedures and expectations at the beginning of the year as opposed to the last few days of the year. Angelee explained that it helps to have parent teacher conference two days before Fall break. Dave Bullock emphasized that they wanted to avoid a choppy schedule and make it

more consistent. Nicki Slauch clarified that the school won't pass year books out close to Memorial Day, so kids and families don't miss out. Dave wanted people to understand that the whole purpose of how the calendar is scheduled is for academic benefit of the students. They discussed how there has been a lot of work put into the school calendar. They said "choppy schedules" don't align with curriculum and they want to do what is best for teachers and students.

*Britney Hale made a motion to approve the 2024/2025 School Year Calendar. Shawn Miehlke seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes as follows: Steven Reeve, AYE; Brittney Hale, AYE; Michele Kersey-Smith, AYE; Shawn Miehlke, AYE; Brett Greenwell, AYE.*

- Amended School Land Trust FY 23

The board discussed the Amended SLT FY '23. Dave Bullock said the school received a grant that they weren't expecting to get. That's why they are making the amendment and mentioned that he walked through the process of the amendment with the state and clarified the goals have remained the same just the action steps have changed. He said this amendment was also presented to the community council who approved it.

*Michele Kersey Smith made a motion to approve the Amended School Land Trust FY 23. Britney Hale seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes as follows: Steven Reeve, AYE; Brittney Hale, AYE; Michele Kersey-Smith, AYE; Shawn Miehlke, AYE; Brett Greenwell, AYE.*

- Technology Purchases

The board discussed the Technology Purchases. Dave Bullock said they got almost half a million dollars in grants this year for safety, security, and technology. He said the focus is now on keeping the school as safe as possible. He then went on to explain the purchase of classroom Chromebooks and that cost. He said that every year, they need 6<sup>th</sup> grade Chromebooks. Dave said with the security grant they want to improve the intercom system and replace the entire system in all the buildings. He said four speakers will be put in every single classroom and teachers will have microphones they can wear that alerts in emergencies. Training for those mics to improve safety took place last week. Dave Bullock said the school hasn't had to spend much on technology at all. They will be adding keyless entries for classrooms and gates outside of the school to increase security. They want to limit who has access to classrooms with that purchase. Brett Greenwell asked about the long-term plan for all the purchases. Dave clarified that ETS will continue to be used and these installations will happen in the summer.

*Brett Greenwell made a motion to approve the Technology Purchases not to exceed \$475,000. Shawn Miehlke seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes as follows: Steven Reeve, AYE; Brittney Hale, AYE; Michele Kersey-Smith, AYE; Shawn Miehlke, AYE; Brett Greenwell, AYE.*

- **School Land Trust Plan 2024-2025**

The board discussed the School Land Trust Plan 2024-2025. Dave emphasized that in the past they've focused on technology but the school is ahead in that area so there are other goals that would more benefit the school. He mentioned they want to connect more of the money to connect to RISE and growth. Dave said that the SLT Plan for 2024-2025 was presented to the community council and the funds will be used for teaching assistants and their salaries and benefits. He said the community council approved the funds to be spent in that way and that those funds would provide the school with 5 TA's.

*Brett Greenwell made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 School Land Trust Plan. Michele Kersey Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes as follows: Steven Reeve, AYE; Brittney Hale, AYE; Michele Kersey-Smith, AYE; Shawn Miehke, AYE; Brett Greenwell, AYE.*

## **CALENDARING**

- The next Board Meeting will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM.

## **ADJOURN**

*Brett Greenwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04PM. Shawn Miehke seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes as follows: Steven Reeve, AYE; Brittney Hale, AYE; Michele Kersey-Smith, AYE; Shawn Miehke, AYE; Brett Greenwell, AYE.*