



Mountainville Academy

Board Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2024

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, February 15, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Janese Vance, Wayne Sleight, Stephanie Cotton-Betteridge, Mikelle Kennedy, Tanya Colledge Chandler Weeks, Kevin Anglesey, Paxton Gray, Marisa Skousen, Nate Adams

Kari Barney – excused

BOARD MEETING

1. WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER Marisa called it at 7:02

1. Reverent Remarks by Marisa
2. Pledge of Allegiance

2. PUBLIC COMMENT - In attendance – Ardice Lorscheider, Wes Funk, Myndi Funk

Public Comment is time for the public to give input to the board but is not a 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 chairperson. 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.

- During public comments, Wes returned to his November 2023 proposal to the board for an academic contest project honoring the school's early emphasis on patriotic heritage. He and his wife Myndi presented a \$1,000 check to the academic committee as seed funding for the project and student prize money. They also presented two of three poster-size pictures they printed, honoring three recommended initial historical figures: Abigail Adams, Phillis Wheatley, and local pioneer Fannie Carlisle. Wes invited the art and history teachers to participate in the project.

3. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT – Nate presented the budget for this month. He discussed the additional educator salary adjustment to the budget which adjustment stemmed from new funds allocated from the state's legislature last year. Nate and Janese got a list of eligible teachers to distribute this additional \$4200 to the qualified teachers. A previously approved LEA-specific bonus was distributed to qualified licensed teachers. The bonus was not available to administrators.

Nate pointed out the health insurance savings, in line item 240 of the budget detail. He also discussed expenditure line items related to maintenance and renovations. Tobin is working on rehabilitation item line 890 budgeted for the floor and other renovations.

Will meet again in June or before for budget evaluation.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes 1.11. 2024 – Marisa moved we accept the minutes from the 1.11.2024 meeting. Paxton seconded the motion.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Wayne	None
Tanya	
Kevin	
Chandler	
Mikelle	
Stephanie	
Paxton	
Marisa	

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Board Training - Governing Board serving as Trust Land Council Stewardship - USBE School LAND Trust- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6O1FdVNJvJw>

School Community Council and Trust Land Council Stewardship - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3PZQxJk1Ws4>

B. Director's Report - Janese reported on the offers the school extended to new families who applied to attend. We have the highest number of applicants this year.

C. Committee Reports

i. Executive – met and discussed items on the agenda

ii. Academic Excellence – have not met this month yet.

iii. Finance - met right before this meeting and discussed the budget

iv. Development – Wayne reported on the chick-fil-a fundraising which was successful. The committee also discussed the bids for the flooring renovation. Kennedy, committee member, put together a list of businesses we will reach out to for the annual school fundraising. An elementary STEM teacher gave her input on the location for the proposed new building for the STEM center.

Wayne, as the parent liaison, attended the first conflict-resolution meeting with parents, Janese, and Jason.

v. Governance – met and worked on several policies. No need to make any changes to the dress policy yet. The committee discussed the Camera and FERPA policies concerning mandated requirements on school data collected. Governance reached out to Sol Garcia, from State Risks, who recommended that we not record the classroom video feed with the newly installed cameras in the classrooms.

Wayne asked how the audio recording differs from the video recording. The committee is not sure yet. For now, they recommend we take the advice of State Risks. Wayne mentioned we had an incident where it was the student or the teacher's word and that is something that could have been avoided.

vi. Technology – Paxton as chair. They have not met.

vii. FSO – Kari is excused from the meeting

D. New Board Member Application and Interview – Laura St. Onge, she has been in contact with Marisa. Laura will not be able to attend the interview.

E. School Land Trust Final Report 22-23 – the numbers of students evaluated in the final report look good.

F. Draft School Land Trust 2024-25 – discussion on the proposed draft

G. School Fee Schedule 2024-25 – discussion on the proposed schedule

- H. Security Camera System Policy
- I. Uniform Dress Code Policy -
- K. FERPA and Data Governance Policy
- J. School Property/Carlisle Property offer discussions

6. ACTION ITEM

A. School Fee Schedule 2024-25 – Marisa moved that we approve the school fee 2024-25 schedule. Kennedy seconded the motion.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Wayne	None
Tanya	
Kevin	
Chandler	
Mikelle	
Stephanie	
Paxton	
Marisa	

B. Security Camera System Policy – Marisa moved we approve the security camera system policy, as presented. Chandler seconded.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Tanya	Wayne
Kevin	
Chandler	
Mikelle	
Stephanie	
Paxton	
Marisa	

C. Uniform Dress Code Policy – did not vote on this item

D. FERPA and Data Governance Policy – Marisa moved we approve the FERPA, and data governance policy as outlined. Paxton seconded.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Wayne	None
Tanya	
Kevin	
Chandler	
Mikelle	
Stephanie	
Paxton	
Marisa	

E. School Property/Carlisle Property offer discussions

7. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION – Marisa moved we go into closed session 7:53

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Wayne	None
Tanya	
Kevin	
Chandler	
Mikelle	
Stephanie	
Paxton	
Marisa	

Invited Wes, Janese, Nate to the closed 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.

Resumed session at 9:02

8. ACTION ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A- Marisa moved to hire an attorney to review and advise on a potential land purchase from the city. Paxton seconded.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Wayne	None
Tanya	
Kevin	
Chandler	
Mikelle	
Stephanie	
Paxton	
Marisa	

B- Based on the finding from the attorney and assuming there are no restrictions involved on the potential land purchase from the city, Marisa moved we approve and submit an offer up to \$780,000 to purchase the land. Paxton seconded.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Wayne	None
Tanya	
Kevin	
Chandler	
Mikelle	
Stephanie	
Paxton	
Marisa	

C- Assuming there are no restrictions involved on the potential land purchase from the city, and the offer is accepted, Marisa move that we approve a potential offer to sell the Carlisle property and do a simultaneous closing transaction on the land purchase of the 100S property from the city. Paxton second.

Ayes

Wayne
Tanya
Kevin
Chandler
Mikelle
Paxton
Marisa

Nays

Stephanie

D- Stephanie proposed to vote on a substitute motion to approve a potential offer to sell the Carlisle property with necessary restrictions only after the potential land purchase of the 100 S property from the city has been finalized and completed to both parties' satisfaction. No simultaneous closing involved in the purchase and sale transactions, rather they will be kept as two transactions with the land purchase completed first.

The board members discussed the motion and clarified that the prior vote for the sale of the Carlisle property was intended to be a separate transaction to follow the purchase of the 100 S property from the city.

No follow-up vote was taken.

9. ADJOURN – Marisa moved to adjourn at 9:07

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