

Wallace Stegner Academy Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Thursday, August 15, 2024

Location: 980 Bending River Road; Salt Lake City, UT 84104

In Attendance: Sarah Vaughan, Tony Furano, Reed Farnsworth, Jeremy Schow

Excused: Frank Mangana

Others in Attendance: Adam Gerlach, Anthony Sudweeks, Tyler O'Brien, Stacey Phillips, Hannah Jones



Wallace Stegner Academy will foster a community of active learners through academic rigor and citizenship by providing an opportunity for students to achieve academic excellence.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER Sarah Vaughan called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

CONSENT ITEMS

- June 13, 2024, Board Meeting & Closed Session Minutes
Tony Furano made a motion to approve the June 13, 2024, Board Meeting Closed Session Minutes. Jeremy Schow seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sarah Vaughan, Aye; Tony Furano, Aye; Reed Farnsworth, Aye; Jeremy Schow, Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

REPORTS

- Directors' Report
Adam Gerlach and Anthony Sudweeks reported that enrollment is where they expected it to be for the beginning of the year. Anthony Sudweeks went on to report that the first few days of school went very smoothly, the sorting ceremonies are complete, and the pre-service was the biggest one they have had to date; with thirty-four different training sessions taught over the week. Anthony and Adam said that fifteen people will go to the Ron Clark Academy training in September as well as a CGF training in October. They reported that they are fully staffed in all three categories. Tony Furano asked if there was anything new to report about the new school campus and Anthony Sudweeks clarified there have been no issues and everything is still looking good.
- Finance Report
Tyler O'Brien reported that everything looks great in the budget. He said that their cash has stayed relatively the same even with the various purchases they have had to make. The audit will be wrapped up by November 30th and he informed the board

that they can have someone from Eide Bailly come and present the audit to the board. Tyler wrapped up the finance report, saying that it was a very strong year in many aspects including the budget for the school.

VOTING AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Approve Mental Health Grant Application
Adam Gerlach explained that they have hired a third counselor. He said that the funds from the mental health grant will help support their goals to teach the students skills on managing emotions and stress.
Jeremy Schow made a motion to approve the Mental Health Grant Application. Reed Farnsworth seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sarah Vaughan, Aye; Tony Furano, Aye; Reed Farnsworth, Aye; Jeremy Schow, Aye.
- Early Learning Plan
Anthony Sudweeks discussed the Early Learning Plan. He described their intensive phonics program as a key part of the Early Learning Plan. Anthony Sudweeks collaborated with the state to come up with the goals in the plan. The board had no questions or concerns.
Tony Furano made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Early Learning Plan. Jeremy Schow seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sarah Vaughan, Aye; Tony Furano, Aye; Reed Farnsworth, Aye; Jeremy Schow, Aye.
- ETS Contract Renewal
This item was tabled.
- Approve Amended Electronic Meetings Policy
- Approve Amended Background Check Policy and Procedures
- Approve Amended Attendance Procedures
- Approve Amended Student Conduct and Discipline Policy
- Approve Amended Selection, Approval, and Purchase of Instructional Materials Policy

Sarah Vaughan made a motion to approve the Amended Electronics Meeting Policy, Amended Background Check Policy, Amended Student Conduct and Discipline Policy, and the Amended Selection, Approval, and Purchase of Instructional Materials Policy. Jeremy Schow seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sarah Vaughan, Aye; Tony Furano, Aye; Reed Farnsworth, Aye; Jeremy Schow, Aye.

CALENDARING

- Next Board Meeting is Scheduled for September 19, 2024 @ 5:30 PM.
The board discussed cancelling the board meeting scheduled for September 19th and instead will hold a Board Meeting on Saturday September 7th at 11:00 AM.

ADJOURN

At 6:07 PM Reed made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeremy Schow seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sarah Vaughan, Aye; Tony Furano, Aye; Reed Farsnworth, Aye; Jeremy Schow, Aye.