

Hawthorn Academy

Board of Directors Meeting

Date: January 8, 2025

Location: 1437 W. 11400 S. South Jordan, UT 84095

In Attendance: Heidi Scott, Tammi Wright, Janielle Edwards, Tori Williams, Donald McNeill, Meggen Pettit, Jamie Dickinson

Others In Attendance: Floyd Stensrud, Chantel Wixon, Alicia Ady, Stacey Phillips, Mandy Kartchner, Brooke Nielson, Robert Vogel



MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

At 8:49am Tammi Wright called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:50AM Meggen Pettit made a motion to move into closed session, located at the Hawthorn Academy South Jordan location to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(a) and to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(c). Jamie Dickinson seconded the motion. Votes were as follows: Janielle Edwards, Aye; Tori Williams, Aye; Donald McNeil, Aye; Tammi Wright, Aye; Meggen Pettit, Aye; Jamie Dickinson, Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Heidi Scott joined the meeting at 8:53am
Robert Vogel left the meeting at 9:22am

At 9:27AM Meggen Pettit made a motion to move out of closed session. Tori Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Heidi Scott, Aye; Janielle Edwards, Aye; Tori Williams, Aye; Donald McNeil, Aye; Tammi Wright, Aye; Meggen Pettit, Aye; Jamie Dickinson, Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Sex Education Curriculum
This was the 2nd comment period for the proposed Sex Education Curriculum. There was no public comment.
- 2025-2026 Fee Schedule and Fee Waiver Policy
This was the 1st comment period for the 2025-2026 Fee Schedule and Fee Waiver Policy. There was no public comment. Meggen Pettit asked how not charging registrations fees would impact the budget. Floyd Stensrud discussed that it will impact the budget but not dramatically. Chantel Wixon discussed different ways the fees impacted the budget. She also discussed that the state doesn't like to see the school holding a balance on fees. They

need to have specific purpose and be spent on the needs of the students.

REPORTS

- Director's Report

Floyd Stensrud provided the director's report. He reported that at the South campus they are out of TSI. He also reported that it would be easy to slip back into TSI unless they continue to improve. He reported that they are getting more aggressive with finding solutions. They are creating a 5-year continuous improvement plan. They are also looking at their RTI (response to intervention) model. They are continuing with their A to A model, but now they are digging deeper to accelerate improvement. They are working on educating their teachers better. Floyd also reported that in February he will be attending a training for educators. This conflicts with the board meeting in February. The board discussed just cancelling the February meeting and waiting to meet until March. Floyd discussed that he will report to the state that they are needing more support with some of the new bills passed.

- Budget Report

Chantel Wixon provided the budget report. She reported on revenue from local, state and federal sources. She discussed that they are still finishing up federal applications so they are low as of now but will eventually pick up. She discussed different expense lines within the budget and discussed why they were higher or lower than expected. She reviewed the total net income for the school. She also reviewed the statement of position sheet. She reviewed each of the line items. She discussed that the school sent the Special Education Funds back to the state because it was not used. Heidi Scott asked about the implications of the SpEd funds being counted as an expense. Chantel explained how they expensed it so it wouldn't count against their current budget, or MOE.

CONSENT ITEMS

- November 13, 2024, Board Meeting and Closed Session Minutes

Meggen Pettit made a motion to approve the November 13, 2024, Board Meeting and Closed Session Minutes. Donald McNeill seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Heidi Scott, Aye; Janielle Edwards, Aye; Tori Williams, Aye; Donald McNeill, Aye; Tammi Wright, Aye; Meggen Pettit, Aye; Jamie Dickinson, Aye.

VOTING AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- LEA Specific License

Floyd Stensrud discussed the need to approve an LEA Specific license for Kellie Gallart, and Rachel Morris. Kellie Gallart has finished all of her course work for her teaching license and is just waiting for the finalization of her license through her university. Rachel Morris is applying to the APPEL program to receive her teaching license and will need an LEA specific license in the meantime. Floyd Stensrud discussed that Rachel Morris was a Kindergarten Aide with a degree but is now working on an APPEL certification to receive her teaching certificate. She is currently teaching 5th grade. Tammi Wright asked how long Rachel was a kindergarten aide.

Meggen Pettit made a motion to approve LEA Specific Licenses as listed and discussed. Heidi Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Heidi Scott, Aye; Janielle Edwards, Aye; Tori Williams, Aye; Donald McNeill, Aye; Tammi Wright, Aye; Meggen Pettit, Aye; Jamie Dickinson, Aye.

Brook Neilson joined the meeting at 9:48 am

- Sex Education Curriculum

The board discussed the proposed Sex Education Curriculum. Brooke Neilson discussed that the PowerPoint is what is allowed in the state but would like to cut a lot of it out because it is not age appropriate for 8th grade. She discussed that contraception is only a small portion of the Sex Education Unit and is not allotted much time. She gave the board the info as a starting point. She discussed ways that she has made her class a safe space for kids to learn about these important topics. She discussed how if she could only teach one thing it would be how to use condoms. Heidi Scott asked what she would like to have eliminated and what she would like to teach. There was a debate about whether emergency contraceptives should be discussed in class. Brooke Nielson discussed some of the laws that protects girls with sexual health. Including the right to receive any kind of sexual health care without parental consent. Meggen Pettit asked about parents receiving the curriculum ahead of time. The board discussed options for parents to preview the curriculum. She discussed possible ramifications with kids not receiving this information soon enough. She also discussed that STIs and STDs are on the rise nationwide and also in Utah. The board would like this narrowed down to what is actually going to be taught. Floyd Stensrud discussed the issue of human trafficking in Utah. The board discussed that there is so much sexual abuse that the emergency contraception that could empower abuse victims. The board would like to hear this again after the Sex Education Committee has reviewed and discussed what they would like the board to approve.

- Policies:

- Paid Professional Hours for Educators Policy
- Time and Effort Documentation Policy
- Amended FERPA Policy

The board reviewed the new policy and the amended policies. They were provided with summaries and redlined versions in their documentation packet. Mandy Kartchner also discussed the policies with the board.

Tori Williams made a motion to approve the Paid Professional Hours for Educators Policy, the Time and Effort Documentation Policy, and the Amended FERPA Policy as presented. Heidi Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Heidi Scott, Aye; Janielle Edwards, Aye; Tori Williams, Aye; Donald McNeill, Aye; Tammi Wright, Aye; Meggen Pettit, Aye; Jamie Dickinson, Aye.

CALENDARING

- Next Meeting February 12, 2025 – this meeting was cancelled.
- Next Meeting March 12, 2025

ADJOURN

At 10:31am Meggen Pettit made a motion to Adjourn. Heidi Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Heidi Scott, Aye; Janielle Edwards, Aye; Tori Williams, Aye; Donald McNeill, Aye; Tammi Wright, Aye; Meggen Pettit, Aye; Jamie Dickinson, Aye.

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