

Wallace Stegner Academy Board of Directors Meeting

Date: 04.23.2025

Teleconference: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84997081572>

In Attendance: Sarah Vaughan, Tony Furano, Jeremy Schow

Excused: Reed Farnsworth, Frank Magana

Others In Attendance: Anthony Sudweeks, Adam Gerlach, Platte Nielson, Chantel Wixon, 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 5:37 PM.

CONSENT ITEMS

- March 19, 2025, Board Meeting & Closed Session Minutes

Tony Furano made a motion to approve the March 19, 2025, Board Meeting & Closed Session Minutes. Jeremy Schow seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sarah Vaughan, Aye; Tony Furano, Aye; Jeremy Schow, Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Comments will be limited to three minutes.)

- Reading Curriculum (2nd Public Comment Period)

This was the second public comment period for the Reading Curriculum. There were no public comments.

REPORTS

- Finance Report

Chantel Wixon reported on the school finances, and they are at about 75 percent of the way through the year. Cash is up from this time last year by about 2 million dollars. Fixed assets remain the same until year end entries. Current liabilities are a negative because there is a credit memo on the accounts payable pending. The board had no questions or concerns about the financial position of the school.

Platte Nielson joined the meeting at 5:44 PM.

- Director's Report

Adam Gerlach and Anthony Sudweeks reported on enrollment. The budgeted total is 2100. They have been gradually coming down on enrollment from the beginning of

the year. The CEOs are thinking of adding more 6th and 7th grade classes because that is where most of the waitlist is. Campaign in sunset is like the SLC campaign. The CEOs are involved in various marketing efforts for the new sunset campus, including being a vendor at the upcoming Clinton City Heritage Days on June 13th and 14th.

VOTING AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Reading Curriculum**

The board reviewed the cost of renewing the license for reading curriculum for Teach Like a Champion. There were no questions or concerns from the board.

Sarah Vaughan made a motion to approve the Reading Curriculum and associated costs as outlined. Jeremy Schow seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sarah Vaughan, Aye; Tony Furano, Aye; Jeremy Schow, Aye.

- **2025-2026 School Land Trust Plans (SLC, WVC, Kearns)**

Anthony Sudweeks met with the School Land Trust Committees from each campus and had each of the plans approved by the committees. There were no questions or concerns from the board about the details of the plans.

Sarah Vaughan made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 School Land Trust Plans for the Kearns, West Valley, and Salt Lake campuses. Tony Furano seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sarah Vaughan, Aye; Tony Furano, Aye; Jeremy Schow, Aye.

- **Utah High School Activities Association Membership Resolution**

Adam Gerlach indicated that acceptance into the Utah High School Activities Association about a 15-month long process and that getting approval for the application is one of the first steps. The board had no questions or concerns about participation in UHSAA Membership.

Jeremy Schow made a motion to approve the Utah High School Activities Association Membership Application. Tony Furano seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sarah Vaughan, Aye; Tony Furano, Aye; Jeremy Schow, Aye.

- **Attuned Invoice & Agreement**

Adam Gerlach broke down the usage of the software that attuned education partners provides. There were no questions or concerns from the board.

Jeremy Schow made a motion to approve the Attuned Invoices and Agreement. Tony Furano seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sarah Vaughan, Aye; Tony Furano, Aye; Jeremy Schow, Aye.

- **Alder Electric Invoice**

There was no discussion about the Alder Electric Invoice.

Sarah Vaughan made a motion to approve the Alder Electric Invoice. Jeremy Schow seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sarah Vaughan, Aye; Tony Furano, Aye; Jeremy Schow, Aye.

- Summer Purchases

The outlined purchases fall in line with typical purchases done when opening a new campus location. In the summer purchasing plan, it is broken down between the current school year's budget and next school year's budget.

The summer purchasing plan included: Chromebooks from ETS (\$114,890); MacBook Airs from ETS (\$36,169) Verkada Security System from ETS (\$567,294); Student Chromebooks from ETS (\$161,564); Audio Enhancement from ETS (\$89,650); Projectors and Apple TV'S (\$103,600); Groups curriculum (\$40,000); Whiteboards, corkboards, and furniture from the winning bidder for the Sunset and Kearns campus IFB (\$100,000).

The total for the summer purchasing plan comes to \$1,213,167.00. the board discussed allowing for a \$25,000 fluctuation from the total approved amount before bringing back to the board for approval.

Sarah Vaughan made a motion to approve the summer purchases as discussed. Jeremy Schow seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sarah Vaughan, Aye; Tony Furano, Aye; Jeremy Schow, Aye.

- Start Up and Implementation Grant Application

Adam Gerlach and Anthony Sudweeks explained the Start Up and Implementation Grant to the board. The board was excited to have an application out for more grants for the schools. There was no further discussion.

Jeremy Schow made a motion to approve the Start Up and Implementation Grant Application. Tony Furano seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sarah Vaughan, Aye; Tony Furano, Aye; Jeremy Schow, Aye.

CLOSED SESSION

- Closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(a).

At 6:10 PM Sarah Vaughan made a motion to enter a closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(a) in SLC, UT. Tony Furano seconded. The votes

were as follows: Sarah Vaughan, Aye; Tony Furano, Aye; Jeremy Schow, Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

At 6:45 PM Sarah Vaughan made a motion to leave the closed session and enter the general session in SLC, UT. Tony Furano seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sarah Vaughan, Aye; Tony Furano, Aye; Jeremy Schow, Aye.

VOTING AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Director Employment Agreement & Compensation**
The board discussed the 2025-2026 Director Agreement's in a closed session. There was no further discussion in the general meeting.

Tony Furano made a motion to approve the Director Employment Agreement & Compensation as discussed in the closed session. Jeremy Schow seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sarah Vaughan, Aye; Tony Furano, Aye; Jeremy Schow, Aye.

CALENDARING

The next board meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2025, at 5:30 PM.

ADJOURN

At 6:46 PM Sarah Vaughan 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; Jeremy Schow, Aye.

**Wallace Stegner Academy
Board of Directors
Closed Session Statement**

Date: 04.23.2025

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

CLOSED SESSION SWORN STATEMENT:

At a duly noticed public meeting held on the date listed above, the board of directors for Wallace Stegner Academy entered a closed session for the sole purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual in accordance with Utah Code Ann. 52-4-205(1)(a).

I declare under criminal penalty under the law of Utah that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed on the 23RD day of April 2025.



Sarah Vaughan, Board President