

Ascent Academies of Utah

Board of Directors Meeting

Date: June 16, 2025

Anchor Location: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9078319259>

Board Members Present: Jim Horton, Tyler Schvaneveldt, Mike Greenhalgh, Chris Bleak

Excused Members: Stuart Adams

Others Present: Wade Glathar, Brandon Fairbanks, Hannah Dorius, Erin Winterton, Brad Taylor



MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Jim Horton called the board meeting to order at 9:05AM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT ITEMS

- March 24, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
Chris Bleak made a motion to approve the March 24, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes; Tyler Schvaneveldt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Tyler Schvaneveldt, Aye; Mike Greenhalgh, Aye; Jim Horton, Aye; Chris Bleak, Aye.

VOTING AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Board Member Offices
Mike Ostermiller has resigned from the board. The board expressed their thanks for Mike's service to Ascent Academies of Utah over the years. Jim Horton nominated Chris Bleak as the board chair. The board discussed keeping all other officers as presently constituted.

Tyler Schvaneveldt made a motion to approve Chris Bleak as the Board Chair and keep all other board offices as presently constituted; Mike Greenhalgh. seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Tyler Schvaneveldt, Aye; Mike Greenhalgh, Aye; Jim Horton, Aye; Chris Bleak, Aye.

REPORTS

- Administrative Report
Wade Glathar presented the Administrative Report to the board. The board received the report in their documentation. Wade provided an update on enrollment, AAU in the news, a quick summary of student achievement, and an outline of the voting and discussion items. Title IX report is also included in the packet. The board had no questions for Wade.

- Finance Report
Erin Winterton reported on the Fraud Risk Assessment and Annual Commitment to Ethical Behavior. The Fraud Risk Assessment is an internal report card used to identify fraud for the school. The school falls in the “very low risk” category. Each board member is required to sign the commitment to ethical behavior each year. Signing the document commits the board members to work in the best interest of the school and in accordance with the school’s approved Ethics Policy.

VOTING AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2024-2025 Amended Budget
Erin Winterton presented the 2024-2025 Amended Budget. This budget needed to be amended because of some lingering expenses from the Saratoga Springs expansion. The board had no questions.

Jim Horton made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Amended Budget; Tyler Schvaneveldt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Tyler Schvaneveldt, Aye; Mike Greenhalgh, Aye; Jim Horton, Aye; Chris Bleak, Aye.

- 2025-2026 Proposed Budget
Erin Winterton presented the 2025-2026 Proposed Budget. Wade Glathar and Erin Winterton have been working together to create a plan for budgeting going forward. The budget is very conservative.

Tyler Schvaneveldt made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Proposed Budget; Mike Greenhalgh seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Tyler Schvaneveldt, Aye; Mike Greenhalgh, Aye; Jim Horton, Aye; Chris Bleak, Aye.

- Audit Engagement Letter
Erin Winterton presented the Audit Engagement Letter. This letter is to engage Eide Bailly to conduct an audit for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. A formal RFP process was conducted and Eide Bailly was the preferred provider in cost and expertise.

Mike Greenhalgh made a motion to approve Wade Glathar to sign the Audit Engagement Letter; Jim Horton seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Tyler Schvaneveldt, Aye; Mike Greenhalgh, Aye; Jim Horton, Aye; Chris Bleak, Aye.

- Teacher Student Success Act Plans 2025-2026
Wade Glathar presented the Teacher Student Success Act Plans. The TSSA Plans of each campus must be reviewed and approved by the board each year. No changes were made to the plan this year.

Tyler Schvaneveldt made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Teacher Student Success Act Plans; Mike Greenhalgh seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as

follows: Tyler Schvaneveldt, Aye; Mike Greenhalgh, Aye; Jim Horton, Aye; Chris Bleak, Aye.

- Meal Prices

Wade Glathar presented the justification for the meal price increase. The proposed increase is a five-cent increase. Meal prices haven't been increased in 7 years, and the increase will help support the increased cost of food and labor over the years. The price is increasing from \$2.60-\$2.65 per meal.

Jim Horton made a motion to approve the new meal price of \$2.65 per meal; Mike Greenhalgh seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Tyler Schvaneveldt, Aye; Mike Greenhalgh, Aye; Jim Horton, Aye; Chris Bleak, Aye.

- Sex Education Committee

The Sex Education Committee was presented by Wade Glathar. The committee must be approved by the board each year. The board was provided with the names of the members of the committee.

Mike Greenhalgh made a motion to approve the Sex Education Committee; Tyler Schvaneveldt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Tyler Schvaneveldt, Aye; Mike Greenhalgh, Aye; Jim Horton, Aye; Chris Bleak, Aye.

- Purchases

Wade Glathar presented the Purchases for Flooring Service, Inc. Invoice, OP Office Furniture & Design Group Lunch Tables Invoice, ETS Invoice, UCONN Confratute, Imagine Learning, Flashlight Learning, Lexia Learning. All purchases have followed necessary RFP processes and internal committee processes. Each of the purchase details were included in the board documentation.

Mike Greenhalgh made a motion to approve the Purchases for Flooring Service, Inc., OP Office Furniture & Design Group Lunch Tables, ETS Invoice, UCONN Confratute, Imagine Learning, Flashlight Learning, and Lexia Learning; Tyler Schvaneveldt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Tyler Schvaneveldt, Aye; Mike Greenhalgh, Aye; Jim Horton, Aye; Chris Bleak, Aye.

- Policies:

- Salary Supplement for Highly Needed Educators Program Policy

Brandon Fairbanks presented the SHiNE Policy. This policy is a result of the latest legislative session and is required to be in place by July 1st. This policy allows Wade and the Administration team to supplement salary the highly needed educators of their choice.

- Paid Parental and Postpartum Recovery Leave Policy

Brandon Fairbanks presented the Paid Parental and Postpartum Recovery

Leave Policy. This policy aligns the school with state regulations for parental and postpartum leave.

Jim Horton made a motion to approve the Salary Supplement for Highly Needed Educators Program Policy and the Paid Parental and Postpartum Recovery Leave Policy; Mike Greenhalgh seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Tyler Schvaneveldt, Aye; Mike Greenhalgh, Aye; Jim Horton, Aye; Chris Bleak, Aye.

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 9:28AM Mike Greenhalgh made a motion to enter into 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), via teleconference. Tyler Schvaneveldt seconded. Votes were as follows: Chris Bleak, Aye; Tyler Schvaneveldt, Aye; Jim Horton, Aye; Mike Greenhalgh, Aye. Motion passed.

Chris Bleak left the meeting at 9:30AM.

At 9:47AM Tyler Schvaneveldt made a motion to move out of closed session. Jim Horton seconded. Votes were as follows: Mike Greenhalgh, Aye; Tyler Schvaneveldt, Aye; Jim Horton, Aye. Motion passed.

VOTING AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Director Employment Agreement
This item was discussed during closed session.

Tyler Schvaneveldt made a motion to approve the Director Employment Agreement as discussed; Jim Horton seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Tyler Schvaneveldt, Aye; Mike Greenhalgh, Aye; Jim Horton, Aye.

ADJOURN

At 9:50AM, Mike Greenhalgh made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

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Date: June 16, 2025

Time: 9:00AM

Location: 290 N. Flint Street; Kaysville, UT 84037

Teleconference: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6776114983>



CLOSED SESSION SWORN STATEMENT:

At a duly noticed public meeting held on the date listed above, the board of directors for Ascent Academies entered into 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. 52-4-2(1)(a).

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

Signed on the 16 day of June, 2025, at Kayville, Utah.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Bleak", is written over a horizontal line.

Chris Bleak, Board Chair