

Meeting Details:

- **Date:** September 16, 2025
- **Time:** 7:01 PM
- **Present:** Tanya, Paxton, Chandler, Wayne, Kari, Mike, Janice, Ashley, Kevin, Mikelle, Gina James ** joined by phone: Nate and Dan
 - Mike left at 8:18 pm

Agenda Overview:

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Reverent Remarks**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Public Comment**
5. **Consent Agenda**
 - Approval of the minutes from August 2025
6. **Board Training**
 - Policy training video
7. **Director's Report**
 - Updates on school operations and events.
8. **Business Manager's Report**
 - Financial overview and budget discussion.
9. **Committee Reports**
 - Executive, Academic Excellence, Finance, Development updates.
10. **Development Project Update**
 - Progress on the STEM center and related city planning issues.
11. **Action Items**
 - Review of any necessary actions not specified in the transcript.

Key Takeaways:

1. **Consent Agenda:**
 - **Motioned by:** Tanya
 - **Seconded by:** Paxton
 - **Action:** Minutes from the August 2025 board meeting approved unanimously.
2. **Public Comment:**
 - Gina - A representative from the Association of Public Charter Schools shared updates on advocacy efforts, particularly regarding transportation funding for charter schools.

- Highlighted the importance of charter schools being recognized as part of public education.

3. **Board Training:**

- Training session focused on the importance of clear policies for school governance.
- Emphasized that policies should define decision-making processes and be accessible to all stakeholders.
- Discussed the need for ongoing policy review given the school's long history and evolving needs.

4. **Director's Report:**

- Enrollment as of today is 694 students.
- Preparing for an international seminar on October 2 and planning for upcoming events.
- Discussion of a new afterschool club focused on block coding, with a proposed fee of \$50 for the semester.

5. **Business Manager's Report:**

- Nate provided a financial overview, noting a projected operating margin of 13%, significantly improved from the previous year's margin of 4.4%.
- Discussed the impact of increased enrollment on local revenues and the budget's overall health.

6. **Committee Reports:**

- **Executive:** No major concerns.
- **Academic Excellence:** Meeting scheduled for September 18.
- **Finance:** Discussion on technology requests from teachers; recommendation to delay new purchases until next year.
- **Development:** Updates on the STEM center project and ongoing discussions with the city council regarding traffic and building plans.

7. **Development Project Update:**

- The planning commission meeting was discussed, including concerns about traffic studies and the need for further clarification on building plans.
- Emphasis on maintaining a good relationship with the city and ensuring all parties are informed of the school's plans and needs.

8. **Action Items:**

- No specific action items - but the need for ongoing discussions and potential voting on future policies and initiatives was implied.

9. **Meeting Adjournment:**

- **Motioned by:** Tanya
- **Seconded by:** Paxton
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm

The meeting focused on policy training, budget review, and updates on development projects, particularly the STEM center. The board emphasized the importance of clear communication and collaboration with the city to address ongoing concerns. The proactive approach to policy

management and financial health indicates a commitment to maintaining a strong educational environment for students.