June 2,2026 Board Meeting

Overview

The June board meeting began with roll call and approval of previous meeting minutes. Casey Holmes presented the financials, noting a 91.7% completion of the fiscal year with a projected net income of $61,006 and a cash reserve of 35 days. Enrollment projections for the upcoming year are at 1,100 students, a 22% increase. The school achieved a 100% graduation rate, with significant growth in AP and CE programs. The board approved the West Campus PTO charter and scheduled a year-end meeting for June 25 to finalize the FY 26 budget and approve the FY 27 budget.

Action Items

- [ ] Prepare a comparative report on charter school funding versus traditional public school funding and present it at the July board meeting so the board has a clearer understanding of funding differences.
- [ ] Continue recruiting additional high school parent candidates for the high school board seat and prepare for interviews with them at the short board meeting at the end of June.
- [ ] Verify that Roxy can attend the proposed year-end board meeting on June 25 and send board members the meeting details (date, time, and Zoom link) by tonight.
- [ ] Add a recurring 'spotlight' segment to future board meetings to highlight a cool program or activity happening at the school.
- [ ] Explore and propose a specific date for the West Campus ribbon cutting ceremony that aligns with back-to-school night or open house.
- [ ] Ensure that the West Campus offers the ACT pretest for ninth grade and the PSAT for tenth grade next year to support students’ college and scholarship readiness.
- [ ] Ensure that the West Campus PTO operates under its approved bylaws and maintains proper financial controls, including bank management, audits, tax compliance, dual signatures, minimum balances, and pre-approved expenditures.
- [ ] Work toward completing the steps required for the West Campus PTO to become a registered 501(c) nonprofit organization.

Outline

Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

- Samuel Gibbs initiates the meeting, noting the date as Tuesday, June 2, and calls for a roll call.

- Board members present include Darrell Robinson, Rebecca Byrne, and Tony Beltran.
- Samuel Gibbs mentions that Roxanna Luna is excused and Ashley Santayana is still waiting to log in.
- The Pledge of Allegiance is recited, and Darrell Robinson requests to move to the agenda.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Samuel Gibbs explains the need to edit the minutes from April and May to include speaker names.
- Rebecca Byrne moves to approve the minutes from the last two meetings, and Darrell Robinson seconds the motion.
- A roll call vote is conducted, with the minutes approved unanimously.
- Samuel Gibbs notes the use of AI for transcription and the need to follow Robert's Rules more closely.

Financial Report by Casey Holmes

- Casey Holmes shares the financials, noting that the data is mostly from May but not fully reconciled.
- The school is 91.7% through the fiscal year and is projected to end tight but positive.
- Local and state revenues are on target, with state revenue still being reconciled.
- Employee benefits are high due to upfront payments for workers' comp, but overall expenses are under budget.

Budget Projections and Year-End Process

- Casey Holmes discusses the need for another meeting in June to approve the FY 27 budget and finalize FY 26.
- Samuel Gibbs explains the state requirement to modify the original budget to match actual expenses by June.
- The board discusses the importance of adhering to the budget to avoid any discrepancies with the state.
- Darrell Robinson expresses interest in understanding the differences between charter school and traditional public school funding.

Director's Report: Enrollment and Academic Achievements

- Samuel Gibbs presents updated enrollment projections, noting a significant increase in student numbers.
- The school is expected to have 1100 students next year, with the freshman and sophomore classes being the largest in history.
- Samuel Gibbs highlights the success of the concurrent enrollment program, with 40 students completing over 65 courses.

- The school has seen a 22% increase in enrollment over the past year, with significant growth in middle school and high school classes.

Financial Health and Construction Updates

- Samuel Gibbs compares the current financial health to 2023, noting a significant increase in operating budget and profit.
- The school now carries an average of $900,000 in the bank, compared to $200,000 in 2023.
- Construction updates indicate a delay in completion, now projected for July 10, but the project remains on budget.
- Samuel Gibbs suggests scheduling the ribbon-cutting ceremony for back-to-school night or open house.

Academic Achievements and Assessment Changes

- Samuel Gibbs discusses the school's ACT scores, noting a slight decrease but still above the state average.
- The school aims to improve ACT scores to meet the standards for top-tier universities.
- The West Campus has seen significant growth in early literacy and numeracy scores, with virtually all students at or above grade level.
- Samuel Gibbs mentions plans to offer the pre-ACT and pre-SAT tests to 9th and 10th graders to improve scholarship opportunities.

Spring Athletics and Graduation Rates

- Samuel Gibbs highlights the success of the boys' volleyball team, which won the state championship in 2A.
- The boys' soccer team placed fourth in 6A, the highest placement in recent years.
- The school achieved a 100% graduation rate, an accomplishment shared only with one other high school in Utah.
- Samuel Gibbs expresses pride in the school's academic, athletic, and social-emotional achievements.

Action Items: Board Membership and PTO Approval

- Samuel Gibbs discusses the need to fill the high school parent rep seat, with two individuals expressing interest.
- The board will conduct interviews in July or August to select the new member.
- The board approves the PTO charter for Salt Lake Academy West Campus, noting its mission to promote family engagement and support education.
- The PTO's bylaws and policies are aligned with best practices for not-for-profit organizations.

Year-End Board Meeting and Public Comment

- The board schedules a year-end meeting for June 25 to review FY 26 and approve the FY 27 budget.
- The meeting will be a short, 15-minute session to ensure the budget is finalized before the end of the month.
- Public comment is opened, with Tony Beltran receiving a special mention for his retirement letter from 7th and 8th graders.
- The board agrees to add a spotlight portion to future meetings to highlight school achievements and programs.