



LOUISA MAY ALCOTT COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Board of Directors – Official Meeting Notice & Agenda

Date: April 13, 2026

Regular Meeting Time: 6:45 PM - 8:07 PM

Location: Zoom—<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82366110023>

WORK SESSION

Time: Prior to Closed Session

Present: Carrie Ashcraft (Chair), Ken Bulpitt (Vice Chair), Melanie Bott (Secretary), Reba Morgan, Soana Grieder, Michelle Bulpitt, Cassidy Warren

Others Present: Rob Hess (Assistant Director), Katelyn Hepworth

The Board held a work session focused on place-based curriculum development and capacity preparation. No formal action was taken.

Presentation & Discussion

Katelyn Hepworth was introduced and presented her background in agricultural education and experience supporting place-based learning initiatives.

The Board discussed opportunities to incorporate greenhouse and garden spaces as hands-on instructional environments aligned with state standards. Discussion included interdisciplinary applications integrating science, social studies, literacy, and environmental stewardship.

Katelyn shared examples of curriculum integration, including a goals and needs framework and a sample unit plan.

Chair Ashcraft invited Katelyn Hepworth to participate in the upcoming capacity interview as part of the school team.



The Board convened a work session prior to the closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered into a closed session at **7:04 PM** for the purpose of a strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property and to review capacity strategy. Present were Carrie Ashcraft, Melanie Bott, Reba Morgan, Cassidy Warren, Soana Grieder

All discussion was conducted in accordance with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act.

The Board returned to open session prior to the start of the regular meeting.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

The board meeting was called to order at **7:43 PM** by Chair Carrie Ashcraft.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Carrie Ashcraft, Melanie Bott, Soana Grieder, Cassidy Warren, Michelle Bulpitt, Reba Morgan, Ken Bulpitt **Excused:** Carl Spencer

Others Present: Rob Hess (Assistant Director)

A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC NOTICE VERIFICATION

The agenda was posted in compliance with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act at least 24 hours in advance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Carrie Ashcraft

Second: Melanie Bott

Vote: Unanimous

The agenda was approved.



5. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Carrie Ashcraft

Second: Ken Bulpitt

Vote: Unanimous

The previous meeting minutes were approved.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1. Land Acquisition Update

The Board discussed updates related to land acquisition. It was noted that legal representation for land acquisition was addressed during the closed session.

6.2. RFQ Selection

The Board reviewed updates from the subcommittee regarding the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process.

6.3. Capacity Discussion

The Board discussed preparation for the upcoming capacity interview. Chair Ashcraft will distribute the meeting link, presentation materials, and instructions. Board members were advised to be concise and prepared to respond to assigned topics.

The Board discussed participation of administrative team members and consultants in the capacity meeting.

6.4 Interest List & Community Engagement

The Board reviewed outreach efforts and strategies to increase enrollment interest. Discussion included flyer distribution, community engagement, and participation in local events such as the farmers market.

The Board discussed prioritizing low-cost outreach methods while awaiting state funding. Board members were encouraged to actively participate in distribution efforts and staffing upcoming events.

7. REPORTS



The Board discussed upcoming scheduling and communication items, including:

- Cancellation of the Digital Community meeting to prioritize the grant capacity meeting
- Distribution of the upcoming newsletter
- Coordination with Board members not in attendance
- Preparation for farmers market participation

8. ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Land Acquisition Representation

Motion: Reba Morgan moved to approve the hiring of Ken Bulpitt to represent the school in land acquisition matters.

Second: Soana Grieder

Recusal: Ken Bulpitt and Michelle Bulpitt recused themselves from the vote.

Vote: Approved unanimously by remaining Board members

The Board formally approved Ken Bulpitt to represent the school in land acquisition matters. Ken Bulpitt disclosed a conflict of interest and recused himself from discussion and voting on this matter.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Carrie Ashcraft

Second: Reba Morgan

Vote: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07PM.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: May 11, 2026

Time: 7:30PM

Location: Zoom— <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82366110023>

