



Mountainville Academy

Board Meeting Agenda

Sept. 9, 2014

Notice is hereby given that the Mountainville Academy Board of Trustees will hold a Board Meeting and Executive Session at 195 S Main Street, Alpine, UT on Wednesday, September 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Board Members in attendance are Mary Given, Debby Llewelyn, Jeff Call, Jenney Rees, Laura Oscarson, Jack Garzella, David, Kasperson, Kaylynn Sims. Also in attendance are Janese Vance, Lisa Panik, Jason Neilson, Kristen Trelz, Brian Storrs, Danni Buttermore, Heather Groom, Joylyn Lincoln, Matt Lovell, Martha Beck, Jill Ashby. Matt Neimann is excused

BOARD MEETING: 7:04pm

1. WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

- A. Reverent Remarks - David Kasperson
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: Martha Beck discussed the running program. She would like to allow the running club t-shirt to be worn on Fridays. This discussion will need to go through governance committee. She also asked that the PE dress code be revisited and corrected in policy. It will be in the Oct. agenda. Brian Storrs discussed a trip to the LEAD conference for the honors society. Lesa Panik discussed taking the officers and the honors society students. It would be optional for the student. It is over a weekend and they would travel on Sunday. Jeff discussed that it would need to be out of the activity budget or funded by the students. Laura asked what the goal is. Lesa indicated that the goal is to be able to go and how to get the funds. Debby suggested that Development committee help with fundraising and the Finance committee to look at funding. We can action on a separate board meeting agenda. Martha Beck left the meeting at 7:15pm

3. BUSINESS MANAGERS REPORT: Matt Lovell reported on the funding and when we will receive the bulk of funding. Federal funding won't come until Jan. Revenue in July increased because of Land Trust moneys. Increased expenses in Aug due to insurances and start of school expenses. Matt went through the detailed budget report. Jeff indicated that we hit last year's goal and this year we are a little off our goal but we have time to adjust.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes 6.11.14 - Jeff motioned to accept the minutes. Debby seconded. All Ayes
- B. Minutes 8.13.14 - Jeff motioned to accept the minutes. Debby seconded. All ayes.

5. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Homework Policy - Lisa Panik, Brian Storrs, Jill Ashby discussed problems with the homework policy. Debby discussed sending it to Academic Excellence. Debby suggested we table the discussion.
- B. Emergency Prep Policy - Matt was concerned about the increased. Jack moved to accept the Emergency Prep Policy. David seconded. All ayes, Kaylynn Simms naye.
- C. Grading Policy - tabled for Oct.
- D. Truancy Policy - Tabled for Oct.
- E. Paid-time policy (PTO) - Jason discussed what the teachers wanted. Teachers would stay for Fridays when the school paid out time off at full rate. Jason indicated that he had researched several schools and what they do. He sent information to the board. Jason proposes the Jason Webster approach. Teachers would like to be paid out of all their PTO. Danni concerned about the number of jobs that each teacher holds and how it affects the contracts. Janese and Debby indicated that contracts would supersede the policy. Brian indicated that a cash out is an incentive to stay in the classroom. Jeff would like to have several plans together and then have the teachers discuss them. Jack indicated that we may need different policy for middle school and elementary. Finance committee will look into creating the several plans.
- F. Increase threshold to \$2,000 for requiring a second signature on school accounts - Debby indicated that there is a need to increase so that we expedite. Debby moved to increased threshold to \$2000 for requiring a second signatures. Jeff seconded. All Ayes.

- G. Add vice-chair as a signer on school bank accounts. Mary expressed a concern about whether the vice chair is privy to the finance committees discussions and decisions. Jack indicated that it wasn't a problem. Jeff motioned to add the vice-chair as a signer on school bank accounts. David seconded. All ayes, no nays

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. State board candidate presentation - Heather Groom and Joylynn Lincoln presented their platform in their run for District 9. Heather Groom presented her background and reasons for running for the state board. Joylynn Lincoln presented her background and reasons for running for the state board. Heather Groom left the meeting at 7:30pm.
- B. Board Training - Open Meetings Law Video Presentation - Debby indicated that we will not be watching the video but will request each board member watch the states training and sign the form. We went over the open and public meetings act. (Jill Ashby left the meeting at 8:13pm)
- C. Committee Responsibility Definition - Important to know the roles of each committee
- i. Academic Excellence - Mary, Debby, Janese discussed the responsibilities for both board and administrations responsibilities.
- D. Directors Report: Janese relayed the school goals to the board., Administration hired a new teacher for several classes to replace those teacher who had left.
- E. Committee Reports:
- i. Executive - Debby indicated that they had meet and discussed workers comp. Workers comp. now recognizes that charters schools are public entities. It won't affect budget until 2016. Legal recommended that a policy written to include a volunteer covered in workers comp.
 - ii. Academic Excellence - Mary discussed the Act exploratory test and creating a Parent teacher conference/student led conference compromise.
 - iii. Finance - Jeff indicated that salaries are within range of other school districts. They are working on the PTO policy. Facilities budget is also a priority. Another goal is a debt reduction.
 - iv. Development - Jenney asked for some clarification about whether students can fundraising on school grounds. Discussion about rescheduling the committee mtg.
 - v. Governance - Matt indicated that they hadn't meet but will this month. He is currently working on several policies and background checks are complete for all board meetings.
 - vi. Technology - MAlions.org accounts are ready to go. Teachers accounts had problems but that was discussed in committee today. 3rd grade and up get emails. Chromebooks are ordered. Committee is interviewing several companies for website maintenance.
 - vii. FSO Report - Carnival is coming up on Sept. 19th. Kaylynn asked for volunteers. FSO is meeting tomorrow. Goal is to help parents know where volunteers are needed. They would also like to set up replacements for next year.
- D. Other - General membership meeting is tomorrow.

7. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board will consider a motion to close the meeting to hold a strategy session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation, and/or to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property, and/or the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual in conformance with § 52-4-204 and 52-4-205 et. seq., Utah Code Ann.

8. Any action items from Executive Session

9. ADJOURN Jack moved to close the meeting. Jenney seconded. All ayes.

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