



Wallace Stegner Academy Board of Directors Meeting

Date: September 29, 2026

Location: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86501750130>

In Attendance: Sarah Vaughan, Tony Furano, Jeremy Schow, Reed Farnsworth, Frank Magana

Others in Attendance: Adam Gerlach, Anthony Sudweeks, Platte Nielson, Chantel Wixon, Hannah Jones, Suzanne Owen

Wallace Stegner Academy will foster a community of active learners through academic rigor and citizenship by providing an opportunity for students to achieve academic excellence.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER Sarah Vaughan called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

CONSENT ITEMS

- August 5, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes
Sarah Vaughan made a motion to approve the August 5th, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes. Tony Furano seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sarah Vaughan, Aye; Tony Furano, Aye; Jeremy Schow, Aye; Reed Farnsworth, Aye; Frank Magana, Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

REPORTS

- Finance Report
Chantel Wixon reported on the financial position of the school through August 31, 2026. Being 16.7% of the way through the fiscal year, year-to-date revenues totaled approximately \$7.35 million, representing 18.1% of the annual budget. Total expenses were approximately \$3.72 million or 9.7% of budgeted expenditures. The school continues to maintain strong reserves and liquidity, with approximately \$16.8 million in combined operating and restricted cash.
- Directors' Report
CEOs Adam Gerlach and Anthony Sudweeks shared an update on enrollment and on the bus bought with the CSP grant. Wallace Stegner Academy is proud to serve 3,128 students across their four campuses. The new bus purchased with the CSP grant has greatly improved transportation access for HAFB students. The CEOs finished their report with a look ahead to upcoming testing and thanked everyone for their continued support.

VOTING ITEMS

- LEA-Specific Licenses

Administration is requesting LEA-Specific Licenses for seven educators. Board members reviewed the rationale of this request included in the board documentation. There was no further discussion.

Sarah Vaugahn made a motion to approve the LEA-Specific Licenses for 7 individuals. Reed Farnsworth seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sarah Vaughan, Aye; Tony Furano, Aye; Jeremy Schow, Aye; Reed Farnsworth, Aye; Frank Magana, Aye.

- 100 Women Who Care Donation

Adam Gerlach highlighted the 100 Women Who Care Foundation Donation. The foundation has donated \$28,000 to Wallace Stegner Academy. Then CEOs expressed their gratitude for the donation, and the board congratulated the administration on the donation.

Sarah Vaughan made a motion to approve the 100 Women Who Care Donation. Frank Magaina seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sarah Vaughan, Aye; Tony Furano, Aye; Jeremy Schow, Aye; Reed Farnsworth, Aye; Frank Magana, Aye.

- Amended TSSA Framework

The TSSA framework is required to be updated to include a Literacy Achievement in accordance with SB 241 (2026) and State Rule R277-927. The Plan has been updated to address the school's progress toward statewide literacy proficiency goals and if the school fails to meet statewide literacy goals, the school must dedicate at least 50% of TSSA funds toward evidence-based literacy interventions and practices as described in 53G-7-921304(2)(e).

Sarah Vaughan made a motion to approve the amended TSSA Framework. Tony Furano seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sarah Vaughan, Aye; Tony Furano, Aye; Jeremy Schow, Aye; Reed Farnsworth, Aye; Frank Magana, Aye.

- Policies

- Amended Bullying and Hazing Policy
- Amended Financial Reporting Policy
- Amending Purchasing and Disbursement Policy
- Amended Financial Reporting, Debt, and Risk Management Plan
- Amended Student Conduct and Discipline Policy

Platte Nielson reviewed the changes to each policy. There were no questions or concerns from the board regarding the updates to each of the policies.

Sarah Vaughan made a motion to approve policies listed. Reed Farnsworth seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sarah Vaughan, Aye; Tony Furano, Aye; Jeremy Schow, Aye; Reed Farnsworth, Aye; Frank Magana, Aye.

CALENDARING

The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16, 2026, via Zoom.

ADJOURN

At 4:20 PM Sarah Vaughan made a motion to adjourn. Jeremy Schow seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sarah Vaughan, Aye; Tony Furano, Aye; Jeremy Schow, Aye; Reed Farnsworth, Aye; Frank Magana, Aye.

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