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## Spectrum Academy Board of Directors Minutes of March 14, 2012 Business Meeting

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	March 14, 2012: 7:05 P.M. – 8:07 P.M.
<b>Location</b>	Spectrum Academy High School, North Salt Lake
<b>Members Present</b>	Marney DeVroom, , Marcy Johnson, Kyle Andersen, Rozanne Marsh and Dennis M. Bullard
<b>Spectrum Staff Present</b>	Brad Nelson, Jaime Christensen, Rebecca Peterson, Krisanne Lewis and Jandy Stelter
<b>Members Excused</b>	Brandon Savage
<b>Guests Present</b>	Jason Steenblik and approximately 35 teachers, staff and interested persons

### BUSINESS ITEMS DISCUSSED

- The minutes of the February 8, 2012 regular board meeting and the February 22, 2012 special board meeting (previously provided to the board members) were approved as drafted.
- Jason Steenblik introduced himself as a candidate for membership on the board. Jason is employed by the Internal Revenue Service and brings experience that would be helpful to the board. *Motion was made by Marcy Johnson to approve Jason Steenblik as a member of the Spectrum Academy Board of Directors, seconded by Dennis Bullard, unanimously approved.*
- Jason Steenblik's background and the board's need for a treasurer was discussed. *Motion was made by Marcy Johnson to appoint Jason Steenblik as treasurer, seconded by Kyle Andersen, unanimously approved.*
- Financial Report and Budget. Brad Nelson provided an overview of financial reports, budget and funding sources. An overview of relevant issues from the past legislative session affecting the finances of Spectrum Academy was also provided. *Motion was made by Marcy Johnson to approve financial reports and budget as presented, seconded by Kyle Andersen, unanimously approved.*
- Marney DeVroom and Brad Nelson reviewed the options for the proposed SY 2012-13 expansion. The three options for the board to consider included:
  1. Expand the student population by approximately 150 students throughout all grades, and move grades 4 and 5 to the secondary school building.
  2. Expand the student population by approximately 60 students and only add the previously approved 12<sup>th</sup> grade. There would be no movement "across the street" for elementary students.
  3. Expand the student population by approximately 114 students throughout grades 6-12. There would be no movement "across the street" for elementary students.
  4. A polling of the board members was conducted; the results were five members choosing option 3 and one member choosing option 1. *Motion was made by Marcy Johnson to approve option 3 (expand the student population by approximately 114 students throughout grades 6-12), seconded by Kyle Anderson, unanimously approved.*

- Marney DeVroom reviewed the filing of non-binding requests to expand the student population in SY 2013-14. There are two potential options being explored at this time:

1. Preliminary discussions have begun with Clear Horizons Academy, a private school in Utah County providing services to students on the autism spectrum who approached Spectrum Academy to determine possible interest in that school going public and coming under our charter. They have a campus in Utah County and have represented that they have fundraising sources. The preliminary discussion is such that Spectrum Academy could conceivably add an additional student load of up to 280 students. In order to meet the state requirements to seek a further expansion for SY 2013-14, a non-binding application for expansion would need to be filed with the state no later than April 2, 2012. *Motion was made by Dennis Bullard to approve the filing of an application to expand Spectrum Academy's student base in SY2013-14, seconded by Marcy Johnson, unanimously approved.*
2. A second option, separate from the proposals with Clear Horizons Academy would be for Spectrum academy to obtain a separate facility (location to be determined) to house the secondary school, with an expansion of the elementary school student base, which would occupy both present campuses. *Motion was made by Marcy Johnson to approve the filing of an application to expand Spectrum Academy's student base in SY2013-14, seconded by Kyle Andersen, unanimously approved.*

Jaime Christensen explained that there are provisions in the rules where we can apply for a waiver of waiting two years to expand if the expansion is ready to proceed due to existing facilities.

- Rebecca Peterson provided an update regarding the elementary school. She discussed the testing assessments presently underway. She provided an update as to the remodeling of the library. She also provided information regarding core subject mastery checklists and tracking programs.
- Krisanne Lewis provided an update on sensory and memory assessments and research projects using sensory balls as opposed to classroom chairs. She expects to have data by the end of the year.
- Rebecca Peterson reviewed some research projects in conjunction with the University of Utah.
- Jandy Stelter discussed a checklist where general education and special education teachers are working together to IEPs. She discussed the elementary school newsletter and the integration of student writing in the newsletter. She discussed the "High 5 Handwriting" program.
- Jaime Christensen provided an update regarding the secondary school. She reviewed the progress of the teachers' PLCs and how they are working on IEPs and common core integration. Jaime and the teachers are working on formulating a time for students to review their individual IEP goals and accommodations each week and provide Jaime and the POD leaders with comments as to the student's progress and any issues. The academic committee will now meet bi-weekly. She briefed the board on the high priority for teachers' professional development. Calendars are being provided to the teachers with training sessions and topics. These topics will also be provided to the parents through PEN night meetings. If a parent is unable to attend a PEN night but desires to obtain the training information, he or she is invited to attend the teacher training at 2:00 p.m. on Fridays.
- Dennis Bullard provided an update as to the results of the lottery conducted on February 27, 2012.
- Marcy Johnson discussed safety and security issues. She will be establishing a safety committee comprised of any interested parents and faculty to monitor the school's safety program.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

There were no public comments offered to the board.

• *Motion to close board meeting was moved by Dennis Bullard, seconded by Marcy Johnson, and unanimously approved by the board.*

**Meeting adjourned:** March 14, 2012 @ 8:07 PM

**Next meeting:** April 10, 2012 @ 7:00 PM (Regular Board Meeting)

**Approved by the Board:**

April 10, 2012  
Date

  
Dennis M. Bullard, Secretary