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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting

6:00 PM, Tuesday, August 25, 2020

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1724 S State Street, Provo, UT 84606

Minutes

Welcome & Call to Order

Roll Call - Randall Robertson, April Clawson, Jennifer Lloyd Ammott, BJ Taylor, Robert Leckie, School administrators, legal counsel and others as noted in the recording.

Public Comment

None

Reports (00:1:09)

Director's Report (see Director's Report slides)

- Budget Considerations: Current spend is unsustainable. We know that. High expenses for getting school reopened under COVID restrictions. Expect this to stabilize as we complete more of the late enrollments, have stable operations with COVID precautions, and can adjust our resources as the enrollment stabilizes in early September and is locked in on October 1st. Some new funding in the works through grants. Some advertising through promoted Facebook video. 3 students have come in for a tour because of that video already. Suggest we continue with this advertising by posting new content every five days. If we get one student, the payoff will be much higher than the investment.
- Enrollment: 445 currently - 359 at school, 86 online. 475 enrolled in Aspire. 445 registered. Difference seems to be online students who did not realize they needed to register for the new school year. Tracking these ones down this week. Also watching the class sizes as online vs. on-site settles out so we have the right amount of resources allocated in each area. Masks are the biggest reason for unenrolling students despite online option.
- School Reopening:
 - On-site learning: Safety protocols in place. Assistant for each classroom to help make things work especially for the first month. Students in cohort groups that stick together all day every day. Grade levels attend all special classes in the same day to help keep cohorts together. Desk/table divider barriers in place. Office plexiglass (installed by Eagle Scout project). Lunch space outside allows students to spread out. Picnic-style lunches provided.
 - Online Learning Update from Lindy Townsend (0:13:23): SeeSaw for content delivery to online learning students. 86 (or 21%) of students are learning online. Online facilitator team of four. All are licensed teachers. Chromebooks checked out to all online learners. 150 still available to allow for entire classes to move online if COVID diagnoses warrant. SeeSaw is a multimedia journal allowing students and teachers to showcase student learning. Does not allow sharing of student content with other students. Some confusion about that among parents. Some confusion as email naming format for school-provided email addresses changed during registration. That has been worked out.
- Managed IT Services (0:23:40): Several technology service providers brought in to audit our situation. Four main concerns arose from that. Robert helped resolve those



sufficiently to open school. Need to prepare for additional Chromebook and SeeSaw license purchases in case the school has to go back to online only. Once bankruptcy ends we will do an RFP for IT services.

Early Literacy Plan (0:25:50): Board members reviewed plan prior to meeting. Questions?Q: Why 14% improvement goal? A: Puts us above the state average for that group.

Q: Can we help parents know what the technology is that we have to help with literacy (Waterford, Imagine Learning, Renaissance, Moby Max)? A: We can add those systems to our list of educational videos to post on our website.

Expect to submit with these meeting minutes. State has already pre-approved the plan. Board just has to approve.

Finance Report (0:36:21): 8% through the year. Not a lot of activity. 10% of state money received already (land trust & teacher supply). As mentioned earlier, early expenses are high. We will need to adjust as operations and enrollment funding stabilize in September/October. 63 days cash on hand (effectively 33). Highest in a long time. Zion's load reduced and funds held as collateral have been released. 6% increase in Charter school local budget money (from property taxes). Drop in admin funding, but not completely gone like it is for large schools. Altogether about \$90K increase in funding for this year.

End of Bankruptcy (0:43:37): Expecting bankruptcy exit plan to be final August 28th. Resume normal operations within the exit plan around August 30th. Treeside is the first charter school in Utah to go into and emerge from bankruptcy.

Request to re-zone the property where Treeside is operating has been submitted by Jodi Hoffman. Request is to zone for pre-school and athletic facility. Just a notice at this point. This will have to go through regular process to seek approval. Neighborhood and school will have a chance to respond.

Consent Agenda (0:49:19)

Robert Leckie moved to approve the meeting minutes and financial report as presented. Randall Robertson seconded. Board approved.

Closed Session (0:51:21)

Board closed the meeting for the purposes of holding a strategy session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation, and/or to discuss the purchase, sale, 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.

Return from Closed Session & Action Items (0:51:58)

Robert Leckie moved to approve the Early Literacy Plan as discussed. Randall Robertson seconded. Board approved.

Adjourn (0:52:26)