

**Utah Virtual Academy
Governing Board of Directors
Board Meeting**



Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021

Location: 310 E. 4500 S., Suite #620; Murray, UT 84107

Board Members Present: Kristen Davidson, Dallin Drescher

Teleconference: Brian Maxwell, Amberly Keeler, Marty Carpenter

Others Present: Meghan Merideth, Kara Finley, Kim Dohrer, Cole Arnold,

Megan Sandoval, Jillian Burns Hymas, Lori Simonson, Debby Dempsey,

LuAnn Charles, Lacey Robinson

Teleconference: Sheila Shiebler, Janalee Miller, Mike Ronquillo

Utah Virtual Academy students will attain superior academic achievement through parent involvement, innovative teaching and school accountability within a virtual environment that embraces individual learning styles.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

- Dallin Drescher called the board meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

STUDENT AND STAFF SPOTLIGHTS

- Jessie Russell, Janelle Miller, Izabella, Brooklyn, and Aiyanna were spotlighted for their incredible dedication. Jessie Russell is so great at everything she does and is so amazing at connecting students to professions. Janalee Miller ran the summer school middle school program, and she is outstanding at running a smooth program and engaging teachers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comment.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- **Finance Report**

Cole Arnold reviewed the current financial statements, including the current revenue to expenses.

- **Acceptance of State Revenue**

The allotment memo is as anticipated, and the prior year funding items are still included on the report.

Brian Maxwell made a motion to approve accepting state revenue; Kristen Davidson seconded. Motion passed; the votes were as follows:

- *Brian Maxwell – AYE*
- *Kristen Davidson – AYE*

- *Dallin Drescher – AYE*
- *Amberly Keeler – AYE*
- *Marty Carpenter – AYE*
- **Bank Reconciliations and Payment and Deposit Registers**

The reconciliations have been reviewed and are in order.
Dallin Drescher made a motion to approve the Bank Reconciliations and Payment and Deposit Registers; Kristen Davidson seconded. Motion passed; the votes were as follows:

 - *Brian Maxwell – AYE*
 - *Kristen Davidson – AYE*
 - *Dallin Drescher – AYE*
 - *Amberly Keeler – AYE*
 - *Marty Carpenter – AYE*
- **Invoice Approval for Purchases over \$7,500**

Meghan Merideth reviewed the invoices and the UEPC LIFT invoice has been updated to the customized services needed for UTVA. The Virtual Technologies Group purchase would allow for the additional computers needed. The UAPCS invoices were reviewed.
Kristen Davidson made a motion to approve the invoices over \$7,500, specifically Utah Education Policy Center LIFT, Virtual Technologies Group up to \$35,000, Zoom, and UACPS invoices; Marty Carpenter seconded. Motion passed; the votes were as follows:

 - *Brian Maxwell – AYE*
 - *Kristen Davidson – AYE*
 - *Dallin Drescher – AYE*
 - *Amberly Keeler – AYE*
 - *Marty Carpenter – AYE*
- **K12 / Stride Payment and Academica West Payment**

The vendor aging report and cash flow was considered. The invoices were listed and are for the most part standard for this time of year. The Academica West invoice will be adjusted in November based on the October 1 Count.
Dallin Drescher made a motion to approve the K12 / Stride payment of \$1,394,993.28 and the Academica West October payment; Marty Carpenter seconded. Motion passed; the votes were as follows:

 - *Brian Maxwell – AYE*
 - *Kristen Davidson – AYE*
 - *Dallin Drescher – AYE*
 - *Amberly Keeler – AYE*
 - *Marty Carpenter – AYE*
- **Head of School Report**

Meghan Merideth provided an update on the current state of the school, including enrollment and the existing waitlist. The October 1 report was reviewed along with satisfaction surveys. Engagement is up this year as well as the course passing rates. The Early Learning Plan goal for K-2 last year was met and exceeded for growth.

- **School Improvement Plans**

There are three priorities in the high school focusing on refinement to do a culture shift on the graduation rate and advanced course work, math and ELA achievement and growth, and support professional growth culminating to one year's growth. The middle school priorities are MTSS, student engagement, and PLC collaboration working toward increased student outcomes on end of year state testing. The elementary priorities are Tier 2 and 3 instruction, student engagement, and teacher efficacy, geared toward increased student outcomes. The grant and restricted funding goals come from the School Improvement Plans.

- **LEA-Specific Licenses**

Meghan Merideth reviewed the candidate and rationale for the request. *Brian Maxwell made a motion to approve the LEA-Specific License for Kiera Gardner; Kristen Davidson seconded. Motion passed; the votes were as follows:*

- *Brian Maxwell – AYE*
- *Kristen Davidson – AYE*
- *Dallin Drescher – AYE*
- *Amberly Keeler – AYE*
- *Marty Carpenter – AYE*

- **Academica West Report**

Kim Dohrer provided an update on the work completed recently, specifically with human resources, accounting, and legal services.

- **Board Business**

- **September 15, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes**

Brian Maxwell made a motion to approve the September 15, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes; Kristen Davidson seconded. Motion passed; the votes were as follows:

- *Brian Maxwell – AYE*
- *Kristen Davidson – AYE*
- *Dallin Drescher – AYE*
- *Amberly Keeler – AYE*
- *Marty Carpenter – AYE*

CALENDAR ITEMS

- The next board meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

ADJOURN

- *Brian Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the board meeting; Dallin Drescher seconded. Motion passed; the votes were as follows:*

- *Brian Maxwell – AYE*
- *Kristen Davidson – AYE*
- *Dallin Drescher – AYE*
- *Amberly Keeler – AYE*
- *Marty Carpenter – AYE*

Board meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.