

**Ascent Academies of Utah
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, October 27, 2015**



Location: 290 N. Flint Street, Kaysville, UT 84037

In Attendance: Mike Ostermiller, Stuart Adams, Kathy Thornburg (phone), Tyler Schvaneveldt (phone), Lex Puffer

Excused: Trudy Sorenson

Others in Attendance: Wade Glathar, Chris Bleak, Jed Stevenson, Brandon Fairbanks, Gabe Clark, Sheldon Killpack, Kim Dohrer, Kara Finley, Brad Taylor

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MINUTES

4:28 PM – CALL TO ORDER by Mike Ostermiller

CONSENT ITEMS

- **Board Meeting Minutes**
Kathy Thornburg made a motion to approve the June 29, 2015 Annual Board Meeting and Closed Session Minutes and the July 28, 2015 Board Meeting and Closed Session Minutes; Tyler Schvaneveldt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Perma-Bound Purchase**
Kathy Thornburg made a motion to approve the Perma-Bound Purchase; Tyler Schvaneveldt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comments were made.

REPORTS

- **Lead Director Update**
Wade Glathar provided an update to the Board regarding the school mission, finance, and student achievement. The Board congratulated the campuses on the test scores.

VOTING ITEMS

- **Appoint Board Member**
Trudy Sorenson submitted a resignation to the Board and the Board thanked her for her outstanding contributions to Ascent and support of the school mission.
Lex Puffer was introduced to the Board and detailed his experience and professional

background as an educator. The Board asked Lex questions and thanked him for his willingness to contribute.

Tyler Schvaneveldt made a motion to accept the resignation of Trudy Sorenson and appoint Lex Puffer as a member of the Governing Board of Directors effective immediately for a full term; Kathy Thornburg seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Jed Stevenson and Brad Taylor arrived at 3:32 PM.

REPORTS

- **Budget Report**

Brad Taylor reviewed the funding allocations and the revenues that have been received. The campus draws on the budget and the forecasted budgets based on the October 1 count will be considered in the revised budget. The budget is in good shape and cash flow is being managed carefully.

Stuart Adams arrived at 3:38 PM.

VOTING ITEMS

- **Lead Director Evaluation Tool**

Kathy Thornburg and Kim Dohrer reviewed the evaluation tool and the ease and management it allows when reviewing the Lead Director.

Kathy Thornburg made a motion to approve the Lead Director Evaluation Tool; Tyler Schvaneveldt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Curriculum Materials Review Committee and Human Sexuality Curriculum**

Wade Glathar reviewed the committee and curriculum that has been selected at the Farmington campus. The other campuses are still in the process of evaluating.

Kathy Thornburg made a motion to approve the Farmington Campus Curriculum Materials Review Committee and Human Sexuality Curriculum and Presenter; Tyler Schvaneveldt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Utah Consolidated Application (UCA) Plan and Budget**

The plan details how the federal funds will be spent according to the funding area.

Kathy Thornburg made a motion to approve the Utah Consolidated Application (UCA) Plan and Budget; Stuart Adams seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **School Land Trust Campus Plans and Budgets**

Wade Glathar reviewed the campus plans for the School Land Trust and most of them are focused on technology, SEM instruction, and reading and mathematics interventions. The amounts allocated to each campus were reviewed, including the increase to the funds this year.

Stuart Adams made a motion to approve the School Land Trust Campus Plans and Budgets; Kathy Thornburg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Political Signs on School Property Policy**

Brandon Fairbanks reviewed the proposed policy that doesn't allow for the posting of political signs on school property.

Stuart Adams made a motion to approve the Political Signs on School Property Policy; Kathy Thornburg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Policy Revisions**

The Board reviewed the changes to the policies and there were no questions based on the overviews and tracked changes.

Lex Puffer made a motion to approve the revised versions of the following policies; Kathy Thornburg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- Arrest Reporting Policy
- Building Use Policy
- Civil Rights Policy
- Electronic Meetings Policy
- FERPA Policy
- Purchasing and Disbursement Policy

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Satellite Application**

Brandon Fairbanks updated the Board on the application to go back to the State Charter School Board in order to get the fourth campus approved that was part of the original charter application. The satellite application would need to be submitted in the next couple weeks and then the Board would attend the December 10th meeting to present to the State Charter School Board. The fourth campus would be in West Valley and set to open Fall 2017.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL

- Kathy Thornburg made a motion to enter a Closed Session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; Tyler Schvaneveldt seconded. Motion passed unanimously, the votes were as follows:

- Mike Ostermiller – AYE
- Kathy Thornburg – AYE
- Tyler Schvaneveldt – AYE
- Stuart Adams – AYE
- Lex Puffer – AYE

Entered Closed Session at 5:01 PM.

Chris Bleak and Wade Glathar left at 5:01 PM.

ADJOURN

- Kathy Thornburg made a motion to adjourn the Closed Session and Board Meeting; Stuart seconded. Motion passed unanimously, the votes were as follows:

- Mike Ostermiller – AYE
- Kathy Thornburg – AYE
- Tyler Schvaneveldt – AYE
- Stuart Adams – AYE
- Lex Puffer – AYE

Adjourned at 5:16 PM.

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Closed Session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

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AFFIDAVIT

This Closed Session was held to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(l)(a).



Mike Ostermiller

10-27-15
Date