

**Ascent Academies of Utah
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, December 11, 2013**



Location: 352 N. Flint Street, Kaysville, UT 84037

In Attendance: Mike Ostermiller, Kathy Thornburg, Trudy Sorensen (by phone), Tyler Schvaneveldt, Stuart Adams

Others in Attendance: Lani Rounds (Coordinator), Sheldon Killpack (AW), Brandon Fairbanks (AW), Brad Taylor (AW), Kim Dohrer (AW), Kara Finley (AW)

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MINUTES

4:03 PM – CALL TO ORDER by Mike Ostermiller

CONSENT ITEMS

- **Board Meeting Minutes**

Kathy Thornburg moved to approve the October 15, 2013 Board Meeting and Closed Session Minutes; Tyler Schvaneveldt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

- **Start Up Coordinator Update**

Lani Rounds updated the Board on the status of school. Community Meetings have been going well and there has been a great community response. Instructional and Development Plans were provided and will be utilized for startup implementation. Job postings have been created and posted. Candidates will go through the application process of completing a survey, checking references, submitting a teaching presentation, and interviews.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Comments will be limited to three minutes)

- No public comments were made.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY

- Kathy Thornburg moved to enter a Closed Session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual and to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property; Trudy Sorensen seconded. Motion passed unanimously, the votes were as follows:

- Mike Ostermiller – AYE
- Kathy Thornburg – AYE
- Trudy Sorensen – AYE
- Tyler Schvaneveldt – AYE

Entered Closed Session at 4:15 PM.

Lani Rounds was excused from 4:26 PM to 4:32 PM.

- Tyler Schvaneveldt moved adjourn the Closed Session and return to open session; Kathy Thornburg seconded. Motion passed unanimously, the votes were as follows:
 - Mike Ostermiller – AYE
 - Kathy Thornburg – AYE
 - Trudy Sorensen – AYE
 - Tyler Schvaneveldt – AYE

Adjourned Closed Session at 4:32 PM.

Stuart Adams arrived at 4:32 PM.

VOTING ITEMS

- **Lease Agreement**
Stuart Adams moved to approve the Lease Agreement and authorize Mike Ostermiller as the designated signer; Kathy Thornburg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Farmington Campus Director**
Kathy Thornburg moved to approve Lani Rounds as the Farmington Campus Director and Ascent Coordinator as of January 1, 2014; Trudy Sorensen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Zaner-Bloser Curriculum Purchase**
Lani Rounds reviewed the purchase for the Language Arts curriculum.
Tyler Schvaneveldt moved to authorize the Zaner-Bloser Curriculum Purchase up to \$62,000; Kathy Thornburg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Facebook Advertising**
Lani Rounds discussed advertising and the primary marketing that is being done through Facebook.
Stuart Adams moved to approve Facebook Advertising up to \$5,000; Kathy Thornburg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **E-Rate Designated Signer**
Gabe Clark reviewed the federal E-Rate program reimbursements that the school is eligible to receive, the application process, and the need to designate a signer.
Tyler Schvaneveldt moved to approve Lani Rounds as the E-Rate Designated Signer; Stuart Adams seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **School Liability Insurance Coverage**
Gabe Clark presented the insurance coverage proposals that were received and the options available for charter schools.
Stuart Adams moved to approve Hanover Education Program through American

Insurance as the School Liability Insurance Coverage vendor and start coverage; Kathy Thornburg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Fee Schedule**

The Board reviewed the proposed Fee Schedule as well as its comparison with other charter schools.

Kathy Thornburg moved to approve the 2014-2015 Fee Schedule; Tyler Schvaneveldt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Policy Manual and Procedures Manual**

The policies were reviewed and the Board questions regarding policy changes were discussed.

Kathy Thornburg moved to approve the Policy Manual and Procedures Manual; Tyler Schvaneveldt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Calendaring**

- Site Visit on January 14, 2013 at 4:00 PM

ADJOURN

- Tyler Schvaneveldt moved to adjourn the Board Meeting; Kathy Thornburg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
Board Meeting adjourned at 4:59 PM.

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MINUTES

4:15 PM CALL TO ORDER by Mike Ostermiller

Closed Session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property.

4:26 PM CALL TO ORDER

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

Lani Rounds was excused from 4:26 PM to 4:32 PM.

ADJOURN

- Tyler Schvaneveldt moved adjourn the Closed Session and return to open session; Kathy Thornburg seconded. Motion passed unanimously, the votes were as follows:
 - Mike Ostermiller – AYE
 - Kathy Thornburg – AYE
 - Trudy Sorensen – AYE
 - Tyler Schvaneveldt – AYE
- Adjourned Closed Session at 4:32 PM.

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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).

This Closed Session was held to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(l)(d).



Mike Ostermiller



Date