



School Board Meeting

October 9, 2014 7:00 pm

**Roll Call**

Susie Scherer, Kami Orr, James Montgomery, Kammi Pyles, Jim Miller, Susie Bassett, Tiffanie Owens.  
Jason Haskell, late arrival.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Consent Agenda - Adoption of Agenda, Approve June 24, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

Kami Orr requested adding discussion about teacher salaries with Matt Lovell to the June minutes.

Kami Orr requested the following changes to the agenda:

Add topic: Budget

Remove: Discuss School Lunch Schedule

Move: Interview Prospective Board Members to follow Public Comment

James Montgomery motioned to approve the agenda, with the proposed changes, second Susie Bassett; unanimous.

**Board Training Kammi Pyles**

Suggested ideas for improving and continuing board trainings.

**Public Comment**

Durran Fewkes commented on Hope of America. As a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher he would like the school to continue to support this program. Also concerning amending the school calendar, he is in favor of adjusting our calendar to match the Alpine School District for unanimity among schools in the area.

**Interview Prospective Board Members**

Board interviewed present applicants.

**Review and Vote: Approve 2014-2015 Utah Consolidated Application**

Susie Scherer reviewed details of the Utah Consolidated Application.

James Montgomery motioned to approve 2014-2014 Utah Consolidated Application, second Jim Miller; unanimous.

### **Review and Vote: Amend Lottery Procedures for Preference Group**

Susie Scherer reviewed current lottery procedures. She would like to amend the lottery so that the preference group follows the same procedures as the general lottery. The preference pool will be pulled in the same manner as the general pool. A lottery list will be generated and used throughout the school year. If a new student is added to the preference group they will be added to the bottom of the list. The list will be “erased” and the lottery process will take place every March and a new list will be generated from those in the preference pool.

Jim Miller motioned to approve school lottery procedures as explained, second Susie Basset, unanimous.

### **Review and Vote: School Calendar-UEA Weekend**

Board discussed amending school calendar to include Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> as part of the UEA break to align with the Alpine School District Schedule.

Tiffanie Owens suggested changing a school calendar mid-year causes stress for working parents and families who have pre-planned vacations based on the current calendar, especially with such short notice.

If the calendar is changed it will require the use of the one day reserved in case of emergency weather for this school year.

Jim Miller motioned to take no action on School Calendar-UEA Weekend, second James Montgomery; unanimous.

### **Discuss: Hope of America Concerns**

Susie Scherer explained the concern with the Hope of America program. Because Hope of America begins with opening prayer and ends with prayer it is a possible law suit situation for participating schools.

Susie has researched the topic and spoken with risk management and lawyers. 3 charter schools have pulled out of the program and others are opting to make it an afterschool activity.

Tiffanie Owens suggested a parental consent form to opt-in to the program if it takes place during school hours.

James Montgomery questioned the amount of support for the event if it became an after-school only activity. It would involve teachers and students staying after school to participate and the school already currently has a lot of extracurricular activities.

James suggested sending a survey to the parents of 5<sup>th</sup> graders to feel out support for or against the program. This would help the board make a decision based on the students and parents.

Matt Lovell expressed that it is not a good idea to open up a small school to a law suit. He reminded the board that it only takes one individual to be frustrated and sue the school. Matt suggested along with a parent survey the board should seek additional legal counsel on the topic. A single law suit would likely result in the closure of the school.

Kami asked if multiple charter schools could hire an attorney to represent them as a whole.

The Board decided to get information from a survey to assist in their decision. Topic will be addressed again at next meeting.

### **School Budget**

Matt Lovell reviewed the school's current budget detail report. Everything is currently on track.

Kammi Pyles motioned to move to closed session to discuss new board member appointments, second Jason Haskell; unanimous.

### **Discuss and Vote: Appoint New Board Members**

Jim Miller motioned to move to open session, second Jason Haskell; unanimous.

James Montgomery motioned to appoint Eric Ansah-antwi as board Vice President, Heather Baker as Secretary, and, Stephanie Wells as Board Member, second Susie Basset; unanimous.

Kammi Pyles motioned to adjourn, second James Montgomery; unanimous.

### **Adjournment**