

**Mountain West Montessori Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, March 25, 2014**



Location: Herriman Library
5380 W. Herriman Main St
Herriman, UT 84096

In Attendance: Angie Johnson, Rusty Bentley, Linda Hume, Dan Galli

Excused: Steve Barnes

Others in Attendance: Brandon Fairbanks (AW), Ryan Arrington (AW), Sandi Weber (AW), Jacob Johnson (ETS), Nate Schow (ETS), members of the public

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MINUTES

5:37 PM – CALL TO ORDER by Angie Johnson

PRESENTATION

- Eminent Technical Solutions (ETS) presented a proposal for technology services, including associated costs. Technical support visits, response times, usage monitoring, teacher capabilities, and device insurance were explained. ETS is both Apple and Microsoft certified to meet the schools anticipated needs.

REPORTS

- **Board Report**
Angie Johnson reported on hiring and recent job fairs. The interview process has started and additional interviews are scheduled. The Board discussed Montessori training for uncertified teachers.
Dan Galli arrived at 6: 17 PM.

CONSENT ITEMS

- **February 24, 2014 Board Meeting and Closed Session Minutes**
Rusty Bentley moved to approve the February 24, 2014 Board Meeting and Closed Session Minutes; Linda Hume seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
Rusty Bentley left at 6:26 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No Public Comment was made.

VOTING ITEMS

- **2014-2015 School Year Calendar, Fees, and Bell Schedule**
Angie Johnson presented the 2014-2015 School Year Calendar and Bell Schedule. The Board discussed the proposed fee schedule for the middle school. Student fees may be waived for individual students if conditions are met, and school fees may be supplemented with fundraisers. Voting on the fee schedule was tabled.
Linda Hume moved to approve the 2014-2015 School Year Calendar and Bell Schedule; Dan Galli seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Signers on Bank Account**
Dan Galli moved to add Linda Hume, Steve Barnes, Dan Galli, Sheldon Killpack, and Jed Stevenson as signers on the Zion's Bank account; Linda Hume seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Policies**
The policies were reviewed as well as the need for the Principal to develop accompanying procedures.
Linda Hume moved to approve the Employee Handbook Policy, the Emergency Response Plan Policy, and the Health and Safety Policy; Dan Galli seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **IT Support Services RFP**
The Board reviewed the information presented by ETS and the agreement.
Dan Galli moved to authorize Linda Hume to execute an agreement with ETS to provide IT Support Services; Linda Hume seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Board Resolution to Lease Facility**
Item was tabled.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Marine Biology Club Trip**
Angie Johnson discussed the Marine Biology Club trip and the associated costs. Students in upper elementary and middle school who join the afterschool Marine Biology Club are eligible to attend the optional trip to CIMI. The trip fees will be due in advance and reservations can be downsized until ninety days prior to the trip. The potential organization of a Yellowstone Field Trip for the sixth grade was also considered.
- **Staff Salary Budget**
Ryan Arrington discussed the proposed budget for staff salaries, hourly wages, benefits stipends, and 401k options. The budget allocation for contracted services was examined.
- **Enrollment and Informational Meetings**
Future marketing efforts and Informational Meetings will be directed towards enrolling middle school students. Marketing ideas such as ticket giveaways to the aquarium, movie nights, and curriculum-based advertising were discussed.

- **Committee Assignments**
Item was tabled.
- **Policy Assignments**
Policies were assigned to Board Members for review in preparation for the April Board Meeting.
- **Calendaring**
Board Meeting April 22, 2014 at 5:30 PM.
The Board discussed possible dates for a summer retreat.

TRAINING

- **Governing Board Online Training**
GBOT completions and deadlines were reviewed.

CLOSED SESSION

- Linda Hume moved to enter a Closed Session to discuss the character, professional competence, physical or mental health of an individual; Dan Galli seconded. Motion passed unanimously, the votes were as follows:
 - Angie Johnson – AYE
 - Dan Galli – AYE
 - Linda Hume – AYE
 Entered Closed Session at 7:40 PM.

- Dan Galli moved to adjourn the Closed Session; Linda Hume seconded. Motion passed unanimously, the votes were as follows:
 - Angie Johnson – AYE
 - Dan Galli – AYE
 - Linda Hume – AYE
 Adjourned Closed Session at 7:50 PM.

VOTING ITEM

- **Principal Employment Agreement**
Dan Galli moved to authorize Angie Johnson to execute an employment agreement with Amy Pilkington as Principal as discussed; Linda Hume seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

- Linda Hume moved to adjourn the Board Meeting; Dan Galli seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
Board Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

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

ADJOURN

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 - Angie Johnson – AYE
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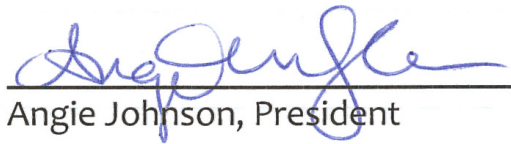


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AFFIDAVIT

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(1)(a).



Angie Johnson, President

3/25/14

Date