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Spectrum Academy Board of Directors
Minutes of October 9, 2013 Business Meeting

Date & Time: October 9, 2013: 7:00 p.m. – 8:20 p.m.

Location: Spectrum Academy High School, North Salt Lake

Members Present: Marney DeVroom , Jason Steenblik, Jana Gold, Rozanne Marsh and Dennis M. Bullard

Members Excused: Marcy Johnson and Brandon Savage

Spectrum Staff: Brad Nelson, Jaime Christensen and Christina Guevara

BUSINESS ITEMS DISCUSSED

Board Session

- The Board reviewed the minutes from the September, 2013 board meeting. Motion were made by Dennis Bullard to approve the minutes, seconded by Jason Steenblik. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Brad Nelson and Jason Steenblik presented the financial update. Discussion was held regarding the increase in School Land Trust and rural schools grant monies, along with some decreasing labor costs. . Motion were made by Dennis Bullard to approve the presented budget, seconded by Rozanne Marsh. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Jaime Christensen discussed the on-line training available to board members and encouraged all to participate. It was noted that this state-provided training is mandatory for any new member coming on to the board.
- Brad Nelson and Jaime Christensen briefed the Board in regards to the site selection for a potential expansion in Utah County. Based upon the Request for Proposals that went out to the public, there were three bids/sites submitted. One was in Vineyard (off Center St.); one was in Orem (off University parkway); and the third site was in Provo (near Provo Center Mall). Board members have previously conducted visits to the three sites. Each board member present at the meeting shared their comments on each; the board discussed in depth the merits of each site, along with the potential issues. A motion was made by Dennis Bullard to proceed with

expansion into Utah County, seconded by Jana Gold. The motion was unanimously approved.

- With the board having approved the expansion into Utah County, Brad Nelson provided the board with further details regarding each site and the respective bidder. Discussion was held as to the costs and risks associated with each bid. There was additional input provided by other Spectrum Academy staff members who were attending the meeting. After thorough review and discussion, a motion was made by Jana Gold to proceed with the proposal to proceed with the Orem location. The motion was seconded by Rozanne Marsh. The motion was unanimously approved.
- A motion was then made to contract with Giza Construction as the developer, with the initial construction to be for a facility for grades K-8, with the remaining grades to follow. This motion was made by Jana Gold, and was seconded by Jason Steenblik.
- The motion was unanimously approved.
- Brad Nelson provided the board with the student population numbers for the local school districts, which added up to approximately 120,000 students. Given the average percentage of students on the Autism Spectrum, it is estimated that there could be as many as 2,000 local students potentially who could be served by Spectrum Academy. The projected number of students for the opening of the new campus is 435.
- In order to get things underway for the expansion, Jaime Christensen reviewed her proposed organizational structure and timelines.
- Jaime Christensen briefed the Board on what the student profile will look for as the occupational course of studies is being implemented. The core curriculum will be equal to the state common core standards.
- Liz Banner's Elementary School update provided the board with information as to the emergency evacuation process from the prior week (due to a possible gas leak). There is an on-going review of the lessons learned as this was a good indicator of emergency preparedness. Feedback obtained by the elementary school included comments received from parents. Liz also discussed the work underway to further create a "seamless" transition from elementary school to middle school. Jaime Christensen mentioned to the board that the goal is to replicate this work with the new campus.
- Christina Guevara updated the board on issues and progress at the secondary school. She noted that the emergency evacuation lessons learned from the elementary school are being evaluated at the secondary school as well. She also discussed the creation of a computer program which will be used to track students' proficiencies on the common core. This program is expected to save teachers and staff time. The program will also be used to track the dispensing of medications, etc. There was also discussion as to the concurrent enrollment program that some students are participating in with Davis Applied Technology Center.

- Marcy Johnson was unable to attend the meeting due to illness and will provide the board with a safety and security update during the next regular business meeting.

Public Session

In attendance was Ruth Ann Abbott, Kaley King, Sarah Nichols, Todd Davis, Jillian Gilli and Brittany Ryan. There was discussion regarding the PEN night scheduled the next week. The topic of the Facebook page for the school was also discussed.

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Motion to close board meeting was moved by Rozanne Marsh, seconded by Jana Gold and unanimously approved by the Board.

Meeting adjourned: 8:20 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting: November 13, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.

Approved by the Board:



Marcy Johnson, Secretary

January 21, 2014
Date