

## **Governing Board Meeting Minutes**

Draper 2 Campus

Date: 3/15/2016 4:30 p.m.

### **Present**

Board Members: Bradley Findlay, Jason Mecham, Clay Hatch, Stacey O'Neill, Chris Diener  
Staff: Carolyn Sharette, Phil Collins, Laura Campbell, Colin Bush, Daniel Baker, Cindy Barrs, Cathie Adamson, Bryan Durst, John Youngberg, David Sharette, Lisa Bennett, Jacque Chappel,

Visiting: Hugh Matheson (Utah Charter Advocates), Ed McDonald (Elm Group), Susan and Shannon Carlson, Holly and Brent Packer, Melissa Shupe

- I. Welcome: Brad Findlay
- II. Public Comment – Susan Carlson: former teacher at D1, parent discussed the heartache that she experienced sending her daughter to public high school, currently has a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader that she does not want to send to a public high school. Brent Packer spoke passionately about the APA atmosphere and wanting a high school with the same atmosphere.
- III. Presentations – none
- IV. Consent Agenda:
  - a. Motion to approve of the previous meeting minutes for January 26, 2016 Governing Board meeting and February 29<sup>th</sup> board meeting
    - i. Motion: Jason Mecham
    - ii. Second: Clay Hatch
    - iii. Approved Unanimously
- V. Follow-up Business
  - a. Eminent Domain Update – Brad Findlay reported that the State Charter School Board has done nothing since they came to tour our school. Marlies said that right now the board doesn't have any motivation to do anything, and that they are awaiting an opinion from the attorney at the State School Board. The counsel at the SCSB has given a positive opinion. We are preparing a letter to send to the SCSB which will be combined with a petition signed by hundreds of parents asking the SCSB to take action.
  - b. Land behind Draper 2 – Ed McDonald from Elm Group and Charter Starters presented the issue of holding the land currently behind Draper 2 and asked the board to buy at least a section of property that they built their soccer field on and additional land for some parking. He also presented an option for the board to purchase the entire lot of land to the west where they would build their high school. The prices he offered are \$431,000 for the 53,857 per square feet (\$2,584/month) for the smaller portion, or (\$1,464,000) (\$8,777/month) for both parcels. The board asked questions and discussed options. It was decided that the

board will make a decision at its next board meeting. Mr. McDonald said he would continue to work on possibilities for access to the back parcel.

- c. School Improvement Plan - Salem – Carolyn Sharette reported that we are awaiting the notice from the SCSB on APA-Liberty’s entry into the process
- d. Brad asked Carolyn for an update on the GRAMA request from the Tribune. Carolyn mentioned that the UAPCS will respond to the GRAMA request for us and that the request was not proper but Royce VanTassel at the UAPCS is going to work with the Tribune to get them the information that they are wanting.

VI. New Business –

- a. Enrollment policy – a new enrollment policy to help the schools keep seats filled all during the year was presented by Carolyn for discussion.

Motion: To approve the new enrollment policy and changes

- i. Motion: Jason Mecham
- ii. Second: Chris Diener
- iii. Approved unanimously

- b. Technology plan – John Youngberg presented the “Internet Safety and Acceptable Use” policy.

MOTION: To approve the internet safety and acceptable use policy as presented

Motion: Jason Mecham

Second: Clay Hatch

Approved unanimously

- c. Utah Charter Advocates – Hugh Matheson gave a summary of the legislative session and the success that we saw with UCA in lobbying for SB 38.
- d. Bryan Durst presented sports fee plan.
- e. Lisa Bennett presented fee policy plan for 2016-2017, which has been placed in the google drive for board review prior to the meeting.

MOTION: Jason Mecham moved to approve the fee policy as presented.

Second by Chris Diener

Status: Approved Unanimously

- c. School Land Trust Progress Reports and Plans

Lisa Bennett presented the School Land Trust Progress Reports for each campus. Board was invited to ask questions and discuss. Lisa Bennett presented the School Land Trust Plans for the upcoming year. The schools will be developing STEM courses that include Computer Programming, and LT funds will support school technology specialists and computer lab replacements:

MOTION: To approve the School Land Trust Plans for 2016-2017: Chris Diener

Second: Stacy McNeill

Status: Approved Unanimously

VII. Management Report

- a. Operations Report and Management Report – Carolyn Sharette reported on all of the operations updates, including the new playground equipment at D1, soccer field will be available for use in April, D2 has seen a major carpool improvement, WV2

expansion anticipating completion in June, and an update on the new Kindergarten center across from Draper 1. The board can expect to see a lease on the Kindergarten center within the next 30 days.

- b. Carolyn also discussed the SAGE assessment philosophy at APA, which has changed and APA has to do better on the SAGE based on the fact that it is now the only data point for school grades with the state's grading system. We are going to be asking the parents to let their kids participate and helping them see that it harms the school when students don't take it. Chris Diener appreciated the change in philosophy and encouraged management to help the parents understand that we will be doing something meaningful by using the test.
  - c. No Financial Report this month – quarterlies will be presented next month
- VIII. Executive Session regarding a character and competence of a community member
- a. Motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:07 PM: Stacy McNeill
  - b. Second: Jason Mecham
  - c. Approved Unanimously
  - d. Motion to adjourn FROM executive session at 7:41 p.m. Craig Hatch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Mecham
- IX. Campus Reports postponed to next month's meeting
- X. Next Meeting: March 22, 2016