

Valley Academy Special Public Board Meeting
July 12th at 9:00am
539 N 870 W Hurricane, UT 84737

1. Closed session of the Board for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.
2. Discussion and possible action on the topic of school leadership

Valley Academy Public Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2013 9:00am

In attendance: Lane Blackmore, Doug Beecher, Jimmy Ashley, Ed Woodd, Alisha Terry-Martin, Derek Lewis

*****Closed session*** Started at 9:30am**

*****End of Closed Session*** 9:55am**

Lane opened with thanks to Ed and announced that Ed had resigned.

Ed stated his reasons for leaving:

- He has been away from his family for the past 18 months. He had planned for them to come and move here with him, but it was not possible.
- His wife has suffered stress and medical issues without him being there.

Today is Ed's last day and he will be leaving in a couple hours to drive home. Ed expressed his appreciation to the staff for all they have done this year.

Lane gave thanks to Ed for all he has done this year. We will miss him.

The Board has not determined yet who will take Ed's position. The Board would like input from the school stakeholders and will accept

applications at this point from anyone in the school who is interested. We expect this to be decided soon since school will start in just a few weeks.

Lane expressed that the Board sees this school as a team- we are 3 legs of the same stool (Board/Administration/Staff) with our purpose being what is best for the kids. The Board would like to send out a unified message of support to Ed, wishing him well, and also would like to promote unity within the school among staff and families.

Questions from the staff:

Will there be a committee to decide the next Director? There could be, based on the number of applicants. We had one when we hired Ed that helped narrow the applicants down from 50 to 5, then the Board did the final interviews.

What about Mike, who is the current VP? Mike is a good candidate and we love Mike. Mike has applied for the position.

Will Mike be the interim Director? We expect that this will be a short process and that all the staff will continue as they are now until the final decision is made.

What are the qualifications of this position? The Board established only one criteria, that the applicants have training and experience in SEI/SEL. While charter schools do not have a requirement for an Administrative endorsement, the Board would like to see that be something candidates either have or are working towards.

The Board is asking for the support and unity of all team members.

Applications will be emailed and will be on the website. Applications will be due on July 19th.

Ed introduced new staff members.

Meeting ended at 10:45am