

Valley Academy Public Board Meeting Agenda
June 11, 2015 at 6:00pm
539 N 870 W, Hurricane, UT 84737

1. Work session of the Board (6:00- 7:00pm)
 - a. Closed session for the purpose of Board member interviews (6:00-6:30)
 - b. Discussion of modular unit and playground payment
 - c. Discussion regarding Gary G. Kuhlmann & Associates, P.C.'s contract
 - d. Discussion of building rental agreement

2. Welcome and open regular session (7:05pm)

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Mission Statement: (7:05-7:10)

4. Approval of minutes from 5/12/15 and 5/21/15 meetings

The mission of Valley Academy is to provide a superior, character building academic program enhanced by integrated training in fine and performing arts, and a technologically advanced curriculum; *in a Social Emotional Learning environment that promotes responsible freedom.*

5. How well are the school's finances being managed? (7:10-7:25)
 - a. Business Manager's monthly report
 - b. Discussion and possible action on updated contract with Gary G. Kuhlmann & Associates P.C., for legal services.
 - c. Discussion and possible action on any purchase orders over \$1,000.
 - d. Discussion and possible action on payments for modular units and playground equipment
 - e. Discussion and possible action on building rental agreement
 - f. Discussion and possible action on 2015-2016 budget

6. How well are students achieving the outcomes for which the school was chartered? (7:25-7:50)

- a. Mr. Dunkley's monthly report

7. How well is the Board performing its responsibilities? (7:50-8:20)
 - a. Board Training/Charter Review
 - b. Any reports from committees
 - i. Accountability Committee
 - ii. Growth Committee
 - c. Discussion and possible action on addition of one new board member.
 - d. Discussion to create a resolution changing the bylaws to state that a majority of members equals a quorum
 - e. Board Elections

8. Public Comment (8:20-8:30)
 - a. PTO report
 - b. Any other public comment

Please plan ahead for your comments to be 3 minutes or less. Due to open meeting regulations, please be aware that the board will not be able to *formally* discuss or take action on items brought up in this meeting's public comment period.

9. Next meeting *proposed* for July 9, 2015

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In attendance: Lane Blackmore, Alisha Terry-Martin, Ben Reusch, David Hinton, Gary Kuhlmann, Thayne Smith, Peggy Childs, Lynn Excell, Ryan Carter.

Meeting open at 6:00pm

David made a motion to move to closed session for the purpose of board member interviews. All members in favor.

David made a motion to move into open work meeting. All members in favor.

Closed session ended at 18:52.

Discussion of Building Rental Agreement: We need to add to the agreement that the school's needs come first before rentals are signed. If people pay for rental space, there is an expectation that the space will be available. More information is needed to complete this discussion. Thayne says this agreement is one that other schools use. Forward this agreement to the attorney for review.

Discussion of possible funding sources for new playground equipment: loan amount to Highmark is \$3,000 per month. Possibility of refinancing the loan and payoff Highmark, plus be able to get the money for the playground. All members are in favor of investigating the possibility of getting a line of credit. The goal is to increase enrollment by getting better/more playground equipment. This will be brought back for discussion in the July meeting.

Regular meeting opened at 7:07

Additional in attendance: Crystal Brown, Natalie Metzger

Ben led the Pledge of Allegiance.

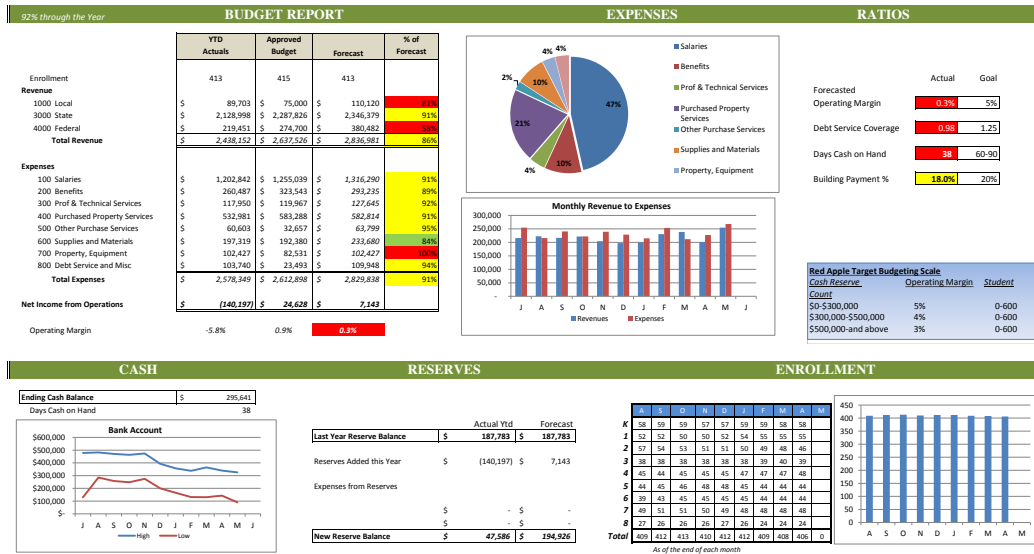
David read the mission statement.

David made a motion to approve the minutes of the 5/12/15 and 5/21/15 meetings. All members in favor.

Business Manager's report:



Financial Summary
as of May 31st, 2015



Thayne reports that, although the numbers are currently low, the adjustments made for next year's budget will get us back to the goal of operating at a 5% margin.

Ben made a motion to approve the new contract with Gary Kuhlmann & Associates. All members in favor.

Purchase orders over \$1,000:

- Carpet for SPED classrooms. 2 bids. \$3,626.82. David made a motion to approve the purchase for carpets from Home Depot. All members in favor.
- Purchase of tables for classrooms. More information is needed. Ben made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. All members in favor.

Playground discussion: Natalie hasn't heard back from Kaboom grant yet. Fundraising ideas being headed up by a committee of teachers to make sure payments can continue to be made for the playground. Natalie will get all the detailed information to Lane for this.

No action taken yet on the building rental agreement due to more information needed.

David made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 budget as presented. All members in favor.

David made a motion to move agenda items requiring a vote up, due to members needing to leave the meeting early.

Board Elections: Our bylaws state that every June, we will elect our leadership.

- Ben Reusch was nominated for Vice Chair and accepted this position.
- Miranda Kloos was nominated for Treasurer, and has indicated that she would serve in this position, but is absent tonight.
- Continue other positions as already established.

All members in favor of Board leadership positions.

David made a motion to nominate Lynn Excell to fill the vacancy in the board as a new board member. All members in favor.

Director's monthly report (given by Peggy Childs): Currently there are 2 classrooms for each grade level, except 1 for 8th grade. SAGE scores were still low this year, and although SAGE is being questioned as the tool for testing, it's still what the State is using. Setting goals for next year that will focus on Math and Language Arts instruction for teachers. We are adding the required CTE class for 7th grade, bringing in the community for expertise and support.

Summer school did not happen due to low enrollment. Working on plans to change the way we are offering such programs in the future. Reducing the cost is important in our area with our high percentage of free and reduced lunch.

Free summer school lunch started this week. Our lunch is excellent, as always. The staff is working on ways to get the word out so we can maximize the number of kids served.

Accountability Committee did not meet this month.

Growth Committee Notes: Discussion included talk about getting the word out about Kindergarten options including full day and half day. Kaboom grant for the playground and fundraisers that will help us continue to make the payment on the playground, like a Fall Festival with 5k, Winter Festival with Santa, Spring flea market with laps around the track that are sponsored. The Kindergarten teachers brought a proposal for their classes to be capped at 22 in order to be more competitive with surrounding schools and to serve the students better individually. Discussion about applying for the Eccles Grant for future growth of a performance hall, classrooms, and instruments. We'll fill out the pre-application and see if they will let us apply for this year. Discussion of needing a Social Media guru that would gather all the information and get it out to the parents and community. Bus advertising is still being worked on. More discussion on getting t-shirts for spirit day and for families to buy- if we can get enough sponsors, we could give every student 1 free shirt.

Resolution to change the number of the board members that constitute a quorum to a majority (instead of the current language of 3) and also change the number of members needed to vote on a matter to a majority. The attorney will draft this resolution for vote at the July meeting.

No PTO representative present. No public comment.

Ben made a motion to adjourn. All members in favor. 19:58