

Soldier Hollow Charter School Board of Trustee Meeting

July 21, 2020

3444 West 3000 South Charleston, Utah

This meeting will be conducted via Zoom webinar call

(All times listed are approximate and the Board reserves the right to vote on any item on the agenda)

The Mission of Soldier Hollow Charter School is to utilize place-based education to foster autonomous, lifelong learning through knowledge of and responsibility for the environment.

Welcome and Roll Call: Erin Merryweather, Jennifer Johnson, Katie DeLahunta, Michael Thorwegen, Tony Hull, Ryan Taylor, Mark Harney.

PTO: Meeting soon to determine which fundraisers are feasible. Possible Bookfair, Virtual Walk-a-thon. Thank you to PTO for funding the school hall improvements!!

Facilities Report: Remove facilities report category from the agenda, include it with the Principal Report.

Tony Hull: Fiscal year review, finished under budget (not including large landscape expense). Received 3 new bids on health insurance for staff, decision to be made by Jamie Bennion.

Rich Eccles: Great year last year, better finish than expected. Days cash on hand, steady (47) will improve over summer due to reimbursements still coming in. Most categories have finished for the fiscal year. Total expenses for the year 97% of planned. Financials as expected, no surprises. Reap funds (18-month window) have been spent, not showing yet.

TONY HULL MOTIONS THAT WE ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE 2020, ERIN MERRYWEATHER SECONDS. ALL IN FAVOR

Capital Fundraising: Yurt? (Mark Harney). Haven't yet addressed the yurt issue at this time. Shouldn't need it this year. Probably finding a new/used yurt would be our best plan of action. If we maintain our current numbers, we will outgrow middle school next year. Should start considering moving forward with the arena. Garden boxes, ready to go. Ground leveled, need landscape fabric. Should be ready by the beginning of the school year. The county is coming this week to remove dirt mounds out front as well as on the west side.

Mark Harney- Wish List: soccer goals

Executive Committee- Mark Harney: in the shared drive, please review email regarding board training. Some trainings are required, others voluntary, very beneficial. They only take 5-15 minutes, key to our success in running a successful board.

School Board calendar: On the shared drive, review and prepare. Team building is something to look into as well.

Tony Hull- we should link the agenda with the board calendar for review every month. NUES & UAPCS has sheets/list that could help us. Tony Hull- let's consider setting up monthly trainings, possible rotating through board members. All board members need background checks, good for 5 years.

Katie DeLahunta- Employee Handbook Addendum: Possible areas in need of revision. A document of FAQs instead of an additional Employee Handbook revision (in regards to Tammy Curtis' requests) may be more appropriate. We should address FAQs on an as needed basis.

Teachers & COVID concerns- 6 days PTO, what are the rules regarding these days this year? This is addressed in proposed reopening plan. We need to add the Families First Corona Virus Response Act to our COVID Response plan.

Executive Report- Katie DeLahunta, Executive Committee met with Jamie today and discussed Board Member Reviews.

TONY HULL MOTIONS, APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY, ERIN MERRYWEATHER SECONDS. Katie DeLahunta- requests correction to date & subject to attorney approval clause being added to Rich Eccles contract. ALL IN FAVOR (RT ABSTAINS- DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO REVIEW MINUTES).

Erin Merryweather to follow up and have Sara add all new members to email.

Board positions: Mark Harney stepping down, very difficult to lead from a distance. The position needs to be led by someone present at the school/local in area. Mark suggests that Erin Merryweather step into chair position. Open for discussion. Erin would potentially like to look forward to possibly working Ryan Taylor into co-position sometime in the future. Tony Hull- everyone please keep in mind other people that would be a good fit for our board.

TONY HULL MOTIONS THAT FOR 20-21 YEAR ERIN MERRYWEATHER CHAIR, KATIE DELAHUNTA AS CO-CHAIR, TONY HULL TREASURER, JENNIFER JOHNSON SECRETARY. WE CAN ADJUST AS NEEDED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. JENNIFER JOHNSON SECONDS. ALL IN FAVOR.

TH MOTIONS TO MAKE PIERETTE MAGELBY A BOARD MEMBER FOR A 12 MONTH PERIOD, ERIN MERRYWEATHER SECONDS. ALL IN FAVOR.

Michael Thorwegen will move into Mark Harney's board seat (through 6/2022), Pierette Magelby into Abbie Huddleston's seat.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Changes and Numbers- David Phillips, new middle school teacher. Jessica Theriault new arts (theater) teacher (k-8). Ellie Garberich, middle school language arts. Welcoming back Stephanie Gee to 3rd grade, working with Bettina. Jaeann Schiffley new 5th grade teacher coming to us from Singapore, formerly a teacher in Dubai and at Alta. Adriana chose not to return, Lindsey Bowen also resigned. Jamie Coombs resigned, replaced with Abbie Bluth. A lot of experience comes along with our new teachers. Abbie and Dave both French teachers as well. Very excited to have these new teachers onboard. 322 enrolled as of today. We are finalizing registration, previous students that have not yet registered have been moved to the wait list. Working on a grant for full day kindergarten. Competitive grant for charter schools, 30k per classroom.

School Prep- school painted, new bulletin boards installed, carpets cleaned, school grounds (hills removed, garden level) MS schedule complete (elective survey being sent out). Elementary closing in on schedule. New LA curriculum, k-8, more conducive to blended learning. Canvas training for all teachers (7/23). NUES coming to train. All teachers have new computers for the upcoming school year. Wishlist- landscape, garden boxes, planning on a teambuilding exercise during the week of the 11th.

COVID brief- Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible. Teacher and staff training is ongoing. Parent meeting to be held August 5th from 6-7pm, will be recorded for those that can't attend the Zoom meeting. Daily parent survey regarding student health. Arrival/Dismissal protocol, etc. Deadline for online enrollment August 7. No flip flops. Once the plan is finalized by the committee, it must be voted on by the board. Submitted to the state by July 31st.

Erin Merryweather proposes we meet briefly to approve the plan 7/29 Wednesday evening.

Monica- SPED Policy and Literacy Plan need to be approved by 8/30.

Sewer update- Katie DeLahunta: Ryan Taylor is the engineer working with the developer. Charleston met beginning of July, just waiting for written approval to join Heber sewer.. Developer (Mike Petersen) plans to bring sewer to 3000s at personal cost. Blake Howell is the developer next to the school, and interested in sewer in lieu of 7 septic system. May bring cost to feasible amount for school. Bigger line would make more sense if we wanted

to allow others to connect. Ryan Taylor- at least 3 entities that we could get grants from to help out. Tony Hull- cost? Ryan Taylor- too early to tell. Foreseeable that we could do it for a couple hundred thousand. Katie DeLahunta- problematic timing. Is the board still ok with pursuing this option? Yes! Ryan Taylor- already looking into grants for sewer. Once the cities sign the deal, Mike Petersen will probably be breaking ground. That would be when we start applying. 2 out of 3 of the grants are offered monthly, one is a Jan/Feb. award (subsequently the most difficult to get because it is only offered annually).

8:51 TONY HULL MOTIONS TO CLOSE MEETING, ERIN MERRYWEATHER SECONDS, ALL IN FAVOR.

Closed Session: Soldier Hollow Charter School reserves the right to enter into a closed executive session for one or more of the purposes outlined in §52-4-205 of the Utah Code of Open and Public Meetings Act.
