

Timpanogos Academy School Board Meeting
Thursday Mar 14th, 2024 7:00pm
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PRESENT:

At 7:00pm, Board members Kim Seager, Paul Johnson, Rachel Thacker, Kim Johnson, Jennie Bruce, and Amy Tressler are in attendance. This constitutes a full quorum. Principal Errol Porter is also in attendance.

Board member Phil Cardon is excused.

1 - Agenda Approval

Jennie Bruce moved to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Paul Johnson and passed unanimously.

2 – Review of Last Meeting’s Business/ Approval of Minutes/Confirm Next Board Meeting

After review and some follow-up discussion, Rachel Thacker made a motion to approve the February 2024 Board Minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Jennie Bruce and passed unanimously. The Board then confirmed that the next Board meeting would be on Thursday April 11th, 2024, at 7:00pm.

3 – Public Input

None at this time.

4 – PTO Report

PTO President Tania Bliss reported that the PTO was putting together a swag bag for the 5th Grade maturation classes with items like deodorant, etc, and that they would be providing the prizes for the annual Poetry Competition the following week. Future events after Spring Break will include “Health and Safety Week” and Teacher Appreciation Week which this year will include the Aides as well.

5 – Budget Report – Finance Office

Lynn Smith reported on the status of the Budget to date and that revenue and expenses were both in line with expectations and on-track for the year as of February 29th of 2024, which represents about 67% of the fiscal year.

6 – Annual Parent Survey– Errol Porter –Discussion Item

Mr. Porter reviewed the questions that he is proposing be used in this year’s parent survey. The Board discussed the questions and made a couple of suggestions for revisions which Mr. Porter said he would incorporate.

7 – 2024-25 School Land Trust Plan – Karyl Montgomery –Action Item

Mrs. Montgomery went over the proposed School land Trust plan for next year (2024-25). After review and discussion, Rachel Thacker made a motion to approve the 2024-25 School Land Trust plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Kim Seager and passed unanimously.

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8 – Principal’s Report – Errol Porter

Mr. Porter led a discussion with the Board about the “Sharp Survey” which is an optional survey that the State Board of Education administers. After review and discussion, the Board consensus was that the survey was not age appropriate for K-6 elementary students and that the school should opt-out of the survey.

Mr. Porter then advised the Board that he had been required by state law to attend a “Change Management Training” and was now required to create and submit a change management plan to the state. Mr. Porter noted that he was working on this plan with teachers and staff, and that his goal is to be able to present the plan to the Board for approval in June or July.

11 – Board Position Reports:

a) PTO/Curriculum, Jennie Bruce: Mrs. Bruce reported that an activity called “Underground Railroad” was canceled due to opposition from parents, and then presented amendments to the school’s “Educational Materials Selections and Disposal Policy”. The amendments are needed to add policies for the Maturation Classes and related materials. After discussion, Rachel Thacker made a motion to approve the Educational Materials Selections and Disposal Policy as amended. The motion was seconded by Kim Johnson and passed unanimously.

b) Uniforms, Amy Tressler: None at this time.

c) Risk Management & Facilities, Kim Johnson: Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Porter presented proposals with pricing for new roofing and flooring. The pricing for both projects is large enough to require Board approval for each item.

After discussion, Rachel Thacker made a motion to approve spending \$127,000 for new roofing on both buildings, and also to approve spending \$53,000 for the new flooring plan at both buildings. The motions were seconded by Jennie Bruce and passed unanimously.

d) CFO, Rachel Thacker: Mrs. Thacker noted that she was not looking to acquire “Rev Track” Fee management system at this time, and then notified the Board that she was ready to step down and be replaced on the Board.

e) Personnel, Paul Johnson: None at this time

f) Publicity, Phil Cardon: None at this time, Mr. Cardon is not here tonight.

g) Board Chair, Kim Seager: Mrs. Seager led a board discussion on the process and timing for this year’s school board election for the seats currently held by Amy Tressler and Kim Seager.

12 – Board Training

The Board listened to a segment of the “Board Wiser” training series.

13 – Closed Session

Motion for a closed session was made by Kim Seager to discuss personnel and financial issues. A roll call vote was called for and all present board members individually voted “aye” when asked.

14 - Adjournment:

Kim Seager moved to adjourn without objection