

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members

Board Chair: Terry Rohse

Vice Chair: BJ Foster

Treasurer: James Carter

Secretary: Carol Topaz-Absent

At-Large: Chuck Hackett

At-Large: Matthew Reynolds

At-Large: Kyle McSmith

At-Large: Ken Slough

At-Large: Vacant

Non-Voting Member: Jesse Payne, Principal

Guests

Allison Reynolds, Student Body President

David Robertson, Lewis & Young

Agenda

6:33pm Meeting Called to OrderTerry Rohse

6:36pm Student Council Report.....Allison Reynolds

- President Alison explained to us that before the Winter Break, they did Spirit week at the school. It was a lot of fun and a big hit at the school. They have not decided what the next school project will be yet. In the meantime, the leadership team and class have been helping in the younger grades on Thursdays. They have been helping in the class, P.E., Music and at the front office. B.J. asked how the teachers liked the help? Alison replied the teachers enjoy the extra help. As this allows them to spend more time getting ready for the next project or unit for the class.

6:39pm Introduction and Discussion with David Robertson from Lewis Young

- David Robertson introduced himself and let us know, as a school and board, where we are at about loans and finances for the expansion of the middle school. He said he will provide more detail as he is able to gather more information about any loan and/or finance options.

6:42pm Entered Executive Session

7:37pm Review and Adopt December Board Minutes

- B.J. mentioned to tweak and make small grammar and spelling corrections to the minutes. As well as add in the Executive Session timeline to December's minutes. Kyle mentioned he had

provided this information, as well as each timeline in the meeting. Jesse mentioned the version we are reviewing is the one he shortened for Audit purposes. He said he will add this information back into the December minutes and fix any needed grammar or spelling corrections. With this mentioned, Terry motioned to adopt the minutes. B.J. accepted the December minutes with the written revisions that Jesse mentioned he would make. James 2nd that motion. Vote: 7 yes, 0 no. Unanimous decision. Carol was absent.

7:39pm IB Report.....N/A

- Taylor Tuepker was not present to provide a report. Melissa Colby is no longer helping with IB Reports or coordination.

7:40 pm Financial Report.....James Carter

- James Carter described to us the changes in the financial report. He mentioned the 'Facilities' line item, in November, the funds went up and in 'Athletics' the funds went down in October. He also mentioned how we might have forgotten about 5th Grade Outdoor School, which this expense was added into the report and is where the \$5200.00 is coming from in December. He said after reviewing the reports and checking the line item numbers, James and Mrs. Mary Campos had found duplicate transactions. He said there were 3 outstanding transactions removed which changed the report numbers for early in the year. Then found a duplicate transaction in November, which made changes to December's total in Liabilities and Equity.

7:49pm Principals Report.....Jesse Payne

- Jesse let us know COVID has spiked not just in the district, but here at the school as well. They had to send 12 students' home, due to one student being in close contact with the other students. He said the staff is doing well and they are all still taking the necessary precautions in keeping the school safe and healthy during this time.
- Jesse let us know the charter amendment has been completed and accepted by the district. Valley Inquiry is now in the property at 5774 Hazelgreen Rd NE, as long as our charter is valid. He was told our next renewal could be a 10-year renewal. Due to us renewing for the 4th time successfully already.
- Jesse mentioned the paving and parking lot construction has been completed as of Monday January 10th, 2022. He said all the planned fixes for the parking lot are done and the driving area is smooth and amazing looking.
- Jesse said we are still waiting from our FYE'21 Audit Report. He said he will provide the report to the board once he has this information back.
- Jesse asked to change next month's board meeting to Monday, February 7th. We all agreed on this next month's meeting time and date.
- Jesse mentioned he has hired a new employee for LRC. He said she is awesome and is excited to get started at Valley Inquiry. She was initially hired as a charter employee, but with a transition in employment, she is current registered as a district employee.
- Jesse mentioned we need to make the decision tonight about whether to move forward with Blake the architect or hold off on expansion of the middle school (MYP). Terry made a motion to vote. James motioned on advising Blake to move forward with the next phase of the middle school expansion project. B.J. second the motion. Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, unanimous decision. Carol was absent.

8:03pm Public Discussion and Comments

- James expressed how exciting it is to see the student wait list so large. It is nice to see so many people are wanting to bring their kids to Valley Inquiry. B.J. asked how the staff satisfaction on the kids & parents with concerns of how the kids are being taught, since our last discussion about this teacher satisfaction. Jesse said Valley Inquiry’s staff has the highest morale of any school in the district. Jesse showed us a report to explain the morale readings.

Meeting Called to a Close.....Terry Rohse

Next Meeting: Monday, February 7th, 2022