

Timpanogos Academy School Board Meeting
Thursday Mar 18th, 2021 7:00pm
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PRESENT:

Board members Phil Cardon, Rachel Thacker, Jennie Bruce, Amy Tressler, Kim Seager, and Paul Johnson were in attendance at 7:00pm, which constitutes a full quorum. Principal Errol Porter is also in attendance. (Board member Minta Valentine was excused).

1 - Agenda Approval

Rachel Thacker made a motion to amend the agenda as follows: Strike Item #15B Publicity. The motion was seconded by Phil Cardon and passed unanimously.

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

Jennie Bruce made a motion to approve the February 2021 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Paul Johnson and passed unanimously. The Board then confirmed that the next Board meeting will be on Thursday April 15th, 2020.

3 – Public Input

None at this time.

4 – Budget Update – Lynn Smith

Mr. Smith reported on the status of the Budget “to date” and that revenue and expenses were both reasonably in line and on-track for the year as of Feb 28th of the current year. Mr. Smith then reported on the status of the PPP grant conversion, which had been approved. Mr. Porter suggested the Board consider purchasing better security cameras along with “key fob” building entry keys.

5 – PTO Report

PTO president Amy Orme reported that “Pizza Day” has resumed again, and that a 2nd round of Spirit Shirts were going to be sold. Upcoming events include the “Battle of the Books” and “Health Week” which was scheduled for the week after Spring Break.

6 – Enrollment Status – Frank Anderson

Enrollment is currently at 479 students, and enrollment for next year was currently projected “with high confidence at 503.”

7 – ITBS Results – Frank Anderson

Mr. Anderson presented the latest ITBS results from Fall of 2021 as compared to the previous 5 years, and after going over the data it was clear that Timpanogos Academy as a school had not experienced any noticeable or meaningful “Learning Loss” as most other schools in the State were reporting.

8 – Parent Survey Results – Phil Cardon

Mr. Cardon and Mr. Porter went over the results of the annual parent surveys. The survey showed overwhelming support and approval of what the school has been doing.

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9 – Principals Report – Errol Porter

Before Mr. Porter began, Minta Valentine arrived at the Board meeting. Mr. Porter then reported on various items, as follows:

* A) The on-going results and observations about the 5th Grade “Flipped Classroom” pilot program have been good. The option isn’t welcomed by all parents, but the majority of parent feedback has been positive.

* B) Mr. Porter went over all the COVID related changes to protocols that were recently implemented, all of which were welcomed by students and staff alike. He also noted that the lifting of the statewide mask mandate does not apply to schools.

* C) Upcoming events include 5th and 6th Grade maturation classes, plus a visit from the Oak Canyon Science Team. We are the only school that has been willing to invite them to come, and they are quite excited about that. The visit has been approved by the Utah County Health Department.

*D) The school had a staff development day recently that focused on how to help students who are not “socially aware” of situations around them.

10 – 2021-22 Proposed Fee schedule:

This item, on the agenda for the 3rd consecutive month to allow for sufficient public input, was ready for Board approval. The Board discussed once again the fee schedule as it currently exists with \$40 per after school activity, and a maximum of no more than \$120 per semester per family. Rachel Thacker made a motion to approve the 2021-22 Fee Schedule as presented and discussed during the past 3 Board meetings. The motion was seconded by Jennie Bruce and passed unanimously.

11 – 2021-22 Calendar:

Mr. Porter presented the calendar he had put together to propose for 2021-22. After discussion, Jennie Bruce made a motion to accept the 2021-22 Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Amy Tressler and passed unanimously.

12 – 2021-22 Teacher Student Success Act Plan - Karyl Montgomery

Mrs. Montgomery went over the school’s plan, which centered on hiring of “At Risk” Aides, teacher stipends, and professional development. After discussion, Rachel Thacker made a motion to accept the 2021-22 Teacher Student Success Act Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Phil Cardon and passed unanimously.

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13 – Trustlands Reports – Errol Porter

A. Final Report: Mr. Porter reported on how Trustland funds were spent in 2020-21, which was 100% allocated to At-Risk students.

B. 2021-22 Plan: Mr. Porter presented the new 2021-22 Trustlands Report, which again would be allocated to “At Risk” students. After discussion, Rachel Thacker made a motion to accept the 2021-22 Trustlands Reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Paul Johnson and passed unanimously.

14 – School Board elections – Kim Seager

The Board discussed ways that this year’s school board election could be held within the existing COVID guidelines and protocols. Kim Seager and Amy Tressler’s seats will be up for re-election this year, and it was decided to move forward by coinciding this year’s election with the upcoming Art Show.

15 – Board Member Reports:

- a) **Publicity, Minta Valentine:** None at this time
- b) **CFO, Rachel Thacker:** Mrs. Thacker discussed a proposal that had been sent to the school, inviting the school to enter into an agreement with a private company to share a Kindergarten facility. No action was taken, but the consensus of the Board was that it was not a high priority to pursue.
- c) **Uniforms, Amy Tressler:** None at this time
- d) **CAO, Kim Seager:** None at this time
- e) **PTO/Curriculum, Jennie Bruce:** None at this time
- f) **Human Resources & Website, Phil Cardon:** None at this time
- g) **Facilities & Risk Control, Paul Johnson:** Mr. Porter discussed further the purchasing high quality surveillance cameras for the school. Our current surveillance cameras are old and very low resolution, which is less than desirable for the needs of the school.

16 – Board Training – Board Wiser

The Board listened to the next recording in the “Board Wiser” series.

14 - Closed Session:

Motion for a closed session was made by Kim Seager to discuss character & competence of individual employees. A roll call vote was called for and all present board members individually voted “aye” when asked.

15 - Adjournment:

Kim Seager moved to adjourn without objection.