



1-20-25 LHSA

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

The Governing Board of Lava Hot Springs Academy

Date: January 20, 2025

Time: 5:30 pm MST

Location: Lava Hot Springs Elementary: 249 W Fife. Lava Hot Springs, ID 83246.

1. Call Meeting to Order by Bluum Fellow Kolleen Degraff
 - a. Roll call- Bryan Grant, Megan Reno, Yvette Cadeaux, Brenda Hatfield, Randy Benglan, Kolleen Degraff, Taralyn Christensen, Tyson Koester
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance
 - c. Opening Prayer-Yvette Cadeaux
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Amendments of Agenda- Brenda Hatfield motions, Randy Benglan seconds, passed unanimously.
3. Reports
 - a. Administrator's report
 - i. State of the Charter. Background information about how we got to this point as a school
 - ii. The Charter petition got approved. The LEA is accepted
 - iii. MOU/lease got finalized with the district (\$1 a year. \$200k for repairs from the district. All financial records will be available online with the website)
 - iv. 501c3 accepted
 - v. Legal with the state
 - vi. Teacher packet is coming soon for reference
 - vii. Classical curriculum is the framework of the charter.
 - b. Committee reports
 - i. Facility update: discussion
 1. Randy Benglan
 - a. Lease agreement in the board packet
 - b. \$1 per year
 - c. \$200k for deferred maintenance
 - d. Need to see if the CSP grant comes through on Feb. 3rd and if other grants
 - ii. Grants update: discussion
 1. CSP is done. Library grant will probably not work. YASS grant maybe
 2. Historical Grant can progress now that we are a 501c3



3. Albertsons grant- scholastics
 4. Albertsons grant for nutrition program
 5. Talk to Tanny Davids about some other grant possibilities
 - iii. Website update: discussion
 1. LavaHotSpringsAcademy.org is up and running. Need to
 2. lavahotspringsacademy@gmail.com
 3. Cheaper to make all the gmail accounts at once.
 4. It would probably take someone one week to make a more official email for staff, board and students.
 5. We can use Kolleen Degraff's email for now for the enrollment process and information
 6. About 120 interest forms from students/parents to enroll
 - iv. Marketing: discussion
 1. Flyers are ready to go out.
 2. Some businesses in town would be ready to help out not that we are a 501c3
 3. Petition says that we will market on the radio (abt. \$900) and we will distribute flyers in English and spanish. Radio stations may just post it as a public service. We need to put it in the paper.
 4. Can see public notice information on the website and Bonefrog link. We need to add the bonefrog link information to the Website.
 - v. Curriculum: discussion
 1. Looking into classical curriculum as per the charter petition
 2. Looking into Hillsdale
 3. Math-Zearn
 4. Math-Amplify
 5. Students don't advance because of age but by mastery of subject matter.
 6. Discovery Learning units: STEAM, agriculture, outdoor recreation, homesteading, canning, animal husbandry
 7. 1 hour at the end of the day will be focused on discovery learning-to learn through fun to help with learning challenges. Learning life skills will have an academic component.
 8. Many of the FAQs will on the website
4. Public Comment
- a. Brent Degraff
 - i. Questioning the board about Curriculum
 - b. Emily Martinez
 - i. Informing the board that some people are not able to get public meeting notice and LHSA information.
 - c. Gary Davids
 - i. There are issues with monthly newsletter reaching contact list individuals.
 - d. Tom McBride
 - i. Curious about the condition of the lease



e. Teri Case

- i. Curious about if the employment forms for staff

5. Discussion and Action Items

- a. Establish governing board: Discussion with potential for action
 - i. Randy Benglan motions to establish governing board, Megan Reno seconds, Board passes unanimously
- b. Randy Benglan motions to switch agenda items to select board positions before policies discussion. Seconded by . Passes unanimously.
- c. Elect board positions: Discussion with potential for action
 - i. Bryan Grant motions for Randy Benglan to be voted Board Chair. Seconded by Brenda Hatfield. Motion passes unanimously
 - ii. Randy Benglan motions for Yvette Cadeaux to be voted Vice Chair. Seconded by Brenda Hatfield. Motion passes unanimously
 - iii. Bryan Grant motions for Taralyn Christensen to be voted Board Secretary. Seconded by Yvette Cadeaux. Passes unanimously
 - iv. Treasurer discussion: what is the purpose of the treasurer if the CPA is doing all the work? Can one board member hold 2 positions of the board short term?
 - v. Bryan Grant motions to leave the treasurer position open. Seconded by Tyson Koester. Passes unanimously.
- d. Policies: Discussion
 - i. No progress has been made for revision of the policies because no comments have been made about the draft. Review over the next month and wait until the next meeting.
- e. Establish regular meeting schedule: Discussion with potential for action
 - i. Establish the 1st Monday of the month at 7pm for regular board meetings.
 - ii. If there is a holiday conflict it will be the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7pm.
 - iii. Tyson Koester makes a motion for the proposed meeting schedule with the adjustments of the September 8th meeting being moved to September 2nd. Seconded by Brenda Hatfield. Passed unanimously.
- f. Lottery dates: discussion with potential for action
 - i. Administrator suggests that we open the lottery February 1st and keep open until March 31st
 - ii. Charter petition requires us to have a 3 month enrollment period (we can't find this in the charter) so we would need to open the enrollment period on Feb. 1st and close on April 31st.
 - iii. Requirement to publish
 - iv. Needs a public posting after the end date.
 - v. Needs to take it to Grace/Thatcher to the local congregation for spanish outreach
 - vi. Tyson Koester motions the notice for enrollment will be Jan 30th, with opening Feb 1st and ending April 30th 2025. Notices of acceptance will go out May 5th. Seconded by Megan Reno, passed unanimously.
- g. Class sizes: discussion with potential for action



- i. Grades 1-6 would have a max of 25 students per class and 15 kindergarteners.
- ii. Tyson Koester motions for administrator proposed class sizes of mixed grades 1 and 2, 3 and 4, and 5 and 6 with 2 grades per class at 25 students per class. Kindergarten will have no more than 15 students per class. Seconded by Brenda Hatfield. And passes unanimously.
- h. Bussing: discussion with potential for action
 - i. Tyson Koester motions to table bussing Bryan Grant seconds, passes unanimously.
- i. Community meeting schedule: discussion with potential for action
 - i. 3 options- 1. All 3 meetings at LHSA 2. First meeting at LHSA then go out to the surrounding communities. 3. Go out to the communities then have the last meeting at LHSA.
 - ii. Contact the city of Mccammon and post the meeting dates on the bill. Post at the post office in Mccammon.
 - iii. Maybe use text alerts for notification of meetings and future newsletters.
 - iv. Need meetings at Downey, Mccammon, Inkom, Lava, Arimo, Caribou county, and zoom meeting for those that couldn't attend in person.
 - v. We need to set up a Lava meeting for March 14th?
 - vi. Kolleen Degraff will ask Superintendent Tucker if we can contact students in the district.
 - vii. Tyson Koester motions to table meeting schedule until February meeting. Megan Reno seconds. Passes Unanimously.
- 6. Executive Session
 - a. Motion to enter Executive Session (purpose under Idaho Code 74-206)
 - i. Tyson Koester motions to enter executive session. Brenda Hatfield seconded, passed unanimously.
 - b. Teacher and staff employment: discussion with potential for action (Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(a) & (b))
 - i. Motion to leave executive session by Tyson Koester, seconded by Bryan Grant, motion passed unanimously.
- 7. Role call all present. Tyson Koester motions for Teacher position posting-27th Jan-17th of Feb Teacher interviews- 18th Feb-3rd March. Seconded by Bryan Grant. Passed unanimously.
- 8. Amendment to agenda
 - a. Randy Benglan motions to amend to include Board Member seating arrangement for terms. Second by Megan Reno, passed unanimously
- 9. Tyson Koester motions the following, seconded by Brenda Hatfield, passed unanimously.
 - i. Group A-Randy Benglan
 - ii. Group B-Brenda Hatfield, Yvette Cadeaux
 - iii. Group C-Megan Reno, Taralyn Christensen
 - iv. Group D-Bryan Grant, Tyson Koester
- 10. Closure of meeting
 - a. Randy Benglan motions, Brenda Hatfield seconds, passed unanimously

Disclaimer: ^{Chair} Board motion revised at next meeting February meeting



Randey Beyla

Board Chair Signature

2/3/2025

Date

Tarahyn Christensen

Secretary Signature

2-10-2025

Date