



Special Meeting Minutes

The Governing Board of Lava Hot Springs Academy

Date: Monday-February 17, 2025

Time: Work Session 7:00 pm MST- Special Session immediately to follow Work Session.

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

1. Call to Order

- a. Time- 7:07
- b. Roll call-Kolleen Degraff, Randy Benglan, Yvette Cadeaux, Taralyn Christensen, Megan Reno, Bryan Grant, Brenda Hatfield
- c. Pledge of allegiance

2. Amendments of Agenda

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 - i. Merge the work session agenda into the Special Meeting as "aa" so that we do not have to run two meetings tonight.
 1. Motion-Bryan Grant, Second-Yvette Cadeaux, Passed-Unanimously
 - ii. Director report added to agenda as "ab" because the director report was omitted by accident.
 1. Motion- Taralyn Christensen, Second-Yvette Cadeaux, Passed-Unanimously
 - iii. Move to Executive session for agenda items c and d under Idaho Code 74-206 1(a & b)
 1. Motion-Taralyn Christensen, Second-Brenda Hatfield, Passed Unanimously

3. Agenda

Aa. Work session

- i. Board Policies: Discussion
 1. Board of Directors Meeting Procedure
 - a. Discussing final timeframe for submitting agenda items and the number of board members that need to request that an item is added to the agenda. The Board chair gives the final approval
 - b. Regular meeting agenda-no changes made
 - c. Special meeting agendas-Add that agenda needs to be posted on an online presence.



- d. Amending agendas-no changes made as this conforms with state statute.
 - e. Amending the agenda after the start of a meeting-an action cannot be taken on an added agenda item unless an emergency has been declared
 - f. Negotiation Meeting Notices-No changes
 - g. Order of Business-No change
 - h. Consent Agenda- no change
 - i. Action Items- No change
 - j. Minutes- Formatting fix on numbering
 - ii. Grants: Discussion-
 - 1. Maybe check with the banks in Southeast Idaho. Check with Simplot,
 - iii. Preschool Possibility:Discussion
- Ab. Educational Director Report: Discussion
 - i. enrollment has grown to 53 enrollees as of today.
 - ii. Cottage meeting in Downey on March 8th-estimated to have 15 families there.
 - iii. Will we be able to have a bus in each town for bus pick up? We could possibly pick up some Pocatello students if we had a pickup in Inkom because charter waitlists are so long in Pocatello
 - iv. Need to post to the Homeschool groups- they are going to wonder if we are going to have a homeschool hybrid program.
 - v. When do we want to have a hiring meeting for teachers at the beginning of March? The application date that we have now ends February 28th.
 - vi. Need brochures for the Downey Meeting, they are about .90 cents each.
 - vii. State charter Training-free admission, we need to pay for gas, food and lodging.
 - viii. Winding down on choosing curriculum
 - 1. Mystery Science curriculum is \$1k less because we are a small school and we get a discount.
 - 2. Working on finishing up match curriculum- Singapore Math (more closely aligned with Saxon math. Possibly not a good fit for 1st graders)
- a. Board bylaws amendments: Discussion with potential for action
 - i. Executive session voting 5.10. The addition of section 8.5. 4.2 Board Chair and Treasurer changes
 - 1. Make the Motion to accept the above mentioned bylaw changes- Motion Megan Reno, Second-Brenda Hatfield, Passed- Unanimously by roll call vote
- b. Preschool possibility: Discussion with Potential for action
 - i. Qaren Whitworth- opened the toddler program in Pocatello Montessori program
 - 1. Wants to open an outdoor Preschool program with the Nature Based program.
 - 2. No state requirements



3. Needs Lava business license
4. Would be an LLC and the charter would have to figure out a sublease, and building use agreement with an agreement of how the kids could or could not integrate.
5. Preschool would have its own insurance, license, etc.
6. Considering getting into the Head Start program in order to get state funding.
7. She would have to have the health department and fire department pass off on the room used.
8. Qaren would like to send out a questionnaire to gauge preschool interest. She would like to use our database of contact information.
9. Key factors to consider: talk to Rachel Burke, what other locations in Lava could work, can LHSA get 2 dedicated entrances for a preschool, and how to send a survey out.

Move to Executive session to discuss items c and d. Idaho Code 74-206 1(a & b)

Enter Time-9:06. Motion-Randy Benglan, Seconded-Brenda Hatfield, Passed Unanimously

Exit Time-9:40- Motion-Randy Benglan, Second-Megan Reno, Passed-Unanimously

c. Board Treasurer: Discussion with potential for action

- i. Motion to fill out all necessary applications and forms and be interviewed before getting approved-Motioned by Megan Reno, Second-Brenda Hatfield, Passed-Unanimously

d. Review board applications: Discussion with potential for action

- i. Reviewed in executive session under Idaho Code 74-206 1(a & b) No motion for action taken.

e. Community meetings scheduling dates: Discussion with potential for action

- i. Need 50 brochures to start out with. Need to have 2-3 banners at Sunnyside, LHSA and possibly one more location in Marsh Valley. Maybe we need to reach out to Soda Springs again.
- ii. March 8th at 3pm Downey Cottage Meeting
- iii. April 12th from 1pm-3pm for the Lava Meeting. Use the door hangers with a sticky note of the meeting date and the new website.
- iv. Motion-Taralyn Christensen, Second-Randy Benglan, Passed- Unanimously

4. Adjournment

- a. Motion-Randy Benglan, Second-Brenda Hatfield, Passed-Unanimously
- b. Time-10:15



Board Chair

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Date *3/3/25*

Secretary

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