



Special Meeting Minutes

The Governing Board of Lava Hot Springs Academy

Date: Monday-April 28, 2025

Time: 6:00 pm MST

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

1. Call to Order

- a. Presiding Officer- Randy Benglan
- b. Time-6:02
- c. Roll call- Tom McBride, Bryan Grant, Megan Reno, Brenda Hatfield, Yvette Cadeaux, Randy Benglan, Taralyn Christensen
- d. Pledge of Allegiance
- e. Opening Prayer- Taralyn Christensen

2. Amendments of Agenda- none

3. Reports: Discussion

a. Director Report

- i. Mystery Science and infinite Campus have April 30th deadline

b. Committee Reports

i. Facilities

1. No new information. Cannot request building construction. Asking for an outdoor classroom for the CSP grant, and May be able to ask for those things with the JKAFF grant.

ii. Grants

1. Go over grants outline printout. Working on

iii. Curriculum

- 1.

iv. Marketing

1. Working on an informational video

4. Public Comment

- a. No public comments

5. Executive Session-For the purpose "to consider hiring an employee(s)" and 'to consider labor contract matters' under Idaho Code § 74-206(1) (a) and (j)

- a. Make a motion to disregard number 5 and 6. Motion- Randy Benglan, Second-Brenda Hatfield , Passed-Unanimously

6. Teacher Contracts: Discussion with potential for action

7. LHSA Benefit Package: Discussion with potential for action

- a. Need benefits for 6 full time: Educational Director, title one, and 4 teachers.



- b. We need to see if there is an option for those that have a government or other insurance plan.
- c. Tom McBride talked to a man named Andy from Grace about benefits packages. Tom McBride will send the information from tonight's meeting to Andy and get a bid from him.
- d. We could also check with MVSD21 and see who they use.

8. School Information System: Discussion with potential for action

- a. Infinite Campus
 - i. Reasonable priced and has a massive amount of training and the services that we would need. Many schools in the area have given great references of using this program.
 - ii. No finance system that is included in this program
 - iii. We need to decide by April 30th if we want to use this program to take advantage of the deal that we don't have to pay for several months until we receive funding.
- b. Motion to approve Infinite Campus and direct the board chair to accept and sign it. Motion-Megan Reno, Second-Brenda Hatfield, Passed-Unanimously

9. Policy 3010 2nd Reading: Discussion with potential for action

- a. How do we decide the lottery for 25 students per class with 2 grades, because one grade would get 13 students and one grade would get 12. How do we make that fair?
- b. Approve Policy 3010 with the following amendment at the end of the policy: "Grade student enrollment cap to be as follows- Kindergarten=15, 1st grade=13, 2nd grade=13, 3rd grade = 13, 4th grade=13, 5th grade=13, 6th grade=13."
- c. Motion-Randy Benglan, Second-Brenda Hatfield, Passed-Unanimously

10. LHSA Policy Manual: Discussion with potential for action

- a. Need to review these policies in a special meeting one week after the next regular meeting.
- b. We need to put the Special Education policy manual for review at the next regular meeting, and review and pass those possibly in the next special meeting.
- c. The special education director that sent the policy manual that we eventually need to review and adopt.
- d. We need to revise the policies throughout
- e. Table decision number 10 until further review and work session. Motion-Tom McBride, Second-Brenda Hatfield, Passed- Unanimously

11. Curriculum Recommendations and Approval: Discussion and Action

- a. The Educational Director recommends Mystery Science (\$499 for the license and \$3,000 for kits)
- b. Amplify (\$30,000) is there any way to get Amplify bid down if we don't use the Kindergarten curriculum?
- c. Zearn Math-Eureka, Great Minds Math (\$10, 536.50) that includes the manipulative kit for every grade, includes an online component, includes a teacher component.



- d. Make a motion to approve the Mystery Science curriculum up to \$4,000 and the Hillsdale curriculum up to \$1,000. Motion-Randy Benglan, Second-Bryan Grant, Passed-Unanimously

- e. Taralyn Christensen will file the approved director recommendation form.

12. Lottery/Enrollment Process: Discussion with Potential for Action

- a. Mike will be coming from BLUUM to help us with that.

13. CSP Grant-Narrative and Budget: Discussion with Potential for Action

- a. Kolleen DeGraff is finishing up her section. Randy Benglan and Taralyn Christensen have their sections to finish.

14. Board Assignments Followup: Discussion

- a. Randy Benglan and Taralyn Christensen will help Kolleen with final details to finish up the CSP grant.
- b. Brenda Hatfield is finishing up the enrollment documents that students need to submit upon acceptance to the charter. They are very close to being ready to put up online.
- c. Kolleen DeGraff emailed Brenda Hatfield other forms to consider and review.
- d. Brenda Hatfield is working on the official notification for students selected by the Lottery. Legally we can have a verbal yes or no from students, we need to direct them to send us their answers in writing as a secondary measure.

15. Adjournment

- a. Motion-Tom McBride, Second-Bryan Grant, Passed-Unanimously
- b. Time-7:37

Board Chair

Randy Benglan

Date

5/5/25

Secretary

Taralyn Christensen

Date

5-6-25