



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 21, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

739 Gold Hill Square, Woodland Park, CO

Vision: Students prepared for success in a free society, promoting civic responsibility and contributing their talents in a flourishing republic by pursuing beauty, truth, and good.

Mission: Merit Academy will cultivate the minds and nurture the hearts of K-12 youth in the Ute Pass/Woodland Park region with instruction in the principles of moral character and civic virtue, employing honored foundations of classical education and Core Knowledge®.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER.** The board meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m. by Board President Mrs. Nicole Waggoner, with the following Board members in attendance: Mr. Jason Ledlie, Mrs. Katie Illingworth and Mrs. Mary Sekowski; Mr. John Dill was absent. Guests for the Board meeting included Dean Luke Myers and Dr. Pekron.

- II. **BOARD APPROVAL OF AGENDA/CALL FOR AMENDED AGENDA** – Mrs. Illingworth moved to amend the agenda by removing the erroneous designation of the meeting as a work session, add a discussion agenda item for the Board to discuss the carpool plan, and add the action item to approve the TBK loan as the Board had previously discussed. Mr. Ledlie then moved to approve the amended agenda, which carried 4-0.

- III. **BOARD DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**
 - a. Mentoring Agreement – The Board is continuing to review a possible mentoring arrangement with the local consultant to assist in leadership transitions for the school. The Board discussed its preference to move the direction of the agreement to an hourly arrangement with a cap on the number of hours. As Mr. Dill is the POC, Dr. Pekron will follow up with him so he can discuss a possible mentoring arrangement with the consultant that works with the funding constraints in Y1.
 - b. Funding – The Board discussed the proposed timetable for the TBK loan, as well as another discussion of the loan terms. Mrs. Waggoner moved to approve the TBK loan on the previously discussed terms; the motion carried 4-0. Mrs. Waggoner and Mrs. Sekowski are planning to meet and discuss possible impacts to the updated budget. Dr. Pekron advised that grant applications have been submitted to the Daniels Fund and Bradley Fund.
 - c. CAP MOU- Mr. Ledlie moved to authorize the completion of the MOU with CAP, which such MOU had been previously distributed to the Board; the motion carried 4-0.



- d. Sound Issues – The Board and its guests had a discussion of an alternate plan to assist with the school space’s sound issues, including the possible purchase of weighted blankets, with included fireproofing and coordinating hanging the blankets between the classrooms. Dr. Pekron and Mrs. Illingworth discussed their ongoing research on the sound-dampening effects between 10 and 12 lb blankets. Dr. Pekron indicated she was going to conduct more research on local fire codes to ensure the plan was feasible.
 - e. Future Calendar- discussion on possible facilities options; need parent POC for upcoming WPSD BOE public meetings to report on district goings-on.
 - f. Updates
 - g. Consent Agenda
 - i. Board Meeting Minutes Approval from Dec. 6 Meeting – Motion by Mr. Ledlie, carried 4-0.
- IV. **ADJOURN** – Mrs Waggoner moved to adjourn at 9:07 p.m.; the motion carried 4-0.