



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 2, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

703 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 6:35 p.m. by Board President Mrs. Nicole Waggoner, with the following Board members in attendance: Mr. John Dill, Mr. Jason Ledlie, Mrs. Katie Illingworth and Mrs. Nicole Waggoner.
- II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.** Motion to amend the agenda to discuss budget in Action items and not Discussion: Waggoner. Second: Illingworth. Approved: Dill, Ledlie, Illingworth, Waggoner. Opposed: None. The amended agenda was approved by the Board, 4-0.
- III. **MEETING**
 - a. Guest Mary Sekowski provided the Board an update on parent volunteer activities: Thanksgiving drive, Christmas fundraisers and buddy systems, after school cleaning help.
 - b. The Board discussed facilities issues and timetables, including construction budget creep and funding.
 - c. The Director of Development and Dean provided updates, upcoming Dec count, finished Oct count, upcoming activities, facility challenges (noise, passing from class to class: K-5).
 - d. The Board approved the Discipline Policy and Matrix, 4-0.
 - e. The Board discussed construction cost and need for seed funding to cover unexpected costs and delays. Additional financing from ER BOCES and the Eric Christianson family to further this school's start up would cover current construction costs. Board discussed terms for both opportunities. Motion to approve short term funding for start-up and construction through BOCES and Christianson: Ledlie. Second: Dill. Approved: Dill, Ledlie, Illingworth, Waggoner. Opposed: None.
- IV. **ADJOURN.** Mr. John Dill moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm, with a second by Mrs. Illingworth. The Board voted to adjourn the meeting, 4-0.

Minutes amended to expand meeting discussion notes following Board training modules and as approved March 31.