



## **BOARD SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES**

February 15 6:00 p.m.

Merit Academy, 739 Gold Hill Pl., Woodland Park

*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. PRELIMINARIES**

- a. CALL TO ORDER at 6:05 pm
- b. ROLL CALL Waggoner, Ledlie, Sekowski, Dill present. Guest: BoD Action Officer & Director of Development (DoD) Dr. Pekron.
- c. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### **II. BOARD APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- a. Amended to add Executive Session for personnel matter discussion. Motion Ledlie. Second Sekowski. In favor: Waggoner, Ledlie, Sekowski, Dill. Opposed: None
- b. Amended to add Director of Development (DoD) Update. Motion Ledlie. Second Dill. In favor: Waggoner, Ledlie, Sekowski, Dill. Opposed: None
- c. Amended to add Public Comment: Motion Sekowski. Second Ledlie. In favor: Waggoner, Ledlie, Sekowski, Dill. Opposed: None

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ms. Katie Illingworth called in with a concern about curriculum.

### **IV. BOARD DISCUSSION**

- a. TCA Tour. DoD discussed TCA tour with School of Grammar Dean. Tour was a great success, offers of partnership for teacher training opportunities and mentorship received.
- b. Culture: Discussion about re-emphasizing Merit Academy virtues. Received an offer to tour the Ascent schools. Discussion about developing a graduation ceremony for students moving between schools. Sekowski will explore the expense of using the Cultural Center.
- c. Aerolab: Merit Academy CAP Candidates invited to attend Falcon Aerolab presentation of “Lest We Forget” on 18 Feb 22. Ledlie honchoing. Falcon Aerolab leadership will visit the Bear Den on that afternoon as well, hosted by Dill.

### **V. ACTION ITEMS**

- a. MOU-again. Motion to approve WPSD MOU with updated date of WPSD BoD approval. Motion Dill, Second Ledlie. In favor: Waggoner, Ledlie, Sekowski, Dill. Opposed: None



b. Secretary. Motion to have Dill assume Secretary position by Ledlie, Second by Waggoner. In favor: Waggoner, Ledlie, Sekowski. Opposed: None. Abstained: Dill

#### **VI. DoD UPDATE**

- a. Citizenship curriculum development effort going well.
- b. First Merit Academy Lecture series date (t) 5 May 22.

#### **VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a. Motion to enter executive session at 7:23 by Sekowski. Second by Ledlie. In favor: Waggoner, Ledlie, Sekowski, Dill. Opposed: None
- b. Motion to exit executive session at 7:37 by Ledlie. Second by Dill. In favor: Waggoner, Ledlie, Sekowski, Dill. Opposed: None
- c. Motion to have the DoD handle the personnel matter discussed in executive session by Dill. Second by Sekowski. In favor: Waggoner, Ledlie, Sekowski, Dill. Opposed: None

#### **V. ADJOURN**

- a. Motion to adjourn by Ledlie. Second by Sekowski. In favor: Waggoner, Ledlie, Sekowski, Dill. Opposed: None. Adjourned at 7:43 p.m.