



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

Virtual: meet.google.com/fjs-eswj-hxw

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 6:33 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. Guests for the Board meeting included Mary Sekowski and Dr. Pekron.
- II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.** The Board approved the agenda as written, 4-0.
- III. **MEETING**
 - a. Mary Sekowski was introduced to the Board as a potential additional director. The Board then voted Mary Sekowski in as the fifth Board member, 4-0.
 - b. The Board then discussed the option that Mary Sekowski take on the duties of Treasurer of the Board. The Board then voted Mary Sekowski to assume the duties of Board Treasurer, 4-0.
 - c. The Board discussed the timetable and required tasks for moving into the “Bear Den” facility, for which construction is anticipated to complete this week and for which the fire inspection is scheduled for 13 Dec 21. There is a question of a second regional inspection, and the general contractor is supposed to update the Board on a firm date in the next day or two. Certain items need to be removed from the facility prior to the fire department inspection. Mrs. Waggoner updated the Board that a conex has been secured for movement and storage of materials to enable a successful inspection. The Board also discussed moving and storage options to enable the inspection, as well as the need to firm up the timetable for moving and classes.
 - d. The Board discussed funding options.
 - i. TDK bank has provided a possible financing option. Mrs. Waggoner mentioned possible terms with the other Board members, will provide more final details.



- ii. Dr. Pekron advised the Board that she is working on submissions for the Daniels Fund and the Bradley Fund.
- iii. There is a discussion with Charter School Capital tomorrow to discuss other financing options.
- e. The Board discussed Dean hiring strategies and options, including timetables for hiring, and notifications.
- f. The Board approved meeting minutes from 8-3-21 to 11-30-21 by a vote of 4-0, with Mary Sekowski abstaining from the vote due to the fact that she was just voted in this evening as a Board member.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- V. ADJOURN.** Mr. John Dill moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 pm, with a second by Mr. Jason Ledlie. The Board voted to adjourn the meeting, 5-0.