



## **BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

January 5, 2022 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 6:37 p.m. by Board President Mrs. Nicole Waggoner, with the following Board members in attendance: Mr. Jason Ledlie, Mr. John Dill, Mrs. Katie Illingworth and Mrs. Mary Sekowski.
- II. **BOARD APPROVAL OF AGENDA/CALL FOR AMENDED AGENDA** – Mrs. Illingworth moved to amend the agenda to add “Board Member Reports” to Discussion Items as well as a brief discussion of the MA upcoming lottery; the motion carried 5-0.
- III. **BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS**
  - a. The Board had an extended discussion about the need to schedule an inspection for a final Certificate of Occupancy. Mrs. Waggoner reported that Doug Page and team have been unable to schedule the COO so far, so have brought up to Mrs. Waggoner that the temporary COO needs to be extended.
  - b. Dr. Pekron discussed with the BoD that it is possible to re-apply for the CCSP grant in the next several months, depending on whether the district decides to charter Merit or not. Dr. Pekron stated that if the district does decide to charter Merit, hopefully it will happen before summer so MA can be timely with a CCSP grant application. Dr. Pekron said she is researching CCSP requirements to ensure MA is in an optimal place to apply for the grant assuming the window opens for MA. She will keep the BoD updated with the results of her research on a rolling basis.
  - c. Dr. Pekron reported on the sound blankets, which have been delivered. The Board, Dr. Pekron and Dean Myers discussed various ways to hang the sound blankets, as well as options for application of a fire retardant solution to ensure compliance with fire codes in the building.



- d. Funding – The Board discussed what funding may look like from the Daniels fund if received, and whether some school technology needs could be fulfilled with grant money if no conditions are specified. Dr. Pekron also reports some additional, unexpected SpED funding from ER BOCES, as flowed down from CDE. She is not sure yet on the dollar amount, but will let us know when she hears from ER BOCES on the final details.
- e. Future Planning – Dr. Pekron discussed that she had sent a pamphlet to the new WPSD BoE to share with them some details of Merit’s school year. She said it is more of a marketing document, including photos and discussion of Merit’s curriculum and enhancement options. She thinks it will be helpful for the WPSD BoE to have updated detail on Merit’s day to day operations as they consider (hopefully in the near future) whether they will charter Merit.
- f. Lottery – The Board discussed the various lottery priority categories for the upcoming lottery. There was discussion on how to structure the categories, and various Board members had different ideas on how to structure the categories. The Board decided to table the discussion until the next Board meeting.

**VI. REPORTS** – Dr. Pekron reports no additional information as it was covered during the Board’s discussion items.

**V. ADJOURN** – Mr. Ledlie moved to adjourn at 9:47 p.m.; the motion carried 5-0.