



BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2025 6:00 PM

Merit Academy Library

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 6:06 p.m.

B. Roll Call: Ledlie, Dill, Illingworth, Waggoner, and Sekowski present.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Dill moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Illingworth. In favor: Dill, Illingworth, Waggoner, Sekowski, and Ledlie; opposed: none.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Ms. Sekowski moved to adjourn into executive session at 6:08 pm, seconded by Mr. Dill, in favor, Sekowski, Dill, Ledlie, Waggoner and Illingworth, to discuss the potential purchase, acquisition, or transfer of the Merit Academy facility in accordance with C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(a); to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations and developing strategies for negotiations in accordance with C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(c), C.R.S.; and to conference with the school attorney for purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions, including without limitation, those matters mentioned above, in accordance with 24-6-402(4)(b). At 6:29 pm, Mr. Ledlie moved to exit out of executive session to discuss implications of the removal of sales tax funding related to a potential purchase of the building. At 7:03 pm, Ms. Sekowski moved to adjourn back into executive session, with a second by Ms. Waggoner, in favor, Sekowski, Waggoner, Dill and Illingworth; Mr. Ledlie was not present. Motion by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Waggoner to exit out of executive session at 7:46 pm.

IV. DISCUSSION

A. Funding Options – The Board discussed various options to potentially fund a building purchase, including potential lending options, grants, and potential renewal of a sales tax option to benefit Merit and all district students.

IV. ADJOURN

Motion by Ms. Illingworth, seconded by Ms. Waggoner to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.; in favor: Illingworth, Waggoner, Dill, Sekowski. Opposed: None.