

The Governing Board of Freedom Preparatory Academy
HELD A PUBLIC MEETING
IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM

January 28, 2021 – 12:00 PM

Board members participated electronically with anchor location stated above. In attendance via zoom: Cary McConnell, CAO and board member Thomas Chan. Executive Director Lynne Herring, Director of Finance Chris Helvey, Executive Administrative Assistant Tracey Noonan, Independent Auditor Mike Miles from Aycok, Miles, & Assoc. Robert Merrill, CFO joined at 12:25. Grayson Wolf, Principal of the Provo Elementary joined at 12:30. Board members Paul Baltes and Jay Garlock were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approve minutes from the October 29, 2020 Governing Board Meeting

Thomas Chan moved to approve the October 29, 2020 Governing Board Meeting minutes. Cary McConnell seconded. Roll Call Vote. 3-0 passed, no opposition. (Paul Baltes and Jay Garlock absent)

2. Approve minutes form the January 14, 2021 Governing Board Meeting

Robert Merrill moved to approve the January 14, 2021 Governing Board Meeting minutes. Cary McConnell seconded. Roll Call Vote. 3-0 passed, no opposition. (Paul Baltes and Jay Garlock absent)

3. Executive Director Update

Highlights:

School Choice Week: Jan 25-29

FPA4: interviews for new positions occurred on 1/25; bonding process continues; COVID restrictions continue; Vineyard 3rd grade teacher designated as a Teacher Advocate for DonorsChoose; FPVA new semester transfers went smoothly, FPA is partnering with AmeriCorp to bring tutors onto campus; Accreditation was finalized in November.

4. Quarterly Budget Update

Highlights:

- 14 teachers last year vs. 48 this year on Freedom Network. Necessitates adjustments.
- Look for additional updates in March Governing Board Meeting

5. Annual Independent Auditors' Report

Mike Miles presented a detailed Fiscal Year 2020 audit report.

Overall, no findings to report. Chris provides monthly financial packets of information to Finance Committee. Auditor finds that this approval process (through GB) sufficiently safeguards the assets.

6. Approve Policy #49: Safe Environment-Abuse Policy

Briefly reviewed and discussed.

Thomas Chan moved to approved Policy #49: Safe Environment-Abuse Policy. Robert Merrill seconded. Roll Call Vote. 3-0, no opposition. (Paul Baltes and Jay Garlock absent)

7. Approve TSSA Framework

Briefly reviewed and discussed by Lynne Herring:

\$290,000 from State, must be used for Teacher and Student Success: 40% increase salary; 60% area of reducing class size (FPVA)

First time the GB has been required to approve the framework.

Thomas Chan moved to approve TSSA Framework. Robert Merrill seconded. Roll Call Vote. 3-0, no opposition. (Paul Baltes and Jay Garlock absent)

8. The Governing Board may consider a motion for a Closed Meeting in accordance with The Utah Open and Public Meetings Act for purposes outlined in Utah Code*

Not needed.

Next scheduled Governing Board Meeting: April 22nd

FPA4 update: Chris and Lynne met with builders to pick out colors. Tractors should be on site on Monday. Buddy is in St. George now working on Safe School Routes Report for the state.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:59 pm

*The Freedom Preparatory Academy Governing Board may consider a motion to close the meeting to hold a strategy session to discuss the purchase, sale, exchange, or lease of real property, and/or the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual in conformance with § 52-4-204 and 52-4-205 et. Seq., Utah Code Ann.