

The Governing Board of Freedom Preparatory Academy

HELD A PUBLIC MEETING

IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM

September 22, 2022 – 12:03 PM- 1:16 PM

In attendance via zoom: Cary McConnell, CAO, Robert Merrill, CFO, board members Paul Baltes, Thomas Chan, Jay Garlock (joined @ 12:25) Executive Director Lynne Herring, Director of Finance Chris Helvey, Director of Operations Buddy Ivie, Principals Carrie Banfield, Matt Fullmer, Brandon Winn, Grayson Wolf, Assistant Principal Brandon Waite, Curriculum Director Karla Kay Snow, FPA teacher Stefanie daSilva, and parent Andrew Dadson. Executive Secretary Tracey Noonan, FPA School Counselor Amanda Gabbitas, and FPA students Alexa Dadson and Nubia Gutierrez participated at anchor location.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes from the August 2, 2022, Governing Board Meeting

Robert Merrill moved to approve the August 2, 2022, Governing Board Meeting minutes.
Thomas Chan seconded. 4-0 passed, no opposition; Jay Garlock absent.

2. Executive Director and School Principals Update

Robert Merrill, Thomas Chan, Paul Bates, and Cary McConnell expressed appreciation for the updates.

3. Approve Early Graduation Request for Two Students

Update to the parent/student handbook now requires that early graduation requests must be approved by the Governing Board.

Both students (Alexa Dadson & Nubia Gutierrez) presented their graduation plans and future goals/plans.

Paul Baltes moved to approve the early graduation of both students.
Robert Merrill seconded. 4-0 passed, no opposition; Jay Garlock absent.

4. Approve LEA Specific License for Four Teachers

Paul Baltes moved to approve the four teachers to receive LEA Specific Licenses.
Jay Garlock seconded. 5-0 passed, no opposition.

5. Amend and Approve Facility Use Fee Schedule

Updated schedule reflects fees alignment with local districts plus standardization.

Thomas Chan moved to approve the Facility Use Fee Schedule with friendly amendment by Paul Baltes: removal of asterisks and minor edits to wording as discussed.
Jay Garlock seconded. 5-0 passed, no opposition.

6. Approve Library Materials Policy

Paul Baltes moved to approve the Library Materials Policy.
Robert Merrill seconded. 5-0 passed, no opposition.

7. Approve Disposal of Textbooks Policy

Paul Baltes brought up some concerns about the verbiage in the policy. Discussion of wording ensued. Buddy Ivie will make edits/improvements on policy and it will be resubmitted for approval at a later board meeting.

Paul Baltes moved to table this policy and continue to next Governing Board meeting.
Thomas Chan seconded. 5-0 passed, no opposition.

8. Approve Non-Discrimination and Civil Rights Grievance Policy and Procedure.

Buddy Ivie summarized the purpose of this policy.

Jay Garlock moved to approve the Non-Discrimination and Civil Rights Grievance Policy and Procedure.
Paul Baltes seconded. 5-0 passed, no opposition.

9. Approve Title 1 Parent-School Engagement Policy

The policy title is being edited plus minor typos corrected.

Thomas Chan moved to approve the policy with discussed corrections.
Jay Garlock seconded. 5-0 passed, no opposition.

10. Approve LEA Specific Educator Licensing Policy

Paul Baltes requested verbiage explaining the Eminence exception to the licensing program.

Paul Baltes moved to table this policy and continue to next Governing Board meeting.
Thomas Chan seconded. 5-0 passed, no opposition.

11. Ratify Freedom Academy Bank Change

Because Rock Canyon bank has been bought out by a bank in Colorado, Chris Helvey researched a local bank and has advised that FPA start banking with Capital Community Bank which is headquartered in Orem. FPA's St. George campus will bank with a local credit union until Capital Community opens a branch in St. George.

Jay Garlock moved to ratify the bank change as discussed.
Robert Merrill seconded. 5-0 passed, no opposition.

12. Appoint Two Board Members to Land Trust Board

Stricken-not needed.

Paul Baltes moved to strike items 12 and 13 from agenda.
Robert Merrill seconded. 5-0 passed, no opposition.

13. 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*

Stricken-not needed.

Next Governing Board meeting scheduled for October 27, 2022, at noon.

14. Adjourn

Robert Merrill moved to adjourn @ 1:16 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.

Board Goals 2020

a. Student and Employee Success

- i. Ensure the development data-driven methods to understand student success.
- ii. Contribute to improving lives through development of policies and practices

b. Operational Efficiency

- i. Require school to operate in the black
- ii. Oversee Retaining and Enrolling Students
- iii. Quarterly Enrollment review
- iv. Regular Policy Review each Board Meeting

c. Community Relations

- i. Be involved regularly in Parent and Student engagement activities
- ii. Evaluate PR quarterly
- iii. Governing Board Members attend and assist fundraisers

d. Specific Areas of Focus

- i. Define what makes Freedom different/unique
- ii. Support consistent culture across campuses