

The Governing Board of Freedom Preparatory Academy

HELD A PUBLIC MEETING

IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM

Aug 31, 2023 – 6:04PM-8:06PM

In attendance at anchor location: Cary McConnell, CAO, board members Paul Baltes, Thomas Chan, and Jay Garlock (joined during Closed Meeting), Executive Director Lynne Herring, Director of Finance Chris Helvey, Director of Operations Buddy Ivie. Chris Helvey and Buddy Ivie were dismissed from the Closed Meeting due to possible interest in applying for the Executive Director position.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. 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*

Cary McConnell moved to enter a Closed Meeting @ 6:07PM.
Paul Baltes seconded. Roll Call Vote 3-0 passed, no opposition.

At 7:53PM the Governing Board exited the Closed Meeting.

2. Board Direction

Paul Baltes moved to adopt a process for filling the new Executive Director position: application period Sept 7th through Sept 19th; GB will conduct interviews Sept. 26th-29th. If necessary, second interviews will be first week in October. The new Executive Director will be announced in a GB mtg on Oct 12th. Thomas Chan seconded. 4-0 passed, no opposition.

Paul Baltes moved to allow Cary McConnell, under board direction, to be the point person for directing the resumes/applications, and that the Governing Board will review a job description, plus create a screening committee who will make recommendations for interviews-including possible second interviews as needed. Note: all decisions by GB can be made electronically.
Jay Garlock seconded. 4-0 passed, no opposition.

Some discussion ensued regarding where to have resumes submitted. The decision was made to have Jed Bichsel create a new email address to which resumes will be sent.

3. Adjourn

Thomas Chan moved to adjourn @ 8:06PM

*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.

Current Board Goals

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