

The Governing Board of Freedom Preparatory Academy

HELD A PUBLIC MEETING

IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM

September 21, 2023 – 12:05PM-12:55PM

In attendance via zoom: Cary McConnell, CAO, board members Thomas Chan and Jay Garlock (joined @12:21), Executive Director Lynne Herring, Director of Finance Chris Helvey, Director of Operations Buddy Ivie, Principals Grayson Wolf, Matt Fullmer, Carrie Banfield, Brandon Winn, and SPED Director Daniela Alvarez. Executive Secretary Tracey Noonan participated at the anchor location.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REGULAR AGENDA

Cary McConnell moved to continue agenda items 2,4, and 5 to the October 12th, 2023, Governing Board Meeting, and moved agenda item 7 to be presented first.

7. Approve Revised FPA SPED Policy

Daniela Alvarez, FPA SPED Director, reviewed the proposed revisions to the FPA SPED Policy.

The Utah Legislature approved changes in their last session; therefore, all schools must adopt these changes. The process for adopting them is to acquire USBE SPED Dept. approval on the new manual first (which has been done) and then to get approval from the governing board. Therefore, FPA's new SPED Policy has already been approved by the state. Daniela explained the minor changes to the Policy which are mostly for clarity.

SPED spacing needs were briefly discussed and Cary McConnell asked how often the SPED Policy is updated (annually).

Jay Garlock moved to approve the revised FPA SPED Policy as presented, including the changes required by the Utah Legislature.

Thomas Chan seconded. 3-0 passed, no opposition; Paul Baltes absent.

Chris Helvey reminded the board that there will be a SPED audit in February.

1. Approval of minutes from the August 24, 2023, Governing Board Meeting

Thomas Chan moved to approve the August 24, 2023, Governing Board Meeting minutes. Jay Garlock seconded. 3-0 passed, no opposition; Paul Baltes absent.

2. Approval of minutes from the August 31, 2023, Governing Board Meeting

Continued to October 12th meeting.

3. Principal Reports

No discussion.

4. Approve Early Graduation Requests

Continued to October 12th meeting.

5. Approve or Deny Altria Settlement Officer

Continued to October 12th meeting.

6. Amend Facility Use Policy

Buddy Ivie and Chris Helvey outlined minor changes made to the policy which were related to preventing turf damage due to cleats.

Thomas Chan moved to approve the revised Facility Use Policy. Jay Garlock seconded. 3-0 passed, no opposition; Paul Baltes absent.

8. Discuss and Recommend RFP for Legal Counsel

Chris Helvey explained that our Legal Counsel requested that an RFP be created. Consequently, Chris requested that two governing board members be assigned to review the RFP. Timeframe to complete RFP is the next week or so.

Jay Garlock and Cary McConnell will review the RFP for Legal Counsel.

9. Discuss and Recommend RFP for FPA4 Expansion

SPED expansion and soccer field completion at FPA2 will be included in this RFP. Chris Helvey reviewed FPA2 building layout with the board and described the proposed SPED addition.

Note: These expansions will not require approval from USBE.

Thomas Chan expressed concern that the students will lose space they currently use for socializing. Chris Helvey pointed out that details/concerns can be discussed in more detail in a future phase of the project.

Thomas Chan and Cary McConnell will review the RFP for the expansion projects.

10. Review Budget

Chris Helvey briefly reviewed the July-August 2023 budget.

Cary McConnell reminded the board that reviewing the budget is a standing agenda item.

11. 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.

12. Adjourn

Jay Garlock moved to adjourn @ 12:55PM

Next Governing Board Meeting scheduled for Oct. 12, 2023

*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