

MINUTES OF MONTICELLO ACADEMY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Special Meeting — January 12, 2018

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MONTICELLO ACADEMY BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018 AT 4:16 PM, AT 2782 CORPORATE PARK DRIVE, WEST VALLEY CITY UTAH. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR, GIENIE ASSINK.

The following Trustees were present:

Martell Winters (joined by phone at 4:21 pm, arrived in person at 4:42)

Joel Coleman

Jennifer Warnas

Gienie Assink

The following Administrators were present:

Kim Coleman

Dane Roberts

1. **Approval of Minutes.** Ms. Warnas moved to approve the minutes of December 12, 2017, seconded by Mr. Coleman.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Assink	Yes
Mr. Coleman	Yes
Mr. Winters	Absent
Ms. Warnas	Yes

The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

2. **Food Services Purchasing Policy.** Ms. Assink stated she reviewed the policy and it looked good to her. Mr. Coleman moved to adopt the terms of the school purchasing policy as the food purchasing policy to comply with state purchasing guidelines and to have an affirmation to the state from the Board that the policy is approved. Ms. Warnas seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Assink	Yes
Mr. Coleman	Yes
Mr. Winters	Absent
Ms. Warnas	Yes

3. **Professional Development Report.** Mr. Roberts gave an overview of the progress with professional development of the educators. He discussed details that included singapore math and core knowledge training and future follow-up plans. The methodological progression for educator professional development started with fundamental items like academic standards, progressing to student engagement and classroom management, then to the concept of “ratio” (teacher learning and communicating compared to student engagement in learning and communication). The the last quarter of the year will focus on “rigor.” He also described the modification of the original APT licensing approach to be personalized for each professional. Mr.

Coleman reminded the administration of the intent of the APT program and thanked Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Coleman for eliminating the requirements imposed by MA that were unnecessarily burdensome for teachers, consistent with the intent of the APT.

- 4. High School Program.** Ms. Coleman reviewed the data gathering process and other factors involved in the administration's assessment of the sustainability of the high school program at MA. After the Board discussed many different aspects of the program, the question before the trustees was if they should continue the program in future school years for a handful of students who may have a desire to enroll in the high school grade levels. Mr. Roberts reported that the SpEd review team had significant concerns about providing special education services to high school students in future years, including transition services and other requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Recent parent focus groups also indicated most families do not plan to keep their students enrolled at MA after 8th grade, especially with the recent move to include 9th grade in local high schools. Various Trustees acknowledged the excellent work of the teachers and students in the high school pilot program over the past two years, but also that it has become apparent that the high school programming will be increasingly unsustainable with the high standards expected at Monticello Academy.

Mr. Winters asked about the budget impact from the proposed change back to a K-8 program. Ms. Coleman explained the modeling and analysis by Mr. Roberts demonstrates the budget will be sufficient with some necessary adjustments that more closely reflect the original program designed in the charter. Considering all these factors, the administration proposed the Board approve a modified grade configuration for a K-8 program only, beginning next school year (2018-2019).

Mr. Coleman made a motion to approve the modification to the school program to grades K-8 only, seconded by Ms. Warnas.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Assink	Yes
Mr. Coleman	Yes
Mr. Winters	Yes
Ms. Warnas	Yes

Unanimous.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE MONTICELLO ACADEMY BOARD OF TRUSTEES THE SPECIAL MEETING OF FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018, WAS ADJOURNED AT 5:32 PM BY CHAIR ASSINK.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true, accurate and complete record of the proceedings of the special meeting and the executive meeting of the Monticello Academy Board of Trustees held January 12, 2018.

Joel Coleman

Secretary