

Gateway Academy School Board Meeting Agenda
Thursday September 16, 2021 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Location: Gateway Preparatory Academy, Cedar City, UT

Mission Statement: *Our mission is to provide children an individualized education emphasizing practical life skills and demonstrations of student learning in a safe, respectful, and supportive environment*

Agenda Items	Presenter
Call to Order	7:05 Board members present: Brittany, Matt, Paul, Gena Administrators present: Andy and Aimee
Public Comment	Aimee: She thinks that it is better to have one document that houses all statements and policies concerning COVID- rather than multiple. If the board is interested, she thinks it would be better to house the official statement in part of the covid manual that we already approved. Brittany received the same feedback from another admin member.
September 16 th 2021 Consent Calendar	Motion to approve made by Gena. Paul seconded. Voting went as follows: Gena YES, Paul YES, Matt YES. Motion carried.
Action Items:	

<p>Public Comment: participants will only have 4 minutes to speak on topic. Public may not interject during board discussion/action.</p> <p>20-minute discussion about board resolution -or- board statement.</p> <p>10 minute revision to board resolution -or- board statement.</p>	<p>Paul said he was expecting more people at the meeting due to the topic and the response at the last meeting. He said he has had thoughts and lost sleep over how he feels and how others feel by his resolution proposed last month. He says that this is not a political statement but is a statement to keep our kids safe based on CDC and American Pediatric guidelines. He will continue to advocate for our safety: staff and students. He proposed a statement for the board to release to the public.</p> <p>Gena disagreed with the need for an official board statement, stating that people are already aware of these recommendations and feels like we need to be focusing, instead, on education and the land acquisition. Matt said he prefers the more informal document that Paul read and doesn't feel like it is a distraction. Matt said he thinks that the board should go on record, even if it is toothless, because it is the right thing to do.</p> <p>Brittany asked to look at the COVID Manual so that the board could compare the proposed statement with what is already in our document.</p> <p>Matt said he would like to enumerate what the CDC/health department guidelines are. Gena would like to send the manual as is. Gena motioned to do so. There was not a second. The motion didn't carry. More discussion followed and the board revised the opening statement to be more clear and straightforward, including that the board recommends/encourages masking and vaccination, as per current recommendations of the health department etc. Matt moved to accept the changes. Gena seconded. Voting went as follows: Matt YES, Gena YES, Paul YES. The motion carried. It was agreed to send the manual to parents via email from the Administration.</p>
<p>Discussion:</p>	
<p>Press Release</p>	<p>Andy said he wants the board to host a big news celebration of the land acquisition, and thinks that International Day is the perfect opportunity to do so because parents and students are already there. Paul said he thinks that's a good idea, but suggests that the acquisition and current plans for that property are news as is. Andy said that we want community interaction. We could have reporters there along with the board. Andy also said that if the board didn't want to do so then, we could plan an event in two weeks time instead. The board agrees that international day would be a good time/opportunity to make the public announcement, and agree to be present when that announcement is made, in order to discuss with parents and the press the proposal, along with answering any questions or concerns that may arise.</p>
<p>Executive Session: <i>to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual</i></p>	<p>There was no executive session.</p>

Roll call vote to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Matt – Yes, Gina – Yes, Paul – Yes. Motion passed.