

Gateway Academy School Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday April 15th, 2021 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Location: Gateway Preparatory Academy, Cedar City, UT and
Google Meet: meet.google.com/bak-mcpb-zen

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	Materials/Notes
Call to Order	Brittany Jensen	Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm. Board members present are Brittany Jensen, Gena Nelson, Sondra Jones, Tiffany Scheuerman and Paul Dail. Jenna Behm and Todd Petersen entered the meeting as we were beginning the action items. Staff and public present are Andy Burt, Jonada Munk, Aimee DiBrienza, Terie Simcox and Aimee Gibson.
Public Comment	Public Attendees	There was no public comment.
April 2020 Consent Calendar	Brittany Jensen	Prior to asking for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Brittany Jensen added that the March 19 th meeting minutes needed to be added to the Consent Calendar. Paul Dail motioned to approve the Consent Calendar with the addition of the March 19 th meeting minutes. Gena Nelson seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: Gena Nelson, yes. Sondra Jones, yes Paul Dail, yes. Tiffany Scheuerman, yes. Motion passed.
Reports:		
Exhibit A Review: 4th Grade Music	Andy Burt	There was a conversation about bringing the music program back to the 4 th grade and 5 th grade students going forward. The consensus among the board members was that they would like to see the music program offered to 4 th graders again because it fits our charter and who we are and starting in the elementary grades has many potential benefits.
<i>Board Training Report</i>		Paul Dail reported on listening to some training on School Land Trust. He found the information to be quite helpful in understanding the ‘cans’ about the School Land Trust.
Finance Report:	Ada Munk	This month's Finance Report is from March. IF you look at the current total expenses compared to the budgeted expenses we are trending slightly over. Part of it is due to items that were paid out that we have not received reimbursement for yet. We will be bringing an amendment or final budget proposal in May or June for the next school year because we must have a hearing prior to approving the budget. This year's performance has been trending on budget.
Director's Report:	Andy Burt	Looking forward to next year's enrollment, it looks like we are right where we need to be. The community is growing and families that are leaving are being replaced with new members of our community. It's exciting to see the growth. We are working on the Intervention Program, 21 st Century Grant and the Computer Arts Program. Rise Testing starts next week. The portable should be installed in May. We have submitted the Outdoor Classroom Grant. We will be in masks until July 1 st . Outdoor field trips are being allowed. Interviews will be happening next week for positions open for the 2021-2022 school year.

Board Calendar	Andy Burt	This item was tabled.
Board Walkthrough	Andy Burt	Board members have done their board walkthroughs over the last month. The strengths that were found are overall cleanliness, visible name tags, helpful/kind staff, hanging art, well behaved students and good routines. Things that could be worked on are bags and coats on the floor, dark spots in the hallways, jackets left on the playground, no visible fire extinguisher in middle school. Feedback from the board is always welcome as it helps the school stay on task.
Gender Inclusion: clarification	Andy Burt	After last month's meetings discussion about Gender Inclusion and receiving some feedback through email, Mr. Burt clarified some procedures that seem to be best practice.
Legislative Update	Ada Munk	This is a summarization of the educational actions in the 2021 legislature. The WPU has increased by 6% Local replacement funding went up by 5%, LEA's can use part of a \$4 million dollar grant to update financial systems, bonuses were provided, stabilization funding has been deposited, partial restoration funding for SpEd, and a base funding for charters and districts was approved to replace administrative costs.
Land Trust: FY21 update	Andy Burt	We have recently done a land trust spending report. The nature of the expenditures has not changed. Some of the money is going towards salaries and benefits and technology instruction. There were also materials and the Aleks program. A big part of the grant goes to technology.
Action Items:		
Paid Time off Policy:	Andy Burt	This was the annual review of this policy. It was noted that the board had received feedback from staff about this policy and their comments were taken into consideration. The request for leave form was updated. The wording about employees not being allowed to take a day off before after a holiday was eliminated. The staff will still be asked to take this into consideration when requesting time off and obtain approval through the director. Pregnancy and Parental leave is new to the policy and it was recommended to make the effective date of the policy to July 1, 2021. Paul Dail asked for a motion to approve the Paid Time Off Policy with the changes that were discussed with the effective date being July 1, 2021. Sondra Jones seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: Gena Nelson, yes. Sondra Jones, yes Paul Dail, yes. Tiffany Scheurman, yes. Jenna Behm, yes. Todd Petersen, yes. Motion passed.
Board Appointment/Election	Andy Burt	We have a parent that is expressing interest in becoming a board member. With Sondra Jones resigning, we will need to appoint a board member to her position. The interview committee will be Jenna Behm, Todd Petersen and Paul Dail.
Strategic Planning		The Strategic Planning discussion was primarily about priorities moving forward with the addition of a second building and property planning. We discussed what our goal and vision is and how we want to incorporate it into the new building. Ideas of a theatre and an outdoor education area. Discussions on what classrooms to move to the new building, a lunch space, a gym and partnerships in sports was included in the planning discussion. A committee will be formed that will include other stake holders as we move forward in this planning process.