

MONUMENT ACADEMY
“A Charter School, a Public School of Choice”
Board of Directors Regular Session

Minutes from March 14, 2024 at 6:30 pm MST
Virtual Meeting Held Via Zoom

Mission Statement:

The mission of Monument Academy is to provide a challenging, content – rich, academic program offered within an engaging, caring, and positive learning environment. Established on a solid foundation of knowledge, Monument Academy emphasizes academic excellence, respect, responsibility, character and exemplary citizenship.

A. CALL TO ORDER/MISSION STATEMENT/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL/QUORUM

- a. Mr. Graham called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, read the mission statement, led the Pledge of Allegiance, took roll call, and declared a quorum. Board Members in attendance: Emily Belisle, Craig Carle, Lindsay Clinton, Ryan Graham, Karen Hoida and Matt Ross. Others in attendance: Kim McClelland, Glenn Gustafson.

- B. ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Mr. Graham made a motion to amend the executive session citation by adding letter “d” to discuss specialized details of security arrangements or investigations. Mrs. Hoida made a second and it carried unanimously. Mr. Graham made a motion to add under “F. Items Requiring Board Discussion/Action”, by including letter “d. Board Funds Authorization for Board Election.” Mrs. Belisle made a second and the motion unanimously. After the additions, the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

- C. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS** – none.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes from February 8, February 22, and March 10, 2024 were approved with unanimous consent

E. REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION & COMMITTEES

- a. Executive Director Report – Mrs. McClelland made her report.
- b. Chief Financial Officer Report – Mr. Gustafson made his report.
- c. Committees:
 - i. Highway 105 Committee Report - Mr. Graham updated the community about the construction project at West campus.
 - ii. Curriculum - Mrs. Belisle read a statement regarding the pause of new math curriculum for the West Campus for the next academic year.
 - iii. SAAC - West - Mr. Ross reported that the end-of-year survey will be coming out in April. He also gave updates on the recent PTO happenings.
 - iv. SAAC - East (Mrs. Clinton) – no report.
 - v. Governance (Mrs. Hoida and Mrs. Belisle) – Mrs. Hoida reported that the committee met on March 1st to discuss two policies that are on the agenda later in the session.
 - vi. Finance - Mr. Carle reported that the committee met in February. He reminded the community and board to reach out to our legislators on the School Finance Act. He also reminded the community about the importance to donate to the school through the Lynx Fund and the Gala.
 - vii. Buildings & Facilities (Mr. Graham and Mrs. Hoida) – no report.
 - viii. RDC (Mrs. Clinton and Mr. Carle) – no report.

- ix. HR Subcommittee (Mr. Graham and Mrs. Clinton) – Mr. Graham reported that MA’s open Executive Director position had 278 applicants and reminded the community about the upcoming ED interviews conducted by the board on Saturday.

F. ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION

- a. Policy IKE-MA Promotion, Retention and Acceleration of Student – Mrs. McClelland explained the proposed changes in the policy. Mrs. Hoida moved that the board adopt IKE-MA Promotion, Retention and Acceleration of Student Policy. Mrs. Belisle made a second and the motion carried unanimously.
- b. Policy 1525 State Assessments Refusal Policy – Mrs. McClelland explained the proposed changes in the policy. Mrs. Hoida moved that the board adopt 1525 State Assessments Refusal Policy. Mrs. Clinton made a second and the motion carried unanimously.
- c. D-38 Charter Contract Revision - Mrs. McClelland explained this revision to the contract to accommodate our new homeschool program. Mr. Graham motioned that the MA Board approve the proposed language under section 5 entitled, “Educational Program, Pupil Performance Standards, and Curriculum,” after the phrase, “subject to the conditions set forth below,” the following: “MA may provide part-time programming in accordance with C.R.S. 22-54-103(1) and C.R.S. 22-33-104.5(6)” for the primary and secondary contracts affecting Monument Academy. Mrs. Hoida made a second and the motion carried unanimously.
- d. Board Funds Authorization for Board Election – Mr. Ross requested \$99 to cover a plan for election buddy to run the upcoming board election process. Mr. Graham moved to approved funds. Mrs. Hoida made a second and the motion carried unanimously.

G. BOARD COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. April Board Café Chat – Mr. Graham and Mrs. Clinton will host a café chat sometime in April. The date, time and location are TBD.
- b. 2024 Board of Directors Election Update – Mr. Ross reminded the community that the deadline to apply for the open board seats is the end of March.

H. NEW BUSINESS – none.

I. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Mr. Graham made a motion to adjourn to executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e)(d) for negotiations and advice to negotiators regarding ED interviews and contract discussions and to discuss specialized details of security arrangements or investigations. Mr. Ross made a second and the motion carried unanimously.

J. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Graham adjourned the meeting.

K. CITIZEN COMMENTS NOT PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS – none.