

MINUTES

Liberty Charter School
Governing Board Regular Meeting
December 9, 2021

I. OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING

- A. Chairman Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.
- B. Roll Call: Sheila Bryant, Ted Hernandez, Dee Bower and Patti Ward were present. Also present were Rebecca Stallcop, Mark Wachsmuth, Jim Ashton, Gayle O'Donahue, and the clerk.
- C. Persons Wishing to Speak on an Agenda Item: No one.

II. BUSINESS

Mrs. Bower moved and Mrs. Ward seconded the motion to amend policy 3050-Student Attendance. After a complete and thorough discussion, the motion passed 3-0.
The draft Annual Report for 2020-2021 by Liberty's authorizer, the Idaho Public Charter School Commission, was included in the board packet for review and questions. Mrs. O'Donahue, federal programs & special projects coordinator, shared the highlights from the report, as well as the ways in which the school is sharing the outcomes with Liberty parents so that they're engaged in understanding the school's accountability to the State, as well as its continued academic success. Board members had no questions or corrections to the report.

III. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Mrs. Stallcop informed the board of a Professional Development class she will be teaching in the spring. The class will help unify how teachers and administrators manage and document student issues.

Title IX Annual Board Review/Training: Administrator Mrs. Stallcop and Mrs. O'Donahue provided the review/training, which covered the following: Reviewing the federal definition of Title IX and sexual harassment for the purposes of Title IX for k-12 schools and that, as a public charter school that receives federal funding, Liberty is required to adhere to the Title IX regulations brought forth by the federal government. Last year, the requirements for schools were updated, which increased the workload in this area for administrators and staff and includes: Up-to-date policy of non-discrimination and notice of policy via highly-visible means (website, parent notices, employment opportunities, etc.); identify and designate a Title IX Coordinator (Mrs. O'Donahue) and inform you constituents of such; adopt and publish the required Title IX sexual harassment grievance procedures reflecting new rules; designate and train a Title IX team within the school (Administrators, Mrs. O'Donahue, Mrs. McKnight, and Mrs. Brooke Stimpson designated to carry out the specific team roles and last year completed SDE-contracted training for PD credit through NNU); now include mandatory reporters as all K12 employees. Additionally, Mrs. O'Donahue, is attending monthly State-contracted Title IX training; teachers/staff receive annual training by either the school's attorney or Mrs. O'Donahue; and currently high school students receive at least once annually Title IX training with lower grades, through 40-card scenarios and other means receive training in appropriate behavior with peers.

Youth-in-Transition (formerly Homeless Students) board review/training: Mrs. O'Donahue, Y-in-T liaison, provided the annual board review/training in this area, sharing that as a school receiving Title IA funding we must have a liaison in place who provides training in this area to school personnel and support personnel and who ensures parents are provided in a number of ways (enrollment form, annual parent notices, website parent involvement notices, attendance newsletter reminders, etc.) information regarding Y-in-T and the support they are entitled to, and who serves in identifying/verifying and supporting students/families in need. Board members asked about Liberty's Y-in-T population. Mrs. O'Donahue responded Liberty has had a historically low # of students identified as Y-in-T, with most having been high school students needing to separate from parents for other living accommodations. These situations have not only provided us with the opportunity to ensure students have what they need to meet the academic requirements of the school, but also to support them in post-secondary endeavors, such as applying for college and college aid. Although we've not had large numbers, Mrs. O'Donahue shared that the school is ready through its procedures and processes to serve students when it does occur.

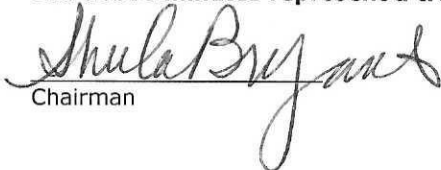
IV. CONSENT AGENDA

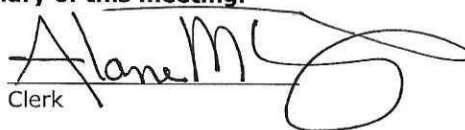
Mr. Hernandez seconded motion made by Mrs. Ward to accept the consent agenda as printed in the meeting agenda. Motion passed 3-0. Consent Agenda included: Board Meeting Minutes 2021.11.11; Accounts Payable, and Budget Report 2021.11.31.

V. ADJOURNMENT

After a full and complete discussion, upon motion by Mr. Hernandez and second by Mrs. Bower, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 a.m. with all members voting aye.

The above minutes represent a true and accurate summary of this meeting.


Chairman


Clerk