

Valley Academy Special Public Board Meeting Agenda
10/6/2011, 7pm
Hurricane City Community Center, Room 118

1. Welcome and call to order (7:00)
2. Discussion of land and facilities (7:00-7:30)
3. Discussion of other funding opportunities (7:30-8:00)
4. Public comment period (8:00-8:15)
5. Executive session to discuss legal contract (8:15-8:30)
6. Next public board meeting October 25, 2011, 7pm at the Hurricane City Office.
7. Adjourn

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In attendance: Alisha Terry-Martin, Mark Skousen, Gaylene Knoke, Derek Lewis, Lane Blackmore, Natalie Bennion. Excused: Trent Seegmiller

1. Welcome and call to order (7:00pm)
2. Our meeting with the Washington County School District today went well. They are ok with the site we have selected. They are not interested in trading land. They are willing to collaborate on some programs. They would like to keep an open line of communication and would like to talk to us about teachers they may lose and students they will lose to plan for next year.

Land- we are in process of purchasing the 25 acres that surround Hurricane elementary. Bank has the contract currently. Plan to close on land in 60 days. Site work can start and architectural plans can start prior to closing. Lease agreement will be ready by October 25th board meeting.

Building- has been scaled back to 32,000 sq feet (from 38,000) to make it more affordable. Steve and Tammy are working on getting the plan together for classrooms to make sure we have the right types of classroom spaces for our program. We will be getting an update on this soon. Highmark will subsidize 4 months of rent in the first year, making the rent payment lower in the first year. Mark went over the pro forma that explains all the costs associated with the building and where they got the numbers. Mark will email this new pro forma to all the board members. Purchase options in years 5, 7, and 10.

3. There is a concern over budget for FFE and money to hire the principal prior to school start. Funds are in the budget in the first and second years, so there is potential for a short-term lease to get these items (possibly through the lender). Also for the computers. We need to start looking for affordable furniture at closed down businesses and schools. We will need a list of FFE so we know what we will be looking for. Steve and Tammy will help put that list together. Highmark is willing to talk to us about start-up money for the director's job. There are some state contacts that know some funding sources for start-ups.
4. Public comment period: No comments
5. Motion made to move to executive session for discussion of legal contract made by Lane Blackmore. All members in favor.
6. Motion made to move back into open session made by Lane Blackmore. All members in favor.
7. Motion to modify to retainer agreement with Joel Wright and make sure it is not in conflict with our purchasing policy, and to know the status of his services to date made by Lane Blackmore. All members in favor.
8. Reminder for Board Members of upcoming important meetings:
 - October 14, 9am at Tuacahn. We are on the agenda to provide an update to the State Charter Board on our progress toward opening in the fall. If possible, all board members should attend this meeting.
 - October 20, 1pm-5pm at the State Office of Education. Charter school planning year meeting. I will send an email with the details. If possible, all board members should attend this meeting. We will have the opportunity to meet with other newly opening charter school boards and receive training from the charter staff.
 - October 25, 7pm at the Hurricane City Office- our regular board meeting.
9. Motion to adjourn made by Derek Lewis. All members in favor. (8:05pm)