

Valley Academy Public Board Meeting Agenda  
December 18, 2014 at 6:00pm  
539 N 870 W, Hurricane, UT 84737

1. Work session of the Board (6:00-7:00pm)
  - a. SEI training (Adrienne Jacobs) 6:00-6:10
  - b. Closed session for discussion of legal matter
  - c. Board member opening
  - d. 2015 Board Calendar
  - e. Discussion of Attendance Policy and Transportation Policy
  - f. Board Appreciation nominations
2. Welcome and open regular session (7:05pm)
3. Approval of minutes from 11/20/14 meeting
4. Pledge of Allegiance and Mission Statement: (7:05-7:10)

The mission of Valley Academy is to provide a superior, character building academic program enhanced by integrated training in fine and performing arts, and a technologically advanced curriculum; *in a Social Emotional Learning environment that promotes responsible freedom.*

5. How well are the school's finances being managed? (7:10-7:25)
  - a. Business Manager's monthly report
6. How well are students achieving the outcomes for which the school was chartered? (7:25-7:50)
  - a. Mr. Dunkley's monthly report
    - i. Discussion and possible action on any purchase orders over \$1,000
7. How well is the Board performing its responsibilities? (7:50-8:20)
  - a. Board Training/Charter Review
  - b. Any reports from committees
    - i. Accountability Committee
9. Public Comment (8:20-8:30)
  - a. PTO report
  - b. Any other public comment

Please plan ahead for your comments to be 3 minutes or less. Due to open meeting regulations, please be aware that the board will not be able to *formally* discuss or take action on items brought up in this meeting's public comment period.

10. Next meeting *proposed* for January 15, 2015

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In attendance: Lane Blackmore, Derek Lewis, Alisha Terry-Martin, Kevin Dunkley, Gary Kuhlmann, Nick Turner, Adrienne Jacobs, Steven DeMille, Ben Ruesch.

1. Work session of the Board:

a. Adrienne Jacobs (6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher) came to talk about how she uses SEI in her classroom. They work on emotional vocabulary- different words for happy, sad, mad. There is a chart in their classroom where students can change their cards any time that's appropriate to the teacher can see what the emotional level is in the classroom (i.e.: are there a lot of happy kids or a lot of angry kids? Has there been an incident that the teacher should be asking about?) At the end of the school day, they rate their day on a scale of 1 to 10 and say why. They also sometimes do an exercise called "peach and pit" where they talk about their high and low points of the day. Adrienne says here favorite SEI activity is to help students talk to each other about personal conflict instead of tattling to the teacher.

Derek made a motion to move into closed session for the purpose of a legal matter. All members in favor.

\*\*\*\*\*Closed session started at 6:10pm\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*Closed session ended at 7:05pm\*\*\*\*\*

2. Open session started at 7:08pm

Additional in attendance: Natalie Metzger, Karen-Jane, Thayne Smith, Brenda Hall

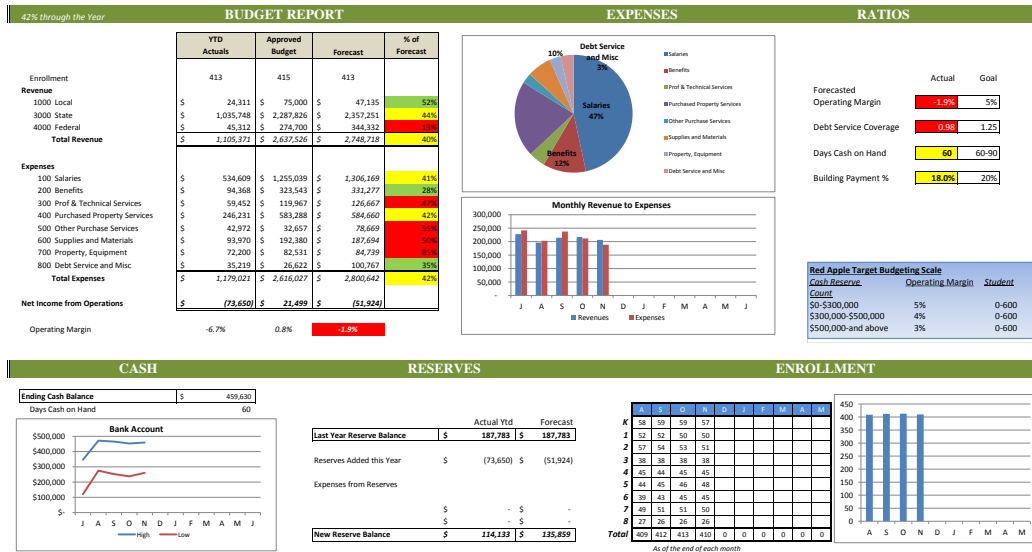
3. Ben made a motion to approve the minutes from the 11/20/14 meeting. All members in favor.

4. Pledge was led by Alisha and Mission Statement read by Lane.

5. Thayne's monthly report: We are continuing to trend positively. Thayne requests that Board Calendar be adjusted to meetings on the second Thursday instead of the 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Financial Summary  
as of November 30th, 2014



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6. Mr. Dunkley's monthly report:

Kevin reports that Valley Academy has now joined the Hurricane Chamber of Commerce.

We have 412 students currently/132 of those Title I

69% free and reduced lunch. We recently passed our State inspection for the lunch program and they are impressed with what we've been able to do here. We will be working with the other charter schools in our area next school year to form a co-op type of situation to help them with lunch programs.

Grant money will be spent on reading programs. K-3 are deciding between Horizons and Journeys programs. There will also be an intervention reading program for 6-8<sup>th</sup> grades. We have many students come to us with low reading levels in the upper grades.

There has been a lot of sickness going around the school, especially this week with some days over 80 kids absent.

Kevin has been attending the State Director's meetings and getting feedback from the teachers on response to SAGE testing.

7. Board training is always available on the SCB website. This month's training comes from that website. No comment on charter review sections.

a. Accountability Committee Report: The Accountability Committee currently has 6 members and an opening for one more board member. They have discussed the wellness policy and how to highlight physical and emotional wellness in the school. There will be a health week sponsored by the school the second week of January. Mr. Dunkley is working on the non-food rewards with teachers. The Director Evaluation survey and the School Satisfaction surveys will be sent out this week. Links to the surveys will be sent out by email and put on FB.

8. Public comment:

a. Karlene Young (1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher) wanted to speak for keeping the arts strong in the school. She is an advocate of the arts and participated for several years in a program that was researched by the USOE with arts programs in schools. She asks how we can add more and how we could creatively arrange the schedule so arts are not taken out. Board members agree, the arts are one of the legs of our mission. We need to consider funding, student and parent choice, and academics. Are there creative ways to fuse academics with the arts to help the kids who are struggling academically?

Board opening will be posted and discussion on filling the position in January.

Board calendar will also be brought back for discussion in January.

Steve made a motion to adjourn. All members in favor.