

Flat River Academy Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 20th 2024, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - A. The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm
 - B. Members present – Jason Olvera, Angie Pluskhat, James Popma, Naomi Smith
 - C. Members absent – Kammie Whitten
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - A. The board reviewed the May 20th 2024 Agenda
 - B. Motion to approve the May 20th 2024 Agenda was made by Angie Pluskhat, seconded by Naomi Smith, agreed by Jason Olvera and James Popma.
 1. Motion passed
- IV. Approval of April 15, 2024 Regular Minutes
 - A. The board reviewed the April 15th 2024 Regular Minutes.
 - B. Motion to approve the April 15th 2024 Regular Minutes was made by Angie Pluskhat, seconded by Naomi Smith, agreed by Jason Olvera and James Popma.
 1. Motion passed.
- V. New Business
 - A. Potential Board Member Candidates
 1. The school board reviewed school board applicants Kim Scott and Ken Miller.
 2. The school board interviewed the candidates regarding their interest in joining the school board.
 3. Candidates each had the opportunity to respond.
 4. The board will submit their recommendations to the board president for approval.
 - B. 2024-2025 School Calendar
 1. The board reviewed the board calendar presented by principal Hilary Karnatz.
 2. The calendar is closely aligned to the Montcalm school district with a few small exceptions: Flat River will have a full week off the week of Thanksgiving. Flat River Academy will have school on August 23rd and Oct 14th (Montcalm has these 2 days off), early release days will be on Fridays (Montcalm has every other Wednesday half days).
 3. The calendar proposed has 180 school days and 1130.6 instructional hours.
 4. Motion to approve the 2024-2025 school calendar was made by was made by Angie Pluskhat, seconded by Naomi Smith, agreed by Jason Olvera and James Popma.
 - a. Motion passed
 - C. Wonders Curriculum
 1. Principal Hilary Karnatz presented the proposed Wonders Curriculum for consideration by the board. An overview of materials along with a scope and

sequence was provided. The board asked questions about the curriculum and the principal was able to provide responses.

2. Motion to approve the Wonders Curriculum for K-5th grade beginning in Fall of 2024 was made by Angie Pluskhat, seconded by Naomi Smith, agreed by Jason Olvera and James Popma.

a. Motion passed

D. Kids Have Rights

1. The board reviewed a proposal to provide free body safety lessons and curriculum from Kids Have Rights.
2. The board had some additional questions about the material and will explore this further at the next meeting
3. Tabled

E. Cell Phone Policy

1. The board engaged in discussion about the increasing risks of students accessing inappropriate content using cell phones particularly on the school bus.
2. Consideration of changing the school cell phone policy to include language about cell phones on the school bus will be explored further and talked about at the next meeting.
3. Tabled

VI. Old Business

A. Grant Update

1. Frank Patterson provided some updates on grants.
2. Educator Compensation grant was revoked because it was not intended for charter schools and mistakenly distributed to us. This was about \$6,900.
3. The school received a Transportation Grant for \$37,000 to help with transportation costs.
4. We currently have about \$15,000 left in ESSER funding

VII. Principal's Report

- A. Hilary Karnatz talked about applying for the COPS SVPP grant to get funding for the BOOT system to be installed.
- B. Current enrollment for the 24-25 school year is 152. Projecting between 160-165 for fall enrollment.

VIII. Midwest School Services

- A. April 2024 Financials
- B. Frank Patterson from Midwest Management presented the financials to the board.
- C. The board reviewed the financials.
- D. Motion to approve the financials was made by Angie Pluskhat, seconded by Naomi Smith, agreed by Jason Olvera and James Popma.
 1. Motion passed.

IX. Extended public comments on non-agenda item

- X. Tailey Scott provided information regarding a project she would like to do with students this fall focusing on mentoring younger students and reducing self-harming behavior called the Empower Project. The board said they would consider her proposal and that she should do more planning to figure out funding and training for volunteers.

XI. Board Comments

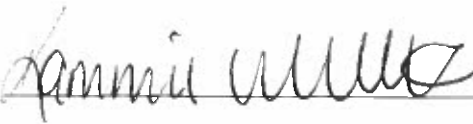
XII. Reconfirmation of Next Meeting Date: June 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at Flat River Academy

XIII. Adjournment

A. Motion to adjourn was made by Angie Pluskhat, seconded by Naomi Smith, agreed by Jason Olvera and James Popma.

1. Motion passed 8:57pm

Signed:



Date:

6-17-24

