

Flat River Academy Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, January 22nd, 2024 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
  - A. The meeting was called to order at 6:31
  - B. Members present: Jason Olvera, Angie Pluskhat, Kammie Whitten, Naomi Smith
  - C. Members absent: James Popma
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of Agenda
  - A. The board reviewed the agenda.
  - B. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Angie Pluskhat, seconded by Naomi Smith, agreed by Jason Olvera and Naomi Smith.
    1. Motion passed.
- IV. Approval of December 11th, 2023 Regular Minutes
  - A. The board reviewed the December 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 board minutes.
  - B. Motion to approve the December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 board minutes was made by Kammie Whitten, Seconded by Naomi Smith, agreed by Jason Olvera and Angie Pluskhat.
    1. Motion Passed.
- V. New Business
  - A. Lockout Company Presentation
    1. Rob Courier presented the BOOT system to the board. 6:38-8:10
    2. Demonstration of system
    3. Breakdown of capabilities – smart system, lights, placards, tablets, pull systems
    4. Breakdown of pricing. Approximately \$83,000
      - a. Board concern over pricing
      - b. Rob Courier explained that we could break it up and pay interest free for the next 5 years, but there is concern that future safety grants could not be applied to pay off the system due to supplanting restrictions.
    5. Questions:
      - a. Do the systems contact 911 directly? yes
      - b. Safety film for doors? Not as effective as shields. More expensive.
      - c. How is the system connected? Bluetooth with wifi as a backup. The system uses batteries as well.
    6. Discussion about grants and how much the school can afford.
      - a. Rob Courier explained that we could break it up and pay interest free for the next 5 years, but there is concern that future safety grants could not be applied to pay off the system due to supplanting restrictions.

7. Decision to consider funding options and vote on the proposal at the next meeting 2/12/24.
  - B. US Bank Forbearance Agreement
    1. Frank Patterson discussed the US Bank Forbearance Agreement Using a portion of the funds (approximately \$250,000) to retire \$350,000 in principal.
      - a. Motion to approve the US Bank Forbearance Agreement was made by Angie Pluskhat, seconded by Kammie Whitten, agreed by Jason Olvera and Naomi Smith.
      - b. Motion passed.
- VI. Old Business
- A. Phone Quote
    1. In previous meetings the board discussed getting phones installed in classrooms to improve communication and safety in the building.
    2. The board reviewed quote provided by Quantum Leap. This is the current phone provider. The proposal adds physical phones to all classrooms, library and gym. Cost to install cabling for the parts of the building without is \$2217.90. Phone service each month would increase from \$137.00 to \$332.00.
      - a. Motion to approve the quote provided by Quantum Leap was made by Angie Pluskhat, seconded by Kammie Whitten, agreed by Naomi Smith and Jason Olvera.
      - b. Motion passed.
- VII. Principal's Report
- A. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning grant
    1. Hilary Karnatz discussed the possibility of applying for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning grant to provide a comprehensive after school program for the 2024-2025 school year.
  - B. Updates on gym usage
    1. Currently no reported issues with the building usage by the church or Girl scouts.
    2. Discussion about allowing evening activities for groups using the building when school is closed due to weather.
      - a. Proposal that if we would not cancel school evening activities and the group is insured, we would allow use of the building at their own risk.
- VIII. Midwest School Services
- A. December 2023 Financials
    1. Frank Patterson from Midwest Management reviewed the financials.
      - a. Motion to approve the December 2023 was made by Angie Pluskhat, seconded by Kammie Whitten, agreed by Jason Olvera and Naomi Smith.
      - b. Motion passed
  - B. 2023-2024 Budget Amendment
    1. Frank Patterson from Midwest Management reviewed the budget amendment.
      - a. Increase by \$8,000

- b. Would need to borrow \$200,000 to commit to the US Bank Forbearance agreement
- c. Not spending enough money in food service.
- d. Motion to approve the budget amendment was made by Angie Pluskhat, seconded by Kammie Whitten, agreed by Naomi Smith and Jason Olvera.
- e. Motion passed.

IX. Extended public comments on non-agenda item - none

X. Board Comments - none

XI. Reconfirmation of Next Meeting Date: February 12th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at Flat River Academy

XII. Adjournment

A. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Angie Pluskhat, seconded by Naomi Smith, agreed by Jason Olvera and Kammie Whitten.

- 1. Motion passed 9:30pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Kammie Whitten*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*2/12/24*

