

Flat River Academy Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
Monday, November 14th, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - A. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m..
 - B. Members present: Jason Olvera, Jen Piotrowski, Kammie Whitten, James Popma
 - C. Members absent: Angie Pluskhat
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - A. The following amendments were made to the agenda:
 - 1. A. 2021-22 Audit
 - 2. B. Middle school SEL program
 - 3. C. Addition of Achievement Hour to course catalog
 - 4. D. Busing Policy amendment
 - 5. E. Proposed Calendar Change
 - 6. F. SAN State Aid Note
 - B. Motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Jen Piotrowski, seconded by Kammie Whitten, agreed by James Popma and Jason Olvera.
 - 1. Motion passed.
- IV. Approval of October 10th Regular Minutes
 - A. The board reviewed the October 10th 2022 board minutes.
 - B. Motion to approve the October 10th 2022 board minutes was made by Jen Piotrowski, seconded by Kammie Whitten, agreed by James Popma and Jason Olvera.
 - 1. Motion passed.
- V. New Business
 - A. 2021-22 Audit
 - 1. Manor Costerisan presented the 2021-22 Audit.
 - 2. Over all good audit with no problems.
 - 3. Low general fund percentage
 - B. Middle School SEL Curriculum
 - 1. The board reviewed the program: In Control for middle school SEL.
 - 2. Motion to approve In Control for use in the Middle school for SEL was made by Jen Piotrowski, seconded by Kammie Whitten, agreed by James Popma and Jason Olvera.
 - C. Addition of Achievement Hour to Course Catalog
 - 1. Addition of Achievement hour as defined as instructional time where 6th-8th grade students receive academic intervention or enrichment based on individual student needs.
 - 2. Motion to approve adding Achievement Hour to the course catalog as instructional time was made by Jen Piotrowski, seconded by Kammie Whitten, agreed by James Popma and Jason Olvera.

- a. Motion passed.
 - D. Busing Policy Amendment
 - 1. Busing policy includes defining wait time expectations for students at stops, communication requirements from drivers, requirement for a consistent schedule of stops from parents that have students bused to alternate locations.
 - 2. Motion to approve the busing policy amendment was made by Jen Piotrowski, seconded by Kammie Whitten, agreed by James Popma and Jason Olvera.
 - a. Motion passed
 - E. Calendar change proposal
 - 1. Request from principal Hilary Karnatz to make November 28th a professional development day so that teachers could attend an all-day workshop on Project Based Learning hosted by the Van Andel Institute.
 - 2. Motion to add November 28th as a professional development day was made by Jen Piotrowski, seconded by Kammie Whitten, agreed by James Popma and Jason Olvera.
 - a. Motion passed
 - F. SAN State aid note
 - 1. Frank Patterson from Midwest presented the proposal for Ralph Cunningham to provide a State Aid Note to Flat River Academy \$100,000 to be paid back in 10 monthly installments with 5% interest.
 - 2. Motion to approve the SAN and Amendment #1 was made by Jen Piotrowski, seconded by Kammie Whitten, agreed by James Popma and Jason Olvera.
 - a. Motion passed
- VI. Old Business - none
- VII. Principal's Report
 - A. Grant awards: SVSU approved 3 grants that were applied for:
 - 1. Kelley Ziomkowski classroom grant - \$300 to purchase chess sets to teach all 3rd graders how to play chess.
 - 2. \$1000 – sensory items to create a space in the building where students could work through big emotions – beanbag chairs, speakers, lighting, calming objects.
 - 3. \$15,000 – school grant to support experiential learning by paying for all academic field trips for the remainder of the year, PBL training from the Van Andel Institute, and money towards the cost of supplies to do PBL.
- VIII. Midwest School Services
 - A. October 2022 Financials
 - 1. Frank Patterson from Midwest Management presented the financials.
 - 2. Motion to approve the Oct. 2022 Financials was made by Jen Piotrowski, seconded by Kammie Whitten, agreed by James Popma and Jason Olvera.
 - a. Motion passed
- IX. Extended public comments on non-agenda item - none
- X. Board Comments - none
- XI. Reconfirmation of Next Meeting Date: December 12th , 2022 at 6:30 p.m.at Flat River Academy
- XII. Adjournment

A. Motion to adjourn was made by Jen Piotrowski, seconded by Kammie Whitten, agreed by James Popma and Jason Olvera.

1. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Signed:

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Date:

12/12/2022

