



Flat River Academy Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
January 14th, 2026
6:30 pm

Proposed Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - A. The Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.
 - B. Members present - Jason Olvera, James Popma, Kim Scott, Ken Miller
 - C. Members absent - none
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - A. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Ken Miller and seconded by Kim Scott, agreed by Jason Olvera and James Popma.
 1. Motion passed.
- IV. Approval of Wednesday, November 12, 2025 - Regular Meeting Minutes
 - A. The board reviewed the November 12th, 2025 proposed minutes.
 - B. Motion to approve the November 12th, 2025 minutes was made by Ken Miller and seconded by Kim Scott agreed by Jason Olvera and James Popma.
 1. Motion passed
- V. New Business
 - A. Accept Resignation of Board Member Naomi Smith
 1. The board reviewed the provided letter of resignation provided by Naomi Smith.
 2. Motion to approve the resignation of Naomi Smith as a board member was made by Ken Miller and seconded by Kim Scott, agreed by Jason Olvera and James Popma.
 - a) Motion passed
 - B. New Board Member Discussion
 1. Eric Lamb (board member applicant) was present at the meeting to answer questions from the board and provide more information. Eric Lamb's answers were that he felt that board members should always have integrity and work together for the benefit of the school. He said that he did not feel that there was anything going wrong with the school and that he would just

like to see the school continue to improve.

C. US Bank Forbearance Agreement

1. Frank Patterson from Midwest Management presented the US Bank Forbearance Agreement.

a) Motion to approve the US Bank Forbearance Agreement was made by Ken Miller and seconded by Kim Scott, agreed by Jason Olvera and James Popma.

b) Motion passed.

D. National Charter School Letter

1. Frank Patterson from Midwest Management presented information about a company that would help the board update our policies and make sure they are up to date. The board is very interested in pursuing this. Frank is obtaining a more recent quote for the board's consideration.

VI. Old Business

A. Approval of SVSU Ed Program Document

1. Hilary Karnatz presented the updated FRA Ed Program. Some program details have been updated to reflect current practices, but mostly the document has been formatted to SVSU's provided template.

2. Motion to approve the FRA Ed Program was made by Ken Miller and seconded by Kim Scott, agreed by Jason Olvera and James Popma.

a) Motion passed.

VII. Authorizer Report

A. SVSU Financial Data Summary Review

1. Frank Patterson from Midwest Management provided the Financial Data Summary Review.

B. SVSU 24-25 Academic Report

1. Hilary Karnatz Presented the Academic Report.

VIII. Principal's Report

A. Update on Behavior Interventions

1. Implementation of the RISE room has been effective on reducing suspensions and office referrals. Teachers report better classroom climate. Working on a few things to improve: restorative practices when students return, notification to parents, process for sending students from the RISE room to the office if needed.

B. Winter NWEA

1. Students making average growth targets overall.

2. Concerns for 3rd grade - low growth and low achievement. Stacy Hengehold (instructional coach) is working directly with the teacher to support academic improvement.

C. Upcoming Events -

1. Friday is the end of MP2.

2. Donuts with Grownups every Friday in February. k/1, 2/3 , 4/5 , Middle

school

3. March is reading month - One School One Book! - The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe
4. Family Night March 27 - Step into the book theme - The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe

D. New Hires -

1. Our new Speech therapist starts Monday- Katelyn Piesko! She will see students Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.
2. New 4th/5th grade teacher - Mrs. Reyes
3. New aide starting Monday that will split between 4th and 7th to support students. This is the replacement for Mr. Gibson who is now teaching PE.

IX. Teachers First Reports -

A. State of the School - Presented by Stacy Hengehold

B. December 2025 Financials

1. Presented by Frank Patterson
2. Motion to approve the December 2025 Financials was made by Kim Scott, seconded by Ken Miller, approved by James Popma and Jason Olvera.
 - a) Motion passed

C. 25-26 Budget Amendment Resolution

1. Motion to approve the 25-26 Budget Amendment Resolution was made by Kim Scott, seconded by Ken Miller, approved by James Popma and Jason Olvera.
 - a) Motion passed

X. Extended public comments on non-agenda item

A. Request by Hilary Karnatz to have a more significant talk either at the next board meeting or a smaller committee meeting about enrollment, marketing and strategy.

XI. Board Comments

XII. Reconfirmation of Next Meeting Date: February 11, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at FRA

XIII. Adjournment

A. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ken Miller and seconded by Kim Scott, agreed by Jason Olvera and James Popma.

1. Motion passed - 8:23pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____