

# The Governing Board of Freedom Preparatory Academy

## HELD A PUBLIC MEETING

### IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM

**October 21, 2021 – 12:00 PM**

*Board members participated electronically with anchor location stated above. In attendance via zoom: Cary McConnell, CAO, Robert Merrill, CFO, and board members Thomas Chan and Jay Garlock. Executive Director Lynne Herring, Director of Finance Chris Helvey, Principals Carrie Banfield and Brandon Winn, and FPA teacher Amber Lowry. Executive Secretary Tracey Noonan participated at anchor location. Jonathan Kano joined during Public Comment. Kim Flewallen joined to discuss agenda item 2. Board member Paul Baltes was absent.*

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Thomas Chan publicly thanked Jonathan Kano for his work and expressed that he will be missed, especially by the student body. Jonathan Kano stated his appreciation for the board members' support and his enjoyment working at FPA for the past six years. Jay, Robert, and Cary said goodbye and wished him well.

#### REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes from the September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, Governing Board Meeting

Robert Merrill moved to approve the September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, Governing Board Meeting minutes. Thomas Chan seconded. 4-0 passed, no opposition; Paul Baltes absent.

2. Approve TSSA (Teacher Student Success Act) Grant

Kim Flewallen explained rules and parameters for allocation of the \$428,000 grant:

- Up to 40% may be used to increase teacher pay
- Up to 5% may be used to retain personnel
- Up to 28% may be used to hire additional school employees
- The balance of the allocation may be spent as determined by the school improvement plan

The above percentages are taken straight from the Utah law. Once the GB approves the plan, it will be posted on the FPA website in its entirety. The GB will also need to approve a yearend report containing exact and detailed finalized allocation which will be posted to the FPA website as well.

Thomas Chan moved to approve the TSSA plan as presented. Jay Garlock seconded. 4-0 passed, no opposition; Paul Baltes absent.

### 3. Board Training Update

4 of the 5 Governing Board Members have viewed the latest UAPCS training video that Cary McConnell provided. Cary will follow up with Paul Baltes to see if he has viewed it as well.

4. The Governing Board may consider a motion for a Closed Meeting in accordance with The Utah Open and Public Meetings Act for purposes outlined in Utah Code\*

Not needed.

### 5. Adjourn

Jay Garlock moved to adjourn at 12:29 PM

Cary McConnell seconded.

\*The Freedom Preparatory Academy Governing Board may consider a motion to close the meeting to hold a strategy session to discuss the purchase, sale, exchange, or lease of real property, and/or the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual in conformance with § 52-4-204 and 52-4-205 et. Seq., Utah Code Ann.

### Board Goals 2020

- a. Student and Employee Success
  - i. Ensure the development data-driven methods to understand student success.
  - ii. Contribute to improving lives through development of policies and practices
- b. Operational Efficiency
  - i. Require school to operate in the black
  - ii. Oversee Retaining and Enrolling Students
  - iii. Quarterly Enrollment review
  - iv. Regular Policy Review each Board Meeting
- c. Community Relations
  - i. Be involved regularly in Parent and Student engagement activities
  - ii. Evaluate PR quarterly
  - iii. Governing Board Members attend and assist fundraisers
- d. Specific Areas of Focus
  - i. Define what makes Freedom different/unique
  - ii. Support consistent culture across campuses