

**Syringa Mountain School  
Board Meeting Minutes  
As Approved  
October 3, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Syringa Mountain School Board was held on October 3, 2013. Board Chair Mary Gervase presided. The following members were in attendance:

Mary Gervase, Chair  
Greg Bloomfield, Vice Chair  
Ben Rogers, Treasurer  
Laurie Wertich, Secretary  
Don Keller  
Travis Scott  
Phoebe Pilaro

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

I. Agenda: There were **no** additions, corrections, modifications, or substitutions to the current agenda

II. Action Agenda:

A. Approval of minutes from September 2013 Board Meeting: Motion made by Greg Bloomfield, seconded by Travis Scott and passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Board Policy 500.1 Enrollment: Motion made by Travis Scott, seconded by Ben Rogers and passed unanimously.

C. Approval of Board Policy 4105 Community Relations-Public Participate in Board Meeting: Motion made by Laurie Wertich, seconded by Greg Bloomfield and passed unanimously.

D. Bylaws review and adoption: Decision to move to next board meeting.

E. Set Enrollment Window: Motion made by Greg Bloomfield to set enrollment window from November 1 to February 4, seconded by Travis Scott and passed unanimously.

F. Petition amendment to increase class size: Motion made by Greg Bloomfield, seconded by Ben Rogers, and passed unanimously.

G. Set public information meeting dates: Motion made by Travis Scott to hold one meeting in December and one in February, seconded by Greg

Bloomfield and passed unanimously.

H. Election of officers: Laurie Wertich as Secretary—motion made by Greg Bloomfield, seconded by Travis Scott, and passed unanimously; Ben Rogers as Treasurer—motion made by Travis Scott seconded by Greg Bloomfield and passed unanimously; Greg Bloomfield as Vice Chair—motion made by Ben Rogers seconded by Phoebe Pilaro and passed unanimously.

I. Charter Board of Ethics signed: Motion made by Laurie Wertich, seconded by Travis Scott and passed unanimously.

### III. Site Committee Update

A. Discussion of Yeates concept

B. Discussion of development relationship

C. Discussion of site infrastructure study

**D. Authorize expenditure for site infrastructure study: Motion made by Phoebe Pilaro, seconded by Travis Scott and passed unanimously.**

### IV. PR Committee Update

A. Discussion of website costs and options

B. Discussion of video

C. Discussion of need to start e-newsletter

D. As soon as website is launched, need to start advertising for teachers

### V. Fundraising Committee Update

A. Update on fundraising brochure and Sokoloff visit

B. Fundraising committee has list of potential donors and will ask

C. Update on meeting with Croy Canyon Ranch, discussion of land

### VI. Finance Update

A. Received anonymous donation of \$500,000 on 9/19/13

B. In touch with J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation re: \$250,000 grant

### VII. Hiring Staff, Bylaws Review, and Open Meetings Act

A. Please review bylaws. We will vote at next meeting

B. Discussion of making meetings open soon.

C. Mary proposed a different model of leadership for the school: business administrator and education administrator. Discussion will continue.

### VIII. Request for Meeting with Blaine County Board

A. Greg Bloomfield will reach out to current BCSD to see if they are amenable to a board-to-board meeting.

### IX. Change in Local Ordinance for Farm Animals

- A. Travis Scott will call city to get information about due process for initiating changes to farm animal ordinance
- B. Will also call Harry Weekes to discuss.

X. Next Board Meeting

- A. Set next board meeting for October 24, 2013 at 6:30 at WR Insurance:  
**Motion made by Travis Scott, seconded by Phoebe Pilaro, and passed unanimously.**

XI. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.