**Syringa Mountain School**

**Board Meeting Minutes January 2, 2014**

**As Approved**

**February 6, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Syringa Mountain School Board was held on January 2, 2014. Board Chair Greg Bloomfield presided. The following members were in attendance:

Greg Bloomfield, Chair

Ben Rogers, Treasurer

Laurie Wertich, Secretary

Travis Scott

Phoebe Pilaro

\* Don Keller participated by phone

The following staff was present:

Mary Gervase, Syringa Mountain School Administrator

The following guests were present:

Jen Johanningmeier

Miles Teitge

Stever Crosser

Kris Wirth

Anne Fuller

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. Consent Agenda:

 A. Approval of minutes from December 12, 2013 Board Retreat and

 December 23, 2013 Executive Session

 B. Approval of Board Policies: 9000 Facilities, 7000 Fiscal, 3000 Students,

 and 4000 Community Relations (3030 Home School Students)

 C. Nomination to move Greg Bloomfield from Acting Board Chair to Board

 Chair

 D. Approval to edit SMS Bylaws to reflect above Board member change

 E. Approval of budget expenditures

 D. **Motion made by Laurie Wertich to approve the consent agenda,**

 **seconded by Travis Scott and passed unanimously.**

III. Public Comment:

 A. Steve Crosser expressed concerns about SMS plans to use the Wood

 River Draper Preserve as an extended classroom.

 B. Kris Wirth expressed concerns about potential congestion in the China

 Gardens neighborhood and asked the SMS Board to consider putting a

 road in.

IV. New Business:

 A. Budget update/Salary Schedule:

 1. Ben Rogers provided an update; will have more info at January

 16 Board Meeting

 B. Projected advertising budget:

 1. Agreed to discuss and take action at first meeting in February

 C. Protocol for communicating with press:

 1. Request to refer press to Dr. Mary Gervase or Laurie Wertich for

 consistency.

 D. Board work session and agenda:

 1. Board work session on January 16, 2014.

 2. Will discuss budget and upcoming expenses

 3. Revise language on website to indicate there may be a vote at a

 board work session.

 E. Plan for Public Conversation January 9

 1. Agreed on format for presenting

 2. Will provide handouts, as well as a “question” box w/ paper for

 questions.

 F. Plan for Neighborhood Meeting January 8:

 1. Community Campus 6 p.m.

 2. Important to attend and show support

 G. Design Review Meeting January 13:

 1. Very important to invite public to attend and show support

 H. Budget expenditure Idaho School Board Association

 1. Will discuss at Board Work Session January 16

 I. Budget expenditure Kim John Payne (speaker)

 1. Will discuss at Board Work Session January 16

 J. June professional development

 1. Will discuss at Board Work Session January 16

 K. Multi-age kindergarten

 1. Board agreed to make decision at February 6 Board Meeting

 after the enrollment deadline.

 L. Creation of Sustainability Committee:

 1. **Motion made by Laurie Wertich to create a Sustainability**

 **Committee, seconded by Ben Rogers and passed**

 **unanimously.**

 M. Request for reimbursement for acting PA Chair to attend conference

 1. Request withdrawn

 N. Committee Reports:

 1. Site Committee:

 a. Drawings almost complete.

 b. Design review meeting Jan. 13th.

 c. No update from Building Hope

 d. Will seek extension of earnest money going hard

 e. Feb. 1st will make decisions about possibility of modular

 f. Continue looking at temporary locations

 2. PR Committee:

 a. PR efforts continue

 b. May need more advertising money

 3. Fundraising Committee:

 a. No new developments

 4. Finance Committee:

 a. Will provide comprehensive update at January 16 meeting

V. Next Board Meeting

 A. Next board meeting is Thursday January 16, 2014 at 410 N. Main St. in

 Hailey.

VI. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. **Motion to adjourn made by Ben Rogers, seconded by Travis Scott, and passed unanimously.**