

Liberty Tree Academy

March 21, 2024

Board Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom

1. Call to Order @ 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Geitner
2. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum by Mr. Geitner: all Board Members present.
3. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Geitner
4. Mission and Vision read by Mrs. Revord and Mrs. Swenson
5. Founding Father Quote read by Mr. Geitner
6. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Geitner- Proposal to amend agenda by adding letter b., Election Timeline/By-laws Change, to agenda item #8.
Proposal Second given by Mrs. Helland.

No opposition given.

Motion to adopt amended agenda: Mrs. Swenson.

Second to adopt amended agenda: Mr. Johnson

No opposition given.

7. Board Members Report:

Mr. Stuckwisch- Track Team is ready for tryouts. Track team has doubled in size. Looking forward to the season.

Mrs. Helland- Board had a productive strategic planning meeting to go over the mission and vision of LTA. Board is working on creating LTA's first strategic plan. Part of the planning process will include input from more than just the LTA Board.

Mr. Geitner- Board had a productive strategic planning meeting. Looking forward to the outcome. Very encouraged with great cohesiveness of the Board. There is legislation going through right now that could potentially impact the security posture at LTA. We are monitoring legislation to preserve LTA's current security program. House Bills are still evolving. It is important to make our voices heard to legislation so they know we are looking to preserve the security posture of LTA.

Mrs. Swenson- Working on creating questionnaire for potential Conceal Carry for staff.

Mr. Johnson- Reached out to Dustin regarding a meeting with the security group.

No Principal Report: Mr. Manley absent due to travel.

8. Board Discussion: **a. Resolution-** Declaring its Opposition to Any Legislation that Would Further Decrease Privacy, Protection, and Parental Rights of Students.

Mr. Geitner- All Board members have a draft copy. Draft will be available online for the LTA community to review.

We will meet again April 11th, 2024. Budget needs to be finalized before April 15th. Action on resolution can also take place at the April 11th meeting.

Mr. Stuckwisch- Resolution focused mainly on parental rights and the fact that LTA's Mission and Vision is towards the ideals of the Founding Era, which are under attack today, including parental rights. The resolution shows our opposition to the move away from parental rights. The resolution shows LTA's position to stand with parents, not in front of parents. Excited to share with the community and move forward with it at the next Board Meeting.

Mr. Geitner- Resolution modeled after what Monument Academy adopted. If we adopt the resolution, policy would have to be adopted with it. Presently, only the resolution is being considered.

Mr. Stuckwisch and Mr. Geitner read Resolution No 2024-03-21-A

Mr. Geitner- Need to make a conforming change in draft to Resolution item #7. #7 needs to conform with what #6 says.

b. Election Timeline/By-laws change-

Mrs. Russell- Proposed an amendment to by-laws that parent election be held in May, allowing newly elected board members to come on at the end of June so they can start fresh with the school year. Proposal for Mrs. Russell's term to end in June 2025, with Mr. Stuckwisch ending his term in June 2026. This allows alternating years for members to turn over so as not to have two vacant seats at the same time.

Mr. Stuckwisch- Coming on the Board and starting fresh with the school year gives board members time to prepare for board responsibility.

Mr. Geitner- Discussed election timeline and change to the by-laws with Dustin. Dustin has no concerns and will draft an amendment to the by-laws for the next meeting agenda.

9. Public Comment: Statement read by Mr. Geitner

Public Comment given by Mr.Silva- Thank you to the Board for the time put in. Concerned about the direction of the world's culture. He is hopeful that LTA will continue to make right and moral choices for our students.

10. Action Items: None

11.Executive Session: a. C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f) personnel matters, specifically to discuss an individual employee.

Motion to move into executive session given by Mrs. Revord.

Second to move into executive session given by Mrs. Swenson

No opposition given

12. Announcements: Mr. Geitner- Next Board Meeting will be April 11th, 2024. Spring Break is March 25th-29th, 2024.

Mrs. Helland- LTA student Elijah Adkins will be participating in Battle of the Bands.

13. Adjournment: @ 7:58 p.m.