

# OPEN HIGH SCHOOL OF UTAH



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Location: Thanksgiving Point  
3098 Executive Parkway, Ste. 275  
Lehi, UT 84043

March 3, 2009

Approved: March 31, 2009

In Attendance: David Wiley, Phil Windley, Robyn Bagley, DeLaina Tonks (arrived 9:13 pm)  
Others in Attendance: Rob Neilsen (Curriculum Director), Sherri Lee Brandt (parent), Emily Coon (Academica West), Kim Dohrer (Academica West), Jim Martinos (potential business partner), Dave Armstrong (DirectPointe, potential business partner), Lynn Taylor (Director)

The mission of the Open High School of Utah is to provide Utah students with an excellent education through an online, virtual environment that will help them achieve their full academic and social potential.

The core philosophy of the Open High School of Utah is that education is a universal human right and that the most effective education is hands-on, service-oriented, and available to anyone. Because of this philosophy, OHSU is committed to using open educational resources – educational materials that can be freely and legally copied, changed, and shared.

Open educational resources enable our educational mission by providing the greatest pedagogical flexibility possible to OHSU students, parents, and teachers. Open educational resources enable our service mission by providing the greatest number of opportunities to improve our communities and revolutionize schooling around the world.

OHSU offers a full college preparatory program and the opportunity for students to earn both a high school diploma and an associate's degree from the Utah State University, emphasizing computer science.

### **INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

- ❖ Welcome and Introductions — David Wiley.

**Delaina made the motion to approve the CONSENT ITEMS. David Wiley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

- ❖ Approve Board Meeting Minutes from January 16, 2009
- ❖ Approve New Hires – Robyn Bagley
- **Director**, Open High School of Utah - Lynn Taylor, MBA. Mr. Taylor is a former Operations Flight Commander and Instructor, 6th Combat Training Squadron, US Air Force, and co-founder of Blakfyre Games.
- **Open Curriculum Director**, Open High School of Utah - Rob Nielsen, M.Ed. Mr. Nielsen was formerly Curriculum Director and World Language Department Head at K12.com / Power-Glide. He was also previously a teacher and Technology Specialist in the Granite School District.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS (To be Voted Upon During Board Meeting)**

- ❖ DeLaina made a motion to table the Vote on Management Contract. David Wiley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ The motion was made by Phil Windley to have David Wiley as the Board Chair, Robyn Bagley as the Vice-Chair, DeLaina Tonks as the Financial Coordinator and Secretary. Motion seconded by David Wiley. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ David opened the discussion on Laptops and Support RFP. DirectPointe was in attendance. Dave Armstrong gave a summary of services his company will provide. The bid proposal was very detailed. An Apple representative also attended via phone conference to provide a summary of their proposal.
- ❖ Robyn made a motion to approve the 401k Plan with A Plus Benefits with the condition of double checking the appropriate boxes are checked prior to signature.
- ❖ Gavin Hutchinson from Academica West was called and answered questions about the Capitalization and Expense Policy. Robyn made a motion to table the Capitalization and Expense Policy. Phil Windley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ The board reviewed the Electronic Meetings Policy as amended. Robyn Bagley made the motion to approve the

Electronic Meetings Policy. David seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- ❖ DeLaina Tonks made a motion to accept the Enrollment Policy and the Records management Policy, Robyn Bagley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Rob Nielson gave a thorough report on the Course Offerings for 2009-2010.

**OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS (Items For Discussion Only)**

- ❖ Lynn reviewed various changes to the Charter Application including opting out of the State's Retirement Program, following state law in regards to nepotism, having a Service Learning focus rather than Computer Science in order to open the playing field for many students.
- ❖ A new batch of features was released on the Learning Management System (LMS). The newest features are still in testing mode.
- ❖ David discussed the Partnership with BYU Independent Study option. For \$120, Open High School students will be able to take BYU elective classes and for an additional fee, participate in Concurrent Enrollment. More information will be coming after some legislation takes place.
- ❖ The board, with the help of Kim Dohrer, discussed options for charter expansion.

**REPORTS**

- ❖ Principal Report
  - Lynn gave an update on the Marketing Campaign through KSL 1160 with Amanda Dixon. They are targeted in the morning pick-up and afternoon drop-off of students time slots. Since starting the marketing campaign through KSL, enrollment spiked. The website spikes also went from 50 per day to 175 per day. The Facebook campaign is showing the best marketing strategy so far. Included in this report was a report on Registration and Enrollment of students.
- ❖ Academica Report
  - Kim commented on how to prepare to make changes to the charter, and what to expect.

**No Official Public Comments**

**11:25 pm - DeLaina Tonks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robyn Bagley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**