

**The Ranches Academy
School Board Meeting Minutes - DRAFT**

Date	5/22/23
Attendees	Susie Scherer, Reed Ryan, Josh Marsh, Kedrick Morris, Stephanie Colson, Michelle Bennett, Paul Jerome, Linda Tuttle, Rachel Dabel
Guests	None
Start time	7:02 PM
End time	9:31 PM
Location	The Ranches Academy

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Motions/Actions
Roll Call & Pledge of Allegiance	Done	
Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes		<p>MOTION: A motion by Michelle Bennett and a second by Josh Marsh to approve the agenda and previous meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Reed - Add Item under new business to discuss board moving forward.</p> <p>FOR: All AGAINST:None</p>
Review Budget	<p>Reviewed cash balance. Will review forecast numbers in June, but everything should stay close to how it is now.</p> <p>Rachel had a question about line 621, gas was over forecast due to</p>	Linda Tuttle will adjust line 621 to meet the increase in gas costs.

	<p>a longer winter.</p> <p>Discussion regarding how to use the money under line 199 Bonus was discussed. That led into a discussion of how much money to allocate to Susie for bonuses for the teachers.</p> <p>Discussion around board members needing to only focus on the bottom line numbers of the budget and less time on individual line items.</p>	
Report on Current SLT Plan and Budget	<p>Susie updated the board on the plan and what has been purchased. We will come within budget using the money allocated to the SLT plan.</p>	
Review Update on Expansion	<p>Susie shared the blueprints and finances provided by the construction company. These plans all stem from not increasing the amount of students, but still provide the extra space needed at the school.</p> <p>Time was spent discussing how to finance the new loan that would need to be taken out to pay for the expansion.</p> <p>Discussion over which plan of expansion the board preferred. Everyone shared their opinion on whether they preferred to expand to include another class for each grade or if they preferred to expand but not add anymore students.</p> <p>Option 1: Expand school building without adding more students Option 2: Expand school and</p>	<p>Keep as a standing agenda item for future meetings.</p>

	student count, but do it gradually over time.	
Review 22-23 Director's Strategic Plan	Tabled till Next Meeting	
Review New Education Legislation	Tabled till Next Meeting	Add to Agenda for next meeting
Mental Health Screening Decision	Susie explained the Mental Health Screening bill and what it contains. Susie recommended the thoughts of waiting till next year to do this. There's a structure already in place that we can build on. Time was spent reviewing different tests and which one would be beneficial.	Rachel Dabel will take the next month to review different tests and come back with a recommendation of which should be used by The Ranches Academy.
Perform and Discuss Board Self-Assessment	Tabled till June.	Stephanie Colson will send out survey before June meeting for all board members to
Board Training – Kedrick Morris	Shared annual SCSB Annual Report.	
New Business		
Adjourn	Meeting was adjourned at 9:31	<p>MOTION: A motion by Paul Jerome and a second by Michelle Bennett. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>FOR: All AGAINST:None</p>