

**MONUMENT ACADEMY**  
**"A Charter School, a Public School of Choice"**  
**Board of Directors Regular Meeting**

Minutes from February 9, 2023 at 6pm MST  
Monument Academy East Campus Gym

**Mission Statement:**

The mission of Monument Academy is to provide a challenging, content – rich, academic program offered within an engaging, caring, and positive learning environment. Established on a solid foundation of knowledge, Monument Academy emphasizes academic excellence, respect, responsibility, character and exemplary citizenship.

**A. CALL TO ORDER/MISSION STATEMENT/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL/QUORUM**

- a. Mr. Graham called the meeting to order at 6pm, read the mission statement, led the Pledge of Allegiance, took roll call, and declared a quorum. Board Members in attendance: Emily Belisle, Joe Buczkowski, Craig Carle, Lindsay Clinton, Ryan Graham, Mike Geers. Others in attendance: Kim McClelland, Glenn Gustafson

**B. ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

- a. Mr. Graham motioned to add letter "e. Resolution for bank authorized signatures" under "G Items requiring board action/discussion." Mrs. Clinton made a second and it carried unanimously.
- b. The agenda was approved with unanimous consent with the change made above.

**C. SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT**

- a. Mr. Carle recognized Laura Polen, Krista Pelley and Lena Gross.

**D. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS *Limit 3 minutes per person* - None**

**E. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. The minutes from January 12 and 27, 2023 were approved as distributed.
- b. The next regular session meeting date of March 9, 2023 at the East Campus gym at 6 pm was approved with unanimous consent.

**F. REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION & COMMITTEES:**

- a. COO Report: no report. Each principal from each division distributed their report electronically.
- b. CFO Report: Mr. Gustafson gave the CFO report.
- c. Committees:
  - i. Highway 105 Committee Report: Mr. Graham reported that the committee is looking forward to a mid-May start date for the re-circulation construction project at the West campus.
  - ii. Curriculum: no report.
  - iii. SAAC–West: Mr. Geers reported that the committee is working on the end of year survey for the parent community. The intent-to-enroll numbers are high thus far. The PTO is recruiting for leadership positions for the 23-24 school year.
  - iv. SAAC–East: Mrs. Belisle read the recommendation letter from the mid-year parent survey results.
  - v. Governance: Mr. Buczkowski summarized the re-drafting of the middle school uniform policy to include the new athletic wear options.
  - vi. Finance: Mr. Buczkowski reported that the committee has had two meetings since that last regular session of board. They discussed integrating into the MA accounting, the bond deadline, production requirements, payroll, financial statements, and the January reconcile. He reported on how Mrs. McClelland and Mr. Gustafson have been getting acquainted with the MA staff and how they have been working to improve

MA's accounting and financial reporting. A meeting at Integrity Bank was also held to discuss interest rates and updating signatories on the account.

- vii. Buildings & Facilities: no report
- viii. Volunteer Committee: Mrs. Clinton reported that there are currently 250 volunteers in the system with 5,000 volunteer hours. She reminded the community to enroll in Track it Forward and log your hours.
- ix. Resource Development Committee: Mr. Carle reported that the Lynx Fund has raised approximately \$75,000. The committee also discussed plans for the production of a marketing video.

**G. ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

- a. 2023-2024 Proposed School Calendar – Mrs. McClelland explained the planning of the proposed calendar. Mrs. Clinton made a motion to approve the 2023/2024 school calendar for K-5 and 6-12 as presented today. Mr. Carle made a second. It carried unanimously.
- b. Uniform Policy 1501MS redlines for athletic wear - Mr. Buczkowski moved that the board approve middle school uniform policy 1501MS as presented in the board packet. Mr. Carle made a second. Mrs. Belisle voted no. Remaining members voted yes. The motion carried 5 to 1.
- c. Budget Work Session – The board set the work session for Tuesday, March 21 at 9am with the location to be determined.
- d. Update from Interim COO: Mrs. McClelland presented the Mid-Year State of the School Update.
- e. Resolution for bank authorized signatures – Mr. Graham motioned to approve the resolution for bank authorized signatures (see attached resolution). Mr. Carle made a second and the motion carried unanimously.

**H. BOARD COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Board of Directors Election Information – Mrs. Clinton clarified that Mr. Graham is not term-limited and reminded the community about the board of directors election information.
- b. Staff Café Chat: Feb 25<sup>th</sup> from 9-11am – Mrs. Clinton reminded the staff of this opportunity.
- c. Board Café chat with COO: March 15<sup>th</sup> 9am-10:30am – Mrs. Clinton reminded the community of this opportunity.

**I. NEW BUSINESS** – none.

**J. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mr. Carle motioned to adjourn to executive session pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4) (a, d, e, and f) to discuss property matters, to discuss specialized details of security arrangements, to discuss negotiations and advice to negotiators regarding contract for school administration, and to discuss personnel matters regarding the evaluation of interim school leader and finance team. Mrs. Clinton made a second and the motion carried unanimously.

**K. ADJOURNMENT** - Mr. Graham adjourned the meeting.

**L. CITIZEN COMMENTS NOT PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS *Limit 3 minutes per*** – Mrs. Tanja Santiago addressed the board regarding the reasons she has unenrolled her kids from MA.