



*Minutes  
Providence Hall - Board of Trustees Meeting  
Thursday, February 14, 2013*

**Meeting called to order by ROBB ENGER at 2:57 pm:**

**ROLL CALL:**

*Board of Trustees members present: Robb Enger, Sonya Peterson, Melanie Kingdon, James Barker, Alicia Hansen. Laurie Compton and Londyn Nelson are excused.*

**Others Present:** *Erin Preston, Jodi Lusty, Jim Freeland, Shannon Singleton, Erica Hancock, Kathy Davis, Rebecca Strait, Kris Davison, Kathy Watson, Kelly Mattingly, Melissa Enger, Julie Howell, Hank Howell, Laurie Freeman, Mason Overcash, Jolynne Jimenez, Roger Slussar, Patricia Slussar.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** *Hank Howell – praises the board on the school and accomplishments. He is a gun owner, has 3 students at Providence Hall. He is concerned about the city’s proposal for site 3. He has talked to neighbors and they are wondering how the school feels about the gun range and what the schools position is? He wants the BOT to join them and publicly engage the parents and talk to the city and make sure they find the best place to put the gun range. They don’t want it cancelled, just want it in the safest place possible and put their children in the least amount of risk as possible. The city has made promises regarding special construction and noise mitigation, hours of operation, caliber restrictions, etc. Accidents happen. He spoke to an officer who is a friend and was told that there are many misfires, ricochets and suicides at other gun ranges in the area. Many do not get reported, but swept under the rug. Gun range will cause extra congestion, auto/pedestrian accidents. Don’t put our children at risk for any political purposes. Work together with the city to protect our community. Robb Enger states the board will take his comments, along with the other emails they have received, into consideration.*

**ROBB ENGER:**

**Item of Discussion:** *Follow Up Questions and Comments from Previous Meeting  
No questions or discussions.*

**Item of Discussion:** *Approval of January BOT Minutes*

**MOTION BY JAMES BARKER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 9, 2013. 2<sup>ND</sup> BY ALICIA HANSEN. VOTE IS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR.**

**ERIN PRESTON:**

**Item of Discussion:** *Gun Range Discussion*

*Herriman City – looking at this, showed the site, discussed plans and what they were doing. BOT has not taken an official position. City will vote on February 28. Will ask if BOT has an official position. Throughout discussions that Erin Preston has had with staff and city council members, she has ongoing concerns and has requested #1, no high powered rifles capable of being fired accurately to the school or to reach the school. Preferably not have any high powered rifles at the range at all, unless the safety can be assured. No firm*

answers have been provided yet as to their direction on this. #2, Providence Hall has students with sensitivity to sound. Herriman City does have plans for sound mitigation and safety. Gun range would go into a natural divot in the mountain. Increase berm by 15-20 feet to suppress sound and to not allow anything to shoot in the schools general direction. The other part is to build an enclosed structure above the gun range so nothing can be shot into the air. Robb opens for board members to discuss – did not want to be reactionary in coming out either for or against the gun range until they had all information necessary. James Barker states there are still unanswered questions. Robb states he researched other gun ranges that are close to schools and there has been 1 accident where another shooter was shot in the leg by a ricochet bullet, guns point away from the schools. Also states that having a local gun range may mitigate some of the illegal shooting that happens behind the school. Robb expresses his thoughts about having a gun range by the school. He also has 3 children attending Providence Hall. Sound sensitivity is a real concern for the students it will affect. Erin Preston states the sound is like hammering a nail in a distant subdivision. She was at the site for this demonstration at night when it was quiet. During the day when school is in session it is noisy and she does not feel many students will even be able to hear it. Will not know the level or affect it will have on the students with heightened sensitivity to sound. Sonya Peterson states that Providence Hall does not do the political thing; Providence Hall does the right thing for the students and the school. Erin suggests the board draft up a letter to the city council respectfully stating specific concerns they have. Alicia Hansen does not have an opinion either for or against the gun range. She has never been to a gun range and she will continue to keep her kids at Providence Hall regardless if the gun range goes in or not. Concerns are more for safety. There is a great concern for increased traffic with weapons in cars. Robb asks Kathy Watson if any of the sped students with noise sensitivity have been affected by the noise from Camp Williams. She states they have taken precautions as to alerting the teachers or ta's ahead of time to any fire alarm drills, etc and they prepare the child that it will be taking place. Laurie freeman speaks of concerns for the unknown; potential of stray bullets is not a risk parents are willing to take. Robb proposes that Erin draft a letter to Herriman City with their position to oppose the building of the gun range based on safety concerns.

**Item of Discussion:** Providence Hall High School Update

We had a petition in front of the state charter board to add 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Marlies Burns advised Erin this could be handled through administrative process. Erin believes we have the green-light to start notifying potential 11<sup>th</sup> graders, who were previous 9<sup>th</sup> graders, that this option is out there for next year. Should preference be given to students that previously attended Providence Hall? No precedence so this falls to state lottery laws. Erin suggests the board consider a provision giving preferential enrollment to students who were previously at Providence Hall that did not withdraw for any reason, other than we did not have a grade. Enrollment preference can also be given to employees rather than just cactus certified teachers because Utah has lost the federal grant and that was a federal rule, therefore state rule guidelines apply. This will only apply to 11<sup>th</sup> graders for now. BOT agrees to give preference to previously enrolled students that did not withdraw. 25 students will be allowed to enroll in 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Alicia Hansen spoke of her concerns with students driving and where to put them. Value of having DP program, getting the fast-track authorization, the 2<sup>nd</sup> group, will be cost beneficial to have no less than 10 students. Would like 10-25. Senior class for DP authorization. Working on getting portables.

**MOTION BY ALICIA HANSEN TO APPROVE PRIOR STUDENTS WHO DID NOT WITHDRAW BE TREATED AS THOUGH THEY NEVER LEFT. 2<sup>ND</sup> BY JAMES BARKER. VOTE IS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR.**

**Item of Discussion:** DP Update (Erica Hancock)

Speeding up DP Authorization. Submitting "Intent to Apply" this month. Officially submitted last Friday, February 8. Erica will call and check on if the following timeline is ok: Submit "Application for Candidacy" in April 2013. MYP – completely on track for authorization in October 2013. Verification visit should be about this same time next year. Roger will be visiting next month for a progress check. Letter of Authorization in summer of 2014. Open as a DP Authorized school in August 2014. Workshop was held on February 8<sup>th</sup> with Midvale Middle School. Presenters came to work with them on assessment and discuss changes in MYP. Both

*schools collaborated together. Teachers are now implementing the assessment portion. Correcting errors as they go. Manage Back update – Erica has been working with teachers. Deadline – they must have 4 complete planners finished by the time they leave in June. Will understand it before it goes out to parents next year.*

***Item of Discussion: Requisition for DP Fees***

*Speeding up DP Authorization. Fast-track is difficult but possible. Requires submission of “Intent to Apply Fee”. BOT authorization \$14,500 to be paid in the next 4 months to IB for applying to DP, after which we can find out if we can fast-track. Utah Legislative update – Senate bill 100 - Erin explains that students who earn IB DP credits get an increased GPA under Utah GPA rules and therefore have additional rights to earn the Utah Regence Scholarship. Eagle forum is adamantly opposing. They are trying to get IB credits stuck from being able to receive the increased GPA for the sake of the regence scholarship. This will affect our students from getting into Utah Universities. Erin asks board members to submit letters tonight to as many senators as possible.*

***MOTION BY ALICIA HANSEN TO CHANGE THE BUDGET AND ALLOCATE APPROXIMATELY \$14,500 TO IB TO FASTRACK THE DP APPLICATION. 2<sup>ND</sup> BY MELANIE KINGDON. VOTE IS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR.***

***Item of Discussion: Facility Update***

*Architectural SIOQ – will go out publically tomorrow. Need at least 3 bids. 3 weeks time period for responses. 200 spots for parking. Seminary - church will go in next to the high school building. May provide additional parking. 10 acres of land, additional 2 acres donated, but not really usable. MYP change will possibly provide release time for middle school students next year. There will still be some issues with high school graduation requirements. Students will need PE in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade for high school credits. Looking into an option of taking PE over the summer.*

***ERICA HANCOCK / JODI LUSTY:***

***Item of Discussion: IB Update***

*½ the teachers are trained and 2 of the 7 instructors are trained in IB. Currently creating a plan that will incorporate training for those teachers that still need it. Manage Back – February 8<sup>th</sup> the teachers spent time on planners. Grades are entered except for 4 & 5. They are rewriting and working on making them better before entering. 5<sup>th</sup> grade is a new team except for 1 teacher. Almost ready to go on track. Teachers are working on implementing inquiry in the building. Exhibition in may. Big impact on instruction in classroom. Kathy Watson and Jodi Lusty have been in the classrooms working with the teachers.*

***LONDYN NELSON:***

***Item of Discussion: PHAST Update***

*Londyn is Excused. No questions or discussion.*

***ALICIA HANSEN:***

***Item of Discussion: Health and Safety Update***

*No questions or discussion.*

***SHANNON SINGLETON / MAX MEYER / TAURA MERRYWEATHER:***

***Item of Discussion: Business Manager’s Report***

*Robb Enger suggests forming an unofficial committee to facilitate maintenance in the schools. Alicia Hansen will head committee. He would like to see a 1, 2, 5 and 10 year schedule. Facilities maintenance/improvement reserve. Robb asks Kathy Watson, Jim Freeland, Jodi Lusty and Erica Hancock to get with Erin Preston to come up with items needed such as laptops, curriculum, technology for the classrooms and prioritize this list*

*with the board. Robb suggests budget meeting for next month. New format – elementary, jr high, consolidated. No questions or concerns.*

***CLOSED SESSION:***

- *Discussing an individual's character, professional competence, or physical or mental health.*
- *Strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or sale of real estate property.*
- *Discussion regarding school security personnel, devices, or systems.*
- *Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct.*

***NO CLOSED SESSION.***

***MOTION BY ALICIA HANSEN TO END THE BOT MEETING. 2<sup>ND</sup> BY JAMES BARKER.  
INDIVIDUAL VOTE: JAMES BARKER, MELANIE KINGDON, SONYA PETERSON, ALICIA HANSEN.  
VOTE IS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR.***

***MEETING ADJOURNED BY ROBB ENGER AT 4:46 PM.***

***Recorder B – Folder C – 01***