

The Ranches Academy School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	05/18/26
Attendees	Stephanie Colson, Levi Anderson, Josh Marsh, Michelle Bennett, Amy Harrison, Claire Anderson, Morgan Call, Parker Hatt
Guests	Haydn Stender, Jeff Biesinger
Start time	6:30 PM
End time	9:05 PM
Location	The Ranches Academy

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Motions/Actions
Roll Call & Pledge of Allegiance		
Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes	The Board approved minutes from 4/20/2026.	MOTION: A motion by Michelle Bennett and a second by Parker Hatt to approve the previous meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously. FOR: Josh Marsh Michelle Bennett Amy Harrison Claire Anderson Morgan Call Parker Hatt AGAINST: None ABSENT: Preston Griffin

Update on School Expansion	Jeff provided an update to the Board regarding the school expansion. Change Orders are actively being tracked and documented within the project plan. The overall timeline remains on schedule. A walkthrough of the expansion was completed last week, with final closeout activities expected to be scheduled in the coming weeks. The project budget remains in good standing, and the volume of change orders has begun to decrease. As previously discussed, total project costs are projected to be slightly above \$4.2 million. A letter has been submitted to Eagle Mountain City. The Directors will update the Board if there are any impacts related to city fees.	ACTION: Keep on Agenda for Monthly updates after financial reports.
Budget Review - The Board to vote on the final number for FY26 and FY27 budget - The Board to discuss Internal format audit	<u>FY26 Budget Overview as of 4/30/2026</u> Haydn discussed the current budget and expenses. Current Enrollment 365 students The PTIF balance has been updated with the following figures: - Actual YTD: \$1,775,611.00 - Forecast: 1,792,052.00 Net Operations less Construction cost: \$431,547	MOTION: A motion by Morgan Call and a second by Michelle Bennett to approve the FY26 budget as amended. The motion passed unanimously. FOR: Josh Marsh Michelle Bennett Amy Harrison Claire Anderson Morgan Call Parker Hatt AGAINST: None

	Forecasted Net Operations minus construction costs: 112,693.00 <u>FY27 Budget Overview</u> Haydn reviewed and discussed FY27 Budget with the Board. Revenue Interest Income (1510) forecast: 3.85% return on PTIF Regular School Prgm K-12 (3010) forecast: WPU 4.2% increase Charter School Local Replacement (3719) forecast: 4.5% increase or \$3,793 per student School base Education Support Stipend (3652) is discontinued. Facility payment to Alta Bank will commence, with an initial forecast of \$250,000.00.	ABSENT: Preston Griffin MOTION: A motion by Claire Anderson and a second by Parker Hatt to approve the FY27 budget as forecasted. The motion passed unanimously. FOR: Josh Marsh Michelle Bennett Amy Harrison Claire Anderson Morgan Call Parker Hatt AGAINST: None ABSENT: Preston Griffin ACTION: The Board to discuss Internal Formal Audit in the next meeting
Report on current SLT Plan and Budget	The Directors reviewed and provided an update on the current SLT plan, outcomes, and budget performance. The established goal was 72%, and performance exceeded expectations, reaching 81%.	
Perform and Discuss Board Self-Assessment	The Board completed its self-assessment.	

	The Board also reviewed and discussed overall performance, including any concerns or issues identified.	
Review and Vote on giving Mental Health Screening	The Directors reviewed and discussed the Mental Health Screening program by Sonatix with the Board. The current screening population includes students in grades 2 through 6. Screening areas include: - Depression - Anxiety - Suicide risk assessment	MOTION: A motion by Morgan Call and a second by Claire Anderson to approve the same Mental Health Screening for FY26/27 for grade 2 through 6. The motion passed unanimously. FOR: Josh Marsh Michelle Bennett Amy Harrison Claire Anderson Morgan Call Parker Hatt AGAINST: None ABSENT: Preston Griffin
AI Framework	The Directors reviewed and discussed the AI Guidance and Framework with the Board. The State has established a list of approved AI vendors for school use. The Directors will conduct further research and evaluate potential vendors.	
26/27 Curriculum review and expenditure approval - Heggerty (Bridge to Reading and Writing)	The Directors reviewed and discussed the invoices of 26/27 Curriculum with the Board.	MOTION: A motion by Parker Hatt and a second by Morgan Call to approve the 26/27 Curriculum and expenditure invoices. The motion passed unanimously.

- Eureka (K-5) - Lexia (Reading Software) - Explore Learning (Math Software)		FOR: Josh Marsh Michelle Bennett Amy Harrison Claire Anderson Morgan Call Parker Hatt AGAINST: None ABSENT: Preston Griffin
Training for School Board Members Reminder	The Board to complete training and attach the Certification to a shared Folder. https://training.auditor.utah.gov/courses/introductory-training-for-school-board-members-2026 Folder: https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/13RNCayf90sOlv1rCFKwmDQezwQlbh1ix	
School Safety Update and Safety Grant	The Director provided an update on the School Safety plan. Training and safety drills are conducted monthly. Installation of the camera system is currently in progress. ETS is scheduled to visit on June 3rd to provide a bid for the PA system.	ACTION: Keep School Safety Update on Agenda for Monthly Updates.

Motion to Enter Into Closed Session for the Purchase, Exchange, or Lease of Property; Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation; the Character, Professional Competence, or the Physical or Mental Health of an Individual; or the Deployment of Security or Security Personnel, Devices, or Systems		MOTION: A motion by Claire Anderson and a second by Parker Hatt to enter into closed session. The motion passed unanimously. FOR: Josh Marsh Michelle Bennett Amy Harrison Claire Anderson Morgan Call Parker Hatt AGAINST: None ABSENT: Preston Griffin
Motion to leave the Closed Session for the Purchase, Exchange, or Lease of Property; Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation; the Character, Professional Competence, or the Physical or Mental Health of an Individual; or the Deployment of		MOTION: A motion by Claire Anderson and a second by Morgan Call to leave the closed session. The motion passed unanimously. FOR: Josh Marsh Michelle Bennett Amy Harrison Claire Anderson Morgan Call Parker Hatt AGAINST: None ABSENT: Preston Griffin

Security or Security Personnel, Devices, or Systems		
New Business	ACTION: Internal Formal Audit Board Meeting Schedule Review Next Meeting: August 24th at 6:30PM at the Ranches Academy	
Adjourn	Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM	A motion by Michelle Bennett and second by Morgan Call to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. FOR: Josh Marsh Michelle Bennett Amy Harrison Claire Anderson Morgan Call Parker Hatt AGAINST: None ABSENT: Preston Griffin