

APPROVED MINUTES
Wyatt Academy Board Meeting
Thursday, October 23, 2025 5:00 - 6:30 pm
Location: Principal's Office
& GoogleMeet

Moderator: Lyle Whitney
Chat Monitor: Aisha Lloyd
Notes: Terry Usry

Attendees:

[virtual attendees are noted with a "(v)"]

Board: Aisha Lloyd, Wendy Renee (v), Joseph Sanchez, Terry Usry, Lyle Whitney

Guests: Brandon Chrisp (v), Delano Duncan (v), Maria Estrada, Sarah Grant, Nicola Jackson (v), Leon Kelly, Melody Means, Megan Nyce, Cody Ostenson (v), Lisa Stuhlmiller

5:00-5:10 Welcome & Celebrations (Lyle Whitney)

5:11-5:32 Budget & Finance (Brandon Chrisp, Lyle Whitney)

- September Financials (Brandon)

Update on fund balance and potential use of funds for building improvements.

Purchased property services pacing a little high related to maintenance projects in July/August, but these were one-time expenses and the overage is not alarming.

The audit is finalized now and it's clean.

Pg 16 governmental fund - this is an important report

Last year's P&L Budget vs. revenue

Finished at 102% revenue

Expenses - 82%

- Financial Forecast (Brandon, Lyle)

3-year financial forecast to 2029

Next step is to come up with a strategic plan for using excess fund balance; Megan has sent an older 5-year check list as a start.

Melody will help predict student enrollment over the next several years.

Aisha requested adding a strategy for staff pay scale and health care.

Additional considerations for the strategic plan: adding ECE and/or 6th grade; TNLI (Transitional Native Language Instruction) program

- Architectural Work Contract Vote-SHF Grant (Lyle)

Lyle shared that we need to vote to approve contract work and payment for the architectural planning associated with preparing our application for the SHF grant.

The architectural work totaled \$46,000; the outcome was an architectural plan needed for this grant application, and it will also be helpful in future improvement projects.

Lyle moved to approve the \$46,000 cost for the architectural work

Joseph seconded the motion

Motion passed

5:32-5:35 Public Comment

Nicola asked a question about mill levy funding; the board will get back with her and the rest of the team tomorrow.

5:35 - 5:59 Board Candidates Vote (Lyle)

- Reverend Leon Kelly
- Cody Ostenson

Candidates gave a brief overview of personal history and passion for supporting Wyatt as a board member.

Lyle moved to elect Reverend Leon Kelly to the Wyatt Board of Trustees

Terry seconded the motion

Motion passed

Lyle moved to elect Cody Ostenson to the Wyatt Board of Trustees

Wendy seconded the motion

Motion passed

6:00-6:12 Board Business

- Vote to approve minutes from 9/25 Board Meeting (Terry)

Terry moved to approve the September board meeting minutes

Joseph seconded the motion

Motion passed

- Fundraising Committee Update (Aisha)

A-Z grant is in

There are some grants coming up in the spring. Colorado Health Foundation is one of these - perhaps this grant could help with our healthcare needs, although it will not fund nursing and mental health support services. Because healthcare costs are expected to rise 12-15%, it would be good for us to consider any grant opportunities like this one.

We're also looking into grant opportunities that support diversity initiatives.

- Strategic Plan Update (Aisha)

We are on track with the recent input from the board and leadership.

Aisha feels we should consider increasing the marketing budget for the school as competition for students and qualified teachers increases.

6:12-6:35 Updates from Lead Team (Melody, Lisa, Sarah and Maria)

- Celebrations (Melody)

Kinders are doing great this year.

Trunk or Treat

Lots of field trips (thanks to help from the A-Z grant) - 4th grade went on a hike, 2nd grade went to the Cheyenne Mtn Zoo, 5th grade went to a ropes course, and 1st grade went to a pumpkin patch

Denver Urban Garden has been coming in for "in-house field trips"

Literacy program going well

Principal for a Day was a hit with students

Celebrating students - a new rockstar every day

Quarterly celebrations will take place at the community meeting tomorrow

- Enrollment Update and Recruitment Plan (Maria)

247 as of today, but 4 students are moving

16 students came to Wyatt because Wyatt was recommended - word of mouth referrals are positive

30 new students are related to existing students - siblings, cousins, etc.

Reviewed where new students enrolled from and where they moved to

Reviewed breakdown of student recruitment strategies

New places to explore with absence of early excellence - youth sports programs, church-run daycare centers, in-home day care centers

- CSC Update (Melody)

We don't need to do a UIP (unified improvement plan) annually because we're green - only every other year.

We have excess money in the budget, and the committee is focusing on 2 potential projects - adding an after school sports program or a playground update. They'll send a parent survey out soon to help guide the decision.

CSC will build a presentation to ask for support for their plans.

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