



West Virginia Academy, Ltd.

Governing Board Meeting

October 19, 2023 | 7:15pm (EST) | Preston County Campus

Board Members Attending: John Treu (J. Treu), Frank Fidler (F. Fidler), Frank Oliverio (F. Oliverio), Susan Dull (S. Dull), Trista King (T. King), Glenn Larew (G. Larew), Stephanie McWilliams (S. McWilliams), Allison Woods (A. Woods)

I - Approve Meeting Minutes to Prior Meeting(s)

J. Treu, I had just one change to clarify something I had said on the last page of the minutes. “J. Treu, there is an obligation that PCYC has the right to use the property **under certain circumstances** but in terms of whose name is on the deed and title, it would be West Virginia Academy as of 11/1/2023. So, **changing to a sort of partnership** is a really significant change. Moving **the property transfer** to May, allows us time to drum up interest and hopefully have kids enrolled for that Fall, everyone is assured, and the transfer can happen. I am supportive of the delay **in making the transfer** because I think it's beneficial for all parties. The Foundation would need to approve **all of** this as well.”

No additional discussion or changes were suggested.

Motion: S. McWilliams moves to approve the 9/21/2023 Board Meeting minutes with changes as suggested. Seconded by F. Oliverio.

Discussion: None.

Outcome: Motion is unanimously approved by the Governing Board.

II – Executive Director Update

J. Treu, the Executive Director update is by Heidi, so I'll turn that time over to her.

H. Treu, I'd like to give you an update from the start of school and with some recent things that have happened. Regarding our numbers, they are a little lower than they were last year. There were some numbers that fluctuated and students on our rosters that never showed up. The 305 number was a little inflated. The 280 that we are at now are solid families.

H. Treu, we have 2-3 tours almost every week with interested families, and almost every week we have 1-2 kids that are coming in. Word is getting around and spreading. Right now, we have 16 in our 10th grade class which is huge.

Speaking of doing really well, I'd like to review the scorecards and academic results. I'd like to caveat this—with standardized testing, you can't opt out of taking testing which we weren't

fully aware of. There were a few transfer students and students who wanted to opt out, we also start earlier and give it at a different time than Mon and Preston County, and those students are still under our numbers. If they do not take the test, they get an absolute zero. We had a few students that are in that area, and you get penalized if less than 95% take it. With that being said, we had several penalties that pulled everything down, so these numbers look pretty good despite that.

So WVA at the state level, we beat them or are equal, particularly in math.

J. Treu, one way to read this, green is exceeding expectations, blue is meeting, yellow is partially meeting, and red is not meeting.

H. Treu, we included Mon and Preston County on here as well. We beat Mon in a few categories.

J. Treu, I spent some time with this because I presented to the state. The far left is academic achievements or a snapshot of where students are now, the middle is academic progress or where they are now compared to last time tested, and the right is student success which includes attendance and behavior. So, on English Language/Arts, everybody partially meets requirements. In Mathematics, everybody does not meet except Mon County partially meets, this is one category they are slightly performing better than us. The next is Academic Progress, so in English Language/Arts, we are the only one in this category that is meeting requirements.

F. Oliverio, does the length of colors indicate anything?

J. Treu, yes, it indicates how close you are to the next higher level.

H. Treu, I will tell you; we were the highest charter school in the state, and it was by far, not close. You have to take this all with the turmoil we had. I want to say this is all because of the programming that truly works. I think you're only going to see this go up. This year, when I met with my teachers, they were all happy, we are seeing progress which is good. We have created a new rule that we want the student to stay with the Teacher for the whole term. I'll tell you for the most part, our students are moving up and progressing.

H. Treu, Secondary is smooth sailing; we are working on CHAMPS which is our positive behavior approach. Secondary feels better, they are getting organized, and Stephanie Basile is the Team Leader, and she is doing incredible. Dani is up there helping us to keep behaviors in line. It is leaps and bounds from last year. We are seeing a lot of full classes. It is really exciting all the way around. Academics are really good.

H. Treu, in the National spotlight, John was in the Legislative Oversight Committee on Education with the house of delegates and senate all together. Michelle Black and James Paul gave statements, including the uniqueness of our school. They called us "unicorns" because we are home grown and local, they talked a lot about grants and funding. There are some smaller grants we will be applying for.

H. Treu, the YASS Program was a shock to us and is huge for only being in our second year. I made a lot of connections with national companies that want to help us. Their programs are very unique and cutting-edge, we will get information on them. Tomorrow, we have the Founders of YASS coming on talk of the town. The ten finalists from last year came in and spoke with us and the majority of them have expanded just in the year that they have worked with YASS. We have been embraced by these people and I can't tell you what that means for the National Spotlight our and school.

Overall, I would say, our school is more cohesive, the Executive Team is working together, and the students are happy. I know that there are things we want to work on and discuss, but lets just say its night and day, we have grown and learned a lot. We have a huge future.

No formal motions were made.

III – Creation and Authorization of Ad Hoc Committee for Disciplinary Council Appeal

J. Treu, a parent has appealed a disciplinary council decision, I can't share details because it's a public meeting. We do need the Board to hear the appeal, which could be done in an Executive Meeting with a Committee as opposed to the entire Board. On that Committee, Trista and I can't sit on it as I am the Board Chair, and Trista served on the disciplinary council at the school level. We need a committee of at least three to sit on that, they would schedule a time with the family and make their appeal, then Administration would present information on why the decision was made.

F. Oliverio, is this a standing committee?

J. Treu, its ad hoc for this one. At the school level, we pull in a Board Member, if the Board Member would be there and on the standing committee, you would have to adjust.

Frank, Allison, and Stephanie expressed interest in serving.

Motion: F. Fidler moves to appoint the Ad-Hoc Committee and authorize the Committee to make a decision on the appeal. Seconded by T. King.

Discussion: S. McWilliams, what is the timeline? J. Treu, it should be prompt, within Friday or Monday to schedule. It would be best if it could be completed this week while keeping the Executive Team in the loop.

Outcome: Motion is unanimously approved by the Governing Board.

IV – Budgeting Update (potential)

J. Treu, I put potential because I wasn't exactly sure where last year's numbers would be and if we can present in this meeting or not. There are a few things lingering, year-end data is going to go through a full financial audit, so we are being methodical and careful to make sure

everything is in there. Suji is still working on a few things, so I'd like to push to the next meeting.

No formal motions were made.

V – Update on Status of Property Donation and Facility Management Agreement

F. Oliverio, I met with Glenn earlier this week and we talked a bit about the agreement and property donation. I think we both felt it would be a good time to stop the agreement and start over and so consequently, I would like to suggest we void our signatures and continue to work together on rental of the facility for basketball and fall fest and anything else like that. In talking together, we want to keep a certain relationship with the PCYC, but at this time it doesn't sound like the donation is going to happen and it isn't in our best interest to push for the donation. Glenn has been very benevolent on other things, and I know will continue to be. Glenn and I also discussed without the donation, for the time being, we are solidifying what we are doing with WVA and Glenn is fine with resigning from the Board when we dissolve the agreement. Stephanie, Boggie, and I will continue to keep in touch with Glenn.

Motion: F. Oliverio moves to dissolve the Facility Management Agreement with PCYC and Coaltrain contingent upon the four parties voting in favor of voiding and resignations from the Boards. Seconded by S. McWilliams.

Discussion: F. Oliverio, Glenn, you'll let us know when PCYC and Coaltrain make a decision? G. Larew, yes we want to continue whatever relationship we can have as we still have classrooms sitting up there. So, after the first of the year, there will be some revisiting of the campus? F. Oliverio, I think as we have discussed that's a conversation we need to have, again, dependent on interest of the families of Preston County. J. Treu, I'm just checking on Board Resignations, I think they might need to be in writing. F. Oliverio, Glenn I did send you an email, if it is easier, you could just respond and affirm, that might satisfy that. S. Dull, would that account for the Foundation? F. Oliverio, it wouldn't. S. Dull, if you could forward it, I could complete one similar for the Foundation. J. Treu, I think we can proceed; I do think it needs to be to the Board as a whole.

Outcome: Motion is unanimously approved by the Governing Board.

VI – New/Additional Business

Motion: F. Fidler moves to adjourn. Seconded by S. Dull

Discussion: S. McWilliams, we wanted to request a meeting with the Executive Committee. F. Oliverio, yes, we wanted to do that. J. Treu, Frank had communicated that he was interested in having the Board meet with the Executive Committee. If we have everyone meet, it would be an official board meeting, so the issue was scheduling that meeting. S. Dull, what dates are we looking at? F. Oliverio, I don't think next week is going to work. J. Treu, our next scheduled meeting is November 16, or do we want to meet quicker than that? S.

McWilliams, I don't think we want to wait a full month because there are some more time sensitive items to address. J. Treu, if it isn't a majority and just a small group, then you can just go to the Executive Committee Meetings. S. McWilliams, when does the Executive Committee meet? S. Dull, Thursdays at 1:00. J. Treu, if you don't have official action to take, it would be helpful to go to those because you should be able to communicate with the Executive Team. F. Oliverio, if there is four or more of us it constitutes it is a Board Meeting? J. Treu, the concern would just be Board action or business couldn't be conducted. F. Oliverio, we could go into an Executive Session? F. Oliverio, why don't we do that?

Motion: F. Oliverio moves to vote down the adjournment. Seconded by T. King.

Discussion: None

Outcome: Motion is unanimously approved by the Governing Board.

Motion: T. King moves to go into an Executive Session. Seconded by F. Oliverio.

Discussion: None

Outcome: Motion is unanimously approved by the Governing Board.

The Board enters an Executive Session at 7:45pm and concludes approximately at 10:35pm.

Motion: F. Oliverio moves to conclude the Executive Session. Seconded by S. McWilliams.

Discussion: None

Outcome: Motion is unanimously approved by the Governing Board.

Motion: S. McWilliams moves to adjourn. Seconded by F. Oliverio.

Discussion: None

Outcome: Motion is unanimously approved by the Governing Board.

[Meeting minutes approved on _____]