

**Legacy Academy Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Legacy Academy Library**  
**Tuesday April 8th, 2008. Time: 6:30 p.m.**

- 1.0 **Call to order:** 6:31 p.m.
- 2.0 **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3.0 **Roll Call:** Director Bleich, Director Campbell, Director Malerich, Director Walter, Director Craley, Principal Hannigan, Vice-Principal Kroeker, Office Manager Sneed
- 4.0 **Approval of Agenda:**

Item 6.1 Board Comments was added.  
Item 13.2 Sale of Bus was added  
A motion was made to approve the agenda as amended by Dir. Walter and seconded by Dir. Craley.  
Roll Call Vote: Dir. Bleich-aye, Dir. Campbell – aye, Dir. Malerich – aye, Dir. Walter – aye, Dir. Craley - aye. Motion carried, 5-0.
- 5.0 **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Dir. Craley and seconded by Dir. Campbell. Roll Call Vote: Dir. Bleich-aye, Dir. Campbell – aye, Dir. Malerich – aye, Dir. Walter – aye, Dir. Craley - aye. Motion carried, 5-0.
- 6.0 **Guest Comments (2 minutes each)**

Colin Hooper wanted to propose a new sidewalk for his Eagle Scout project. See attached packet. A motion was made to approve the project by Dir. Campbell and seconded by Dir. Walter. Roll Call Vote: Dir. Bleich-aye, Dir. Campbell – aye, Dir. Malerich – aye, Dir. Walter – aye, Dir. Craley - aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

The board is very appreciative of Colin and this proposed project.

Brooks Imperial read a report about the Elbert County Sheriff's Department from May of 2007. He is concerned about the safety of the schools under their jurisdiction. He has emailed Chief Phibbs of the Elizabeth Police Department. Brooks wants the school to make an agreement to be under the jurisdiction of the Elizabeth Police Department.

Dir. Bleich wants to know if Brooks has problems with how the situation was handled on Friday. Brooks was concerned that the Elizabeth PD was not brought in on the decision to evacuate. Dir. Bleich was disagrees with Brooks.

Dir. Craley stated that Helen and Charla have attended district safety meetings once a month for years. Under Sheriff Heap has been extraordinary. He is awesome. One of the men from the Sheriff's Department has been at all the meetings this year except for maybe one. Elizabeth PD is also at these meetings.

The Elizabeth Police Department was at Frontier High School before the students got to the school. Greg Schondel wants to know if we could walk through the scenario of what happened on Friday. Mrs. Hannigan recounted the information and explained what happened with the evacuation on Friday. The calling of all the parents takes time. She recommends getting an automatic calling system.

Dir. Craley wants to know if there is counseling in place for kids that were upset by this episode. Mrs. Hannigan has talked with our school psychologist and they are working on getting a plan in place. Teachers talked with their students first thing Monday morning. There were no known emotional issues related to this issue. Mary Anne Ball wanted to thank the administration for the decision that they made. Mrs. Reiber stated that she was one of the first parents to pick up her kids and was very impressed at how it was handled – it was not chaotic at all.

Dir. Bleich feels the based on this situation he does not feel that this situation could have been handled any better than it was. Brooks still has a concern with the Sheriff. He thinks this need to be discussed with Chief Phibbs.

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Mary Anne Ball thinks that this was an incredible exercise and that we learned a lot and will be ready if a more serious situation comes up.

Mrs. Hannigan stated that the district was wonderful. The principal of the middle school and the finance officer came over to Legacy Academy to help. The staff at Frontier High School was amazing.

**6.1 Board Comments**

Dir. Campbell wants to publicly thank the administration, teachers, parents, and staff that helped on Friday. The primary teachers were great and kept the kids very calm. He is glad that Mrs. Hannigan made the call for the evacuation.

**7.0 Future Planning Committee**

Mrs. Hannigan gave a summary of today's meeting. They talked about the elementary school, esp. about the curriculum (esp. math) and some of the training that we are looking at for next year. At the end they talked a little bit about the high school social activity group. Mike Hettinga added that he got the most information out of this meeting than he has out of any other meeting. Mrs. Anthony has done everything she has to get people involved in this committee. Mary Anne Ball added that Miss Kroeker and Mrs. Hannigan are going to write a letter and then hold a meeting to better communicate what is happening with the math and the curriculum.

**8.0 Election Committee Update**

Mike Hettinga stated that there are four candidates for three openings. The ballots are ready. The election will be on the 15<sup>th</sup>. The biggest concern is that people need to read the rules for voting. These have been in the Ledger and he will be handing out flyers in carpool on Monday. Mrs. Reiber wants to know if the letters will be available that night. Mike thought that was a great idea. There is a write in spot on the ballot. Campaigning is not allowed inside the school building, but they can campaign outside of the building.

**9.0 Athletic/Activities Director Items**

**9.1 Athletic Booster Club report**

Mr. Crofford stated that the Booster Club met before Spring Break. There are no more fundraisers planned for this year. They have \$955 in the bank now. They are planning on doing another Bull Drop in October. In May they are going to revise their bylaws and elect new officers.

Baseball and soccer seasons are both underway. He has an open gym after school a couple of afternoons a week.

A parent meeting for the Landsharks Running Club met today. This is for kids in grade K-6. There are ten kids signed up so far.

He will be attending the board of control meeting for CHSAA and expects them to vote us in at that time.

Mary Anne wanted to know why we didn't compete against a lot of the Castle Rock area charter schools – why are we a part of the Black Forest League? Most of the charter schools are K-8. We have a high school, so that is part of the reason why we are part of the league. They also offer lots of other activities other than sports. The Black Forest League is a 1A and 2A league, and we fit this because of our size.

Charla and Fred are looking into a sports co-op with other schools, but we need to check with the district on this first.

**9.2 High School Washington D.C. trip.**

They have over \$8,000 deposited. Fourteen people are going. There will be a meeting on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> in Mr. Swanson's room. They will not be able to tour the White House, but they will be able to

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tour the Capital building. There is one more fundraiser planned for this Friday. The school has not had to pay any money for this trip.

**10.0 PTO Report**

See attached report.

**11.0 Fund Raising Committee Update**

Nothing to report.

**12.0 LA Principals report**

**12.1 Charter School/District Contract (EL#11)**

Executive limitations – our relationship with the district. She feels we have a good relationship with Elizabeth C-1, especially compared to some other charter schools. We need to start to review our contract with the district, which is up for renewal next year. Basically, our lawyers hammer these out. This time we will combine the two charters – the K-8 charter and the High School Charter into one K-12 charter. We need to give the district a heads-up about this. There is now a state law that districts can no longer out a cap on charter school enrollment. We could try to extend the length of our charter – right now it is for five years.

Brooks wants to know if there is a way to look at all the district policies and decide which ones we want to waive out of. Helen stated that a board member usually takes this as an action item or have the administration review this. We do not follow any of the district academic policies or on the hiring and firing of staff. For most of the other policies we follow the district. Dir. Bleich thinks this is a good idea for someone to look through these policies. Helen stated that this has always been someone on the board who has done this. This needs to be added to the board calendar – to decide who will look at the district policies and decide which ones we would like to try and opt out of.

In March we lost one middle school student. Our enrollment is currently 422.

K-5 attendance rate is 94.32%.

Middle School attendance rate is 93.85%.

High School attendance rate is 93.35%.

Mr. Crofford is helping to send letters home to parents whose students have excessive absences (9 days or more).

**12.2 Proposed letters of intent (EL#3,10)**

We have five letters of resignation. The French position will not be replaced. If students want to take French, it may be offered online. Open positions have been advertised in house. We also want to offer a full-time reading specialist/gifted and talented teacher. Sixth grade will be put back into full-time classes. Mrs. Hannigan and Krystal have been working on the schedules. We need a secondary teacher to teach math and computers. We are also adding some character classes added to the schedule.

Is Jim McMillen still willing to help us with computers? He has not been called at all this year except at the beginning of the year. Dir. Bleich suggests that John Cowel starts to document some of what he has done to fix the computers. John can show Helen and Krystal how to take over some of his jobs – such as running report cards, down lists, getting the Parent Connect online, etc.

Brooks wants to know what the curriculum for teaching character will be. Mrs. Hannigan is familiar with the Bullyproofing curriculum. We also have the Core Virtue curriculum in place.

The letters of intent for the teachers are done. Everyone who is staying has been renewed. We do not have Mrs. Grotheer's letter yet because she has requested a job share and Mrs. Hannigan is not sure how that will work at this point.

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Mary Anne Ball wanted to know what it would take to provide Spanish for the second grade this year. Mr. Gleiforst's schedule is full.

**13.0 Financials**

**13.1 Monthly budget report**

See attached report. There has not been much change. This month does not reflect the new budget that was adopted in March.

We received an additional \$70,000 in high school grant money.

There is also a summary included about the changes made to the budget.

There was also a report on the budget and what things are set in stone and what things can be adjusted.

Greg Schondel wanted to know if the position for a facilities manager was filled – this was taken out and was filled by Anne.

A motion was made to approve the financials by Dir. Craley and seconded by Dir. Campbell. Roll Call Vote: Dir. Bleich-aye, Dir. Campbell – aye, Dir. Malerich – aye, Dir. Walter – aye, Dir. Craley - aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

**13.2 Sale of the bus**

We do own a bus, but it has been sitting at the district transportation center. It has not been reliable transportation. We have sold the bus for \$1200. The sale of the bus needs to be approved.

A motion was made to approve the sale of the bus by Dir. Campbell and seconded by Dir. Craley. Roll Call Vote: Dir. Bleich-aye, Dir. Campbell – aye, Dir. Malerich – aye, Dir. Walter – aye, Dir. Craley - aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

See attached facilities report.

There was a discussion about the automated phone system and also having a palm pilot that would store all the student data.

Mary Anne Ball wants to know if she can proceed with the placement of the tiles. Mr. Meyerett will be able to put this up. The board is fine with using Mr. Meyerett's suggestion.

**14.0 Board Calendar Items**

Review and Revise new Board Member Orientation (GP #4-8)

Dir. Bleich has been adding things to what he went over last year.

**15.0 Old Action Items**

**15.1 Helen**

Email Paul or Ron about the Mill Levy – when they are meeting next.

They had a meeting and Karen Heap went to this meeting. The next meeting will be the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April.

Mrs. Reiber is one of the committees and she is trying to recruit more volunteers.

Mrs. Hannigan has not heard back from Paul Delocrose on this.

So far there has been nothing in writing with the Elizabeth C-1 school district.

Mrs. Hannigan thinks it would be great if we could get about 10% of the mill levy since we have about 10% of the district population. She thinks the district is asking for \$75 per \$100,000 assessed value of the home.

Greg wants to know if anyone else has attended the Elizabeth C-1 board meetings. There has been one meeting, but it was not communicated to our school.

**15.2 Dir. Bleich**

Move the approval of the handbook to June instead of May.

This was done.

**16.0 New Action Items**

**16.1 Dir. Bleich**

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Adding a board calendar item to assign someone to review district policies in August.

17.0 **Guest Comments**

There were no comments.

18.0 **Board Self Review (GP #3-4)**

These were all 3's from the board members.

**Recess:** 8:43 p.m.

**Reconvene:** 8:53 p.m.

19.0 **Executive Session**

A motion was made to move into executive session by Dir. Campbell and seconded by Dir. Walter.

Roll Call Vote: Dir. Bleich-aye, Dir. Campbell – aye, Dir. Malerich – aye, Dir. Walter – aye, Dir.

Craley - aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

**Executive Session convened at:** 8:56 p.m.

A motion was made to move out of executive session by Dir. Malerich and seconded by Dir. Craley.

Roll Call Vote: Dir. Bleich-aye, Dir. Campbell – aye, Dir. Malerich – aye, Dir. Walter – aye, Dir.

Craley - aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

**Executive Session adjourned at:** 9:22 p.m.

20.0 **Adjourn**

A motion was made to adjourn by Dir. Craley and seconded by Dir. Walter. Roll Call Vote: Dir.

Bleich-aye, Dir. Campbell – aye, Dir. Malerich – aye, Dir. Walter – aye, Dir. Craley - aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

**Adjourn:** 9:24 p.m.