



Athlos Academy
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Athlos Academy of Utah Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: **31 July 2018**

Time: **4:00pm**

Location: **12309 South Mustang Way, Herriman, UT 84096, Room 202**

Attendance

bold indicates present

- **Bethany Zeyer**
- **Josh Cummings**
- Rob Ninow
- **Jake McCrea**
- **Gary Hansen**
- **Jeana Bonner**
- **Ben Hyink**
- **Eric Christensen**

and also Lisa Arbogast Stephanie Burton Nina Red Thunder Jacinta Red Thunder Abby Faraday Jeffrey Herr Vickie Peterson Jarom Airhart Darren Nicely Jeff Gunther

Dovetta Flowers Karen Trujillo Dan Price

Standing Items

Called to Order: **4:09pm**

Approval of Virtual Meeting: *N/A*

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

None

Discussion Items

Board Legal Counsel Interview

by Lisa Arbogast

Bethany introduced the board to Lisa Arbogast as potential legal counsel

Background as an educator, taught school for Weber School District for 16 years

Lisa gave her career background. Education -> Law, through Doug Bates. Worked with the State board of education, esp for SpED. "Of counsel" with Kirton McConkie.

Only representing schools right now.

Why do you suppose that is?

I have the luxury to select good law. Periodically, there are some very meitorious cases that I've seen inmy role. But, many of the cases that we see are more "Anxious parent", though.

It's against the state bar of ethics to pursue a case of legal merit.

Other times, I've been conflicted out due to the fact that I respresent schools.

What do you see as your role as it pertains uniquely to a charter school board of directors?

The law as it relates to SpED is my primary practice. Employment is my other area of practice. Kirton McConkie covers many areas of expertise.

Often day to day questions are fed to me (Lisa) that a director or board member has. Gives cell phone number out for incidental questions, quick legal responses.

Experience with contract review, service agreements, etc.?

Memorandums of Understanding. I did those for Harmony, School for the Blind, SpED programs. Though, if there is something that I'm lacking, I'll pull in a colleague.

We did a lot of HIPAA, bills of lading, etc. which involves contract review.

School Leader Search

by Bethany Zeyer

Leadership Team Report

Bethany introduced the school leadership team. Dovetta Flowers, Karen Trujillo, and Dan Price.

The school leadership team reported on three strengths of each candidate.

Jarom Airhart

1. Been since the beginning
2. Student-centric, always present
3. Knows what he doesn't know, isn't afraid to ask for help

Jeff Herr

1. Vast experience across grade levels, district schools, charter schools, online schools, oversees schools
2. Clear, specific strategy for PD, enrollment, retainment, and working with parents. Always included teachers in his input
3. Has a business background. Knows the business end of running a charter school

Vickie Peterson

1. Has experience with charter schools at all grade levels
2. Experience with lobbying, knows what it takes to start a charter school
3. Does a lot of connecting with students

Jarom Airhart's Presentation

Jarom gave his professional background including teaching as well as his studies to get his admin credentials. Loves the students and the community.

Jeffrey Herr's Presentation

Jeff Herr gave his professional background, 23 as an administrator, 3 years as a teacher, including opening Open Classroom, the first Utah charter school. Taught internationally.

Talked about experiences he had developing new schools and turning around struggling schools. Talked about Athlos is similar to a school he looked at starting in 1999.

Vickie Peterson's Presentation

Vickie explained her background in lobbying for the UN across the world and followed charter school legislation. Explained some of her teaching philosophy. Talked about how she served on the board for the ALA, the first Utah charter school. How she worked to figure things out at ALA in the early days of charter schools. Following, she directed Liberty Academy and C.S. Lewis Academy, then directed Virtual Classroom HS. She explained more about her philosophy how she wants to interact with the students and get input from the entire team.

Motion to Move Into Closed Session by Josh:

Seconded: **Gary** For: **7** Against: **0**

The board gave their approval of Jeff Herr as Director.

Motion to adjourn @ 625pm : **Eric** Seconded: **Gary** For: **6** Against: **0**