

BOT Meeting Thursday September 25, 2025 Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: Jim Sander, Robert Ansbro, Thomas Gorrell, Ted Francavilla, Lucas Doe

Administrators in attendance: Norma Hurwitz, Eddie Kubina

Not in Attendance: Christopher Brignola, Sean Blackwell

Meeting Called to Order by Jim Sander 6:40 pm

I. Approval of Minutes

Thomas motioned to approve the minutes, Ted seconds, all in favor

II. Transitioning to New Building

Students and parents can spread the word about how nice the school is. The advertising is helping. We are a few students over budget. The numbers will probably go down a bit. The starting number is higher than expected. We just had a tabling event this past Saturday. We were able to speak to several students. We are looking to have more students and increase our presence. Overall the transition has gone well. Classrooms are calmer. We no longer have to contend with sharing space and having distractions from unstructured schools. The teachers have a calmer tone as there is less noise. The students are more engaged as there are fewer distractions.

III. Staff

Emre Topal is working out nicely. Charline is doing a good job this year. Her classroom is well managed and her students are engaged. Bayram is also doing well this year. He is working with a lot of different groups and because he has been with us a while, he is able to manage it well. We hired a music teacher who is working out nicely so far. We are still looking to hire more staff, however, the applicants are not the best right now.

IV. High School

We have 37 students. There are two classes. They are switching classes. They occupy a total of 8 classrooms. They will be taking three regents exams this year. They have algebra, English, and Earth Science. The foreign language offered is Spanish. We are following the curriculum as it was established in the high school expansion proposal.

V. Committee Reports

Building: Nothing new to mention. Everything is on track. We are working on the permanent certificate of occupancy.

The school security guard is working out nicely. She is calm and friendly. Pleasant to the students.

The custodial staff has been performing well and getting things done in a timely manner.

Finance: We are making quite a lot on interest income. The financials look good. It does not make sense to pay off the bond right now because the interest owed on the bond is lower than the interest we are making on investments. As the interest rates change it would be reevaluated.

Education: Nothing to report.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 pm.