



Karl G. Maeser Preparatory Academy



TRUTH HONOR VIRTUE

MEETING MINUTES

Karl G. Maeser Preparatory Academy
Public Board Meeting
March 14th, 2025
7:00 pm

OPEN SESSION

Start Time: 7:09 pm

End Time: 10:01 pm

Members Present: Cynthia Shumway, Steve Whitehouse, Jason Dodge, Jo Anna Larsen, Sandra Russell

Members Absent: Paul Bingham

Staff Present:

Public: Alex Kreiner, Ryan Crafts, Lisa Johnson, Kaylene Cotton, Wendi Keller, John Morgan, Willow House, Grant Johnson, Samuel Vick, Rebekah Nagata, Andrew Nagata, Aeissia Huntzinger, Alex Bahr

Cynthia Shumway called the meeting to order at 7:09pm

BOARD BUSINESS

- It was determined that a quorum was present.
- The Pledge was recited.
- **MOTION:** Steve Whitehouse moved to approve the minutes from [March 11th, 2025](#) & [March 14th, 2025](#). Jo Anna Larsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Next meeting will be held on May 13th, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT

- During the public comment period, students and parents addressed the board regarding concerns raised at the March 11th meeting about the Mr. Maeser pageant and school culture. Speakers emphasized the importance of civil discourse and expressed a desire for continued improvement in student behavior, communication, and respect for differences within the school. Many conveyed their belief that Maeser fosters critical thinking in their students' pursuit of truth, and they clarified that the views of a few parents on prejudice or gender issues do not reflect the sentiments of the broader school community.

LEA ADMINISTRATOR-Robyn Ellis

DIRECTORS REPORT-Ted Gilbert

- He shared some data in regards to ACT testing and state testing. Maeser is consistently above average. Maeser received an exemplary rating.

DISCUSSION & APPROVAL

- Paint Color Selection: Robyn presented the new paint colors for the existing school.

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- Rocky Mountain Power: **MOTION:** Steve Whitehouse motion to approve the Rocky Mountain Electrical Agreement as well as the Enbridge Gas Agreement and their correlated expenses. Jo Anna Larsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET-Steve Whitehouse

- **MOTION:** Jo Anna Larsen moved to approve the S&P Bond Rating Engagement and correlated fee. Sandra Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- **MOTION:** Jo Anna Larsen moved to approve the Utah State Charter Finance Authority fee of \$20,000. Steve Whitehouse seconded the motion.
- **MOTION:** Jason Dodge moved to grant the budget committee the continue moving forward with construction related costs that have previously been in the bid. Jo Anna Larsen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

FACILITIES/MAINTENANCE-Jason Dodge

- **MOTION:** Jason Dodge moved to engage WC3 Company as our code engineer and the budget as presented. Sandra Russel seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- **MOTION:** Steve Whitehouse moved to hire EArth Tech as the special inspections with the \$35,000-\$38000 estimated budget. Jo Anna Larsen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE: Jo Anna Larsen

- The spring event is happening this Saturday.

CURRICULUM-Cynthia Shumway & Robyn Ellis

- They have started collecting Winterim proposals. It should be ready to present to the board in the May meeting.
- Robyn presented a teacher recommended name change for the music/choir classes. **MOTION:** Jo Anna Larsen moved to approve the rebranding of Showcoir to Madrigals. Sandra Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **MOTION:** Sandra Russell moved to approve the Madrigal Choir selections that have been recommended by the Curriculum Committee. Jo Anna Larsen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- **MOTION:** Jo Anna Larsen moved to move into closed session for the discussion of personnel. Steve Whitehouse seconded. Paul (aye), Sandra (aye), Steve (aye), Jo Anna (aye), Cynthia (aye).

CLOSED SESSION

Start Time: 8:30 pm

End Time: 10:00 pm

MOTION: Steve Whitehouse moved to return back into open session. Sandra Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

OPEN SESSION

Start Time: 10:00 pm

End Time: 10:01 pm

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MOTION: Steve Whitehouse moved to approve the employment letter of intent with the staffing list as discussed in closed session. Sandra Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Jo Anna Larsen moved to adjourn. The motion passed.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at:

Recording: https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1W7yr2J5HWYSOx8M_qDh0rolqt0rqLrvC

Minutes: <https://maeserprep.org/board-meeting-minutes/>

Materials: https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1Jrl7IeZmpdtjBIEQp6Syt_hXzkZF0cZm