**BOARD WORKSHOP MINUTES**

**February 18th, 2015 5:00-8:00 PM Syringa Mountain School**

1. A Board Meeting of the Syringa Mountain School Board was held on February 18, 2015. Board Co-Chair Phoebe Pilaro presided. The following members were in attendance:

Greg Bloomfield, Board Chair by phone

Paul Bates, Member

Phoebe Pilaro, Vice Chair

Ben Rogers, Board Treasurer

Bobbi Filbert, Parent Council Chair

Also in attendance:

Director, Dr. Mary Gervase

Pedagogical/Curriculum Director, Mende Coblentz

1. Meeting was called to order 5:12 PM
2. Bobbi Filbert made a motion to amend the board agenda to move approval of expenses to the next board meeting. Greg Bloomfield seconded the motion and motion passes unanimously.
3. Old Business
	1. All school meeting scheduled for Thursday February 26th, 6:00 PM for the purpose of updating our families on the state of the school, next steps, and ways to re-commit to our mission.
	2. Committee Updates: Parent Council continues to plan the HoeDown. Finance Committee reported receipt of the February State Department of Education payment. Additional federal monies are expected by the end of this month. Development Committee working on grant writing as well as approaching individual donors and private foundations.
	3. Recruitment of prospective Board members was reviewed.

Review of Mende Coblentz’s research into Kim John Payne. She summarized a discussion with Sebastopol Waldorf Charter School who are using the Kim John Payne 3 Stream Process, highlighting the cost of the program, the challenges adjusting the process to a public school setting and in particular regarding parent involvement and confidentiality. She will be contacting Kim Jon Payne directly to discuss the cost of the program as well as canvassing the staff. Mende will report back to the board as more information is obtained.

1. New Business
	1. Guest parent Nancy Linscott presented suggestions for All Parent Meeting and community outreach.
	2. Paul Bates made the motion to adopt the 2015 Special Education Manual as SMS Board Policy replacing the previous policy. Ben Rogers seconds the motion and the motion passes unanimously.
2. Phoebe Pilaro made a motion to enter executive session as Authorized by Idaho Code 67-2345b for personnel issues or other identified legitimate reasons as identified by Open Meeting Law. Paul Bates seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken: Phoebe Pilaro-Yes, Paul Bates-Yes. Greg Bloomfield-Yes. Ben Rogers-Yes. Bobbi Filbert-Yes. Executive session ended at 7:45 PM. No action was taken.
3. Paul Bates made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Phoebe Pilaro seconded the motion and motion passes unanimously.
4. Next board meeting date: March 4th, 2015 beginning at 5:00 PM
5. Adjournment of February 18th, 2015 Board Meeting 7:55 PM.

*\*Anyone wishing to address the Board must complete a “Request to Appear before the Board” form and submit to the Board chair prior the start of the board meeting. The Board will take public comment only at regular board meetings and only on matters scheduled on the agenda. Board work sessions do not include time for public comment. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes. Total time allotted for public comment is at the discretion of the Board chair. Thank you for sharing your comments with us.* Legal Reference: I.C. Section 33-512(11) and section 67-2345.