**BOARD MINUTES**

**January 7th, 2015 5:00-8:00 PM Syringa Mountain School**

1. A Board Meeting of the Syringa Mountain School Board was held on January 7, 2015. Board Chair Greg Bloomfield presided. The following members were in attendance:
2. Greg Bloomfield, Board Chair
3. Paul Bates, Member
4. Phoebe Pilaro, Vice Chair

Ben Rogers, Board Treasurer

Bobbi Filbert, Parent Council Chair

1. Also in attendance:
2. Director, Dr. Mary Gervase
3. Pedagogical/Curriculum Director, Mende Coblentz
4. Meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM
5. Public comment was taken. Issues included staffing, governance, mentoring, professional development and the Communication and Care Committee.
6. Approval of Consent Agenda
	1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for December 10 and 17, 2014
	2. A Motion was made by Phoebe Pilaro to approve the consent agenda, board minutes from December 10th and 17th, 2014 and Budget Expenditures. Motion was second Ben Rogers and motion passes unanimously.
7. Old Business
	1. Discussion: Frequency of Board meetings. No action taken. The Board will continue to hold two board meetings a month. The budget report will be presented at the second meeting of the month.
	2. Parent Council report: Decision was made to table the chocolate bar sales for this year. Hoe Down scheduled for March 7th, at Sweetwater, and Noli Burge is chairing the committee. Will include silent auction as well as ticket sales.
	3. Development Committee report: $150,000 still needed for this school year. $250,000 has been raised to date. Suggestion to ask parents to commit to donate a certain amount each month. For example, a pledge of $25 per month from 30 families would be significant.

Phoebe Pilaro is re-starting the Development Committee. Suggestion that Parent letters need to be resent and with the above option included. There is still a need to hire a development director at some point. Robyn Watson has been providing her expertise gratis.

* 1. Property for farm and garden use at some point in the future.
1. Executive Session as Authorized by Idaho Code 67-2345b for personnel issues or other identified legitimate reasons as identified by Open Meeting Law. Bobbi Filbert made a motion to move into executive session. Paul Bates seconded the motion. Role call vote was taken. Member Greg Bloomfield-Yes. Member Ben Rogers-Yes. Member Phoebe Pilaro-Yes. Member Bobbi Filbert-Yes. Member Paul Bates-Yes. The Board entered executive session at 6:45 PM.
2. The Board reconvened the regular session at 8:10 PM. Paul Bates made a motion to accept the Directors recommendations to hire a full time co-teacher for second grade. Bobbi Filbert seconded the motion and the motion passes unanimously.
3. Paul Bates made a motion to hire Dr. Mary Goral for one week of coaching, mentoring and staff evaluation in February. Phoebe Pilaro seconded the motion and motion passes unanimously.
4. Ben Rogers made a motion to adjourn the board meeting. Paul Bates seconded the motion and motion passes unanimously.
5. Next board meeting date: January 21, 2015 beginning at 5:00 PM
6. Adjournment of January 7th , 2015 Board Meeting

*\*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.