

MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SOMERSET ACADEMY OF LAS VEGAS
APRIL 28, 2025

The Board of Directors of Somerset Academy of Las Vegas held a public meeting on April 28, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Board Chair John Bentham. The following Board members were in attendance: John Bentham, LeNora Bredsguard, Matt Hurley, and Renee Fairless.

Board Members Travis Mizer, Sarah McClellan, and Matt Morris were not in attendance.

Also present were the following principals: Lee Esplin, Jessica Scobell, Shannon Manning, Cesar Tiu, Kate Lackey, Mindi Palomeque, and David Fossett. Other attendees included Suzette Ruiz with Somerset Inc., and Academica representatives Gary McClain and Marla Devitt.

OPEN MEETING LAW PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

a. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 31, 2025 BOARD MEETING

b. APPROVAL OF THE MOUS WITH CSN FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT

MEMBER FAIRLESS MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. MEMBER BREDSGUARD SECONDED THE MOTION, AND THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE.

4. ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF TECH REFRESH FOR THE LONE MOUNTAIN CAMPUS

Mr. Gary McClain addressed the Board and presented the tech refresh proposal for the Lone Mountain campus, seeking approval for \$92,774. This would cover 75 Chromebooks, 38 teacher computers, monitors, speakers, and 5 smart boards. Member Bentham inquired about the purpose of the smartboards. Principal Cesar Tiu addressed the Board and clarified that the smartboards were additional, not replacements, for elective teachers and specialists.

MEMBER HURLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE COST FOR THE TECH REFRESH FOR THE LONE MOUNTAIN CAMPUS. MEMBER FAIRLESS SECONDED THE MOTION, AND THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE.

b. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF TECH REFRESH FOR THE SKY POINTE CAMPUS

Mr. McClain presented the tech refresh proposal for the Sky Pointe campus, requesting \$89,987 for 6 smart boards and 200 student Chromebooks. Principal Lee Esplin addressed the Board and explained that the Chromebooks were needed to replace damaged and outdated devices, particularly those used by graduating seniors. The smart boards were for three special education rooms that were being divided.

MEMBER HURLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE TECH REFRESH FOR THE SKY POINTE CAMPUS. MEMBER FAIRLESS SECONDED THE MOTION, AND THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE.

c. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF QUOTE TO REPLACE ALL SOMERSET SERVERS

Mr. McClain presented a quote of \$54,922 to replace servers across all Somerset campuses. He explained that the current servers were outdated, still using mechanical hard drives. The Board discussed the validity of the price and the process for obtaining the quote. Mr. McClain assured the Board that Onward, the IT provider, would shop for the best price within the approved amount.

MEMBER HURLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE QUOTE TO REPLACE ALL SOMERSET SERVERS. MEMBER BREDSGUARD SECONDED THE MOTION, AND THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE.

d. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SKY POINTE CAMPUS CLASSROOM CARPET

Mr. McClain presented a proposal to replace carpet in 10 classrooms at the Sky Pointe campus for \$30,410. Member Fairless questioned why carpet was chosen instead of other options, such as luxury vinyl tile (LVT), sharing that LVT has proven to be durable with good cleaning ease at her school. Principal Esplin explained that the carpet squares were chosen for easy replacement and noise reduction. Mr. McClain acknowledged that it often comes down to preference, noting that LVT eliminates the need for waxing compared to vinyl composite tile (VCT) and offers durability, while carpet helps with acoustics in classrooms with hard surfaces. Member Bredsguard inquired about the cost comparison between carpet and LVT. Mr. McClain stated that both were potentially comparable, with labor as the primary cost factor. Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of different flooring types, including durability and acoustics.

MEMBER BREDSGUARD MOVED TO APPROVE ROBERTS ROOF AND FLOOR COMPANY AS THE CONTRACTOR FOR THE CLASSROOM CARPET AT THE SKY POINTE CAMPUS. MEMBER HURLEY SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE.

e. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE PROCUREMENT OF CKLA CURRICULUM

Mr. McClain presented the proposal to renew and update the CKLA curriculum for most campuses, noting that price negotiation were still underway. He requested approval for a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,300,000, to be spent over the next three years with the first payment being 60% of the cost. The principals explained that the costs varied between campuses due to different needs and additional materials. The curriculum covered ELA, DIBELS, and supplemental materials.

MEMBER HURLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROCUREMENT OF THE CKLA CURRICULUM FOR ALL CAMPUSES. MEMBER BREDSGUARD SECONDED THE MOTION, AND THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE.

4. LONG RANGE CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. McClain stated that graduation ceremonies would be held on May 23rd at Canyon Ridge Christian Church, with Sky Pointe at 3 PM and Losee at 7 PM. He also proposed rescheduling the June 2nd board meeting to May 19th due to conflicts and the need to approve the final budget. The Board agreed to follow up on confirming a quorum for the new date.

7. MEMBER COMMENT

Board members expressed their well wishes for the end of the school year and upcoming graduations. They acknowledged the hard work of the principals and staff. Member Bentham stated his intention to visit each campus in the coming weeks to discuss how the Board could best support them for the next academic year.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

9. ADJOURN MEETING

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:27 P.M.

Approved on: May 19, 2025



**Secretary of the Board of Directors
Somerset Academy of Las Vegas**