



Board of Directors Meeting
Location: The Vanguard Library

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***** Wednesday, May 15, 2024 *****

Executive Session [C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)f] 5:00 P.M.

Public Session 6:00 P.M.

Working Session to follow Public Session

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Matt called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. Rene' Chatham, Matt Hughes, and Kurt Peters were present. Eric Koppisch attended virtually. Tracy Coons was not in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda

Kurt Peters moved to approve the agenda. Rene' Chatham seconded the motion. All voted yes. The motion was approved.

3. Consent Items

- Approval of Minutes, April 17, 2024
Rene' Chatham moved to approve the April board meeting minutes. Kurt Peters seconded the motion. All voted yes. The motion was approved.
- Separations
 - Kira Castle Grade 5 Teacher
 - Shayna Coukos Grade 1 Teacher
- New Hire
 - Dr. Jim Smith Executive Director

4. Treasurer's Report – Eric Koppisch

Eric Koppisch presented the Treasurer's Report and reviewed the financials as of April 30, 2024.

5. 2024-25 Budget Approval

The board was presented with the first draft of the 2024-25 budget, and Matt Hughes read the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the Board of Education of The Vanguard School in El Paso County, that the amounts shown in the following schedule be appropriated to each fund as specified in the Adopted Budget for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

	<i>Appropriation Amount</i>
<i>General Fund</i>	\$ 20,473,963
<i>Bond Redemption Fund</i>	\$ 1,500,000
<i>Enterprise Funds</i>	\$ 254,000
<i>Total Appropriation:</i>	\$ 22,227,963

Kurt Peters moved to approve the 2024-2025 budget resolution as read. Rene' Chatham seconded the motion. All voted yes. The motion was approved.

6. Vanguard Policy Revisions

Rene' Chatham moved to approve revised policies IJNDB – School Website Publishing and IJNDB-R – School Website Publishing Procedure. Kurt Peters seconded the motion. All voted yes. The motion was approved.

7. Board Election Results

Mr. Hughes announced that of the three candidates, Alisha Bond, Eric Katzung, and Sarah Woolfenden, who ran for the open board seat in the 2024 election, Alisha Bond won the election and will be sworn in at the June 12 public board meeting. Mr. Hughes thanked all the candidates for their participation.

8. Strategic Plan Update

Security

- The school held a reunification drill on April 30. Approximately thirty students relocated to St. Joseph Church where their parents arrived and processed through the exercise. A reunification would be necessary if the school ever had to evacuate and was unable to return prior to the end of the school day.

HR Update

- This month, we began an online enrollment process for our benefits plans (health, vision, dental, and life insurance). Digital enrollment makes the process more efficient and faster.
- This month, Mr. Macher will participate with CDE for a Soldiers to Schools presentation. This program emphasizes Troops to Teachers and how we can recruit transitioning service members from Fort Carson for potential teaching positions at our school.
- We are scheduled to conduct interviews and demonstration lessons this month and the remainder of the summer, as necessary. We have approximately ten key teacher positions to fill (six elementary and four secondary).

Facilities

- Graduation preparation is our priority at this point.
- The new parking lot is now open; lighting will be installed over the summer.
- Our summer project list focuses on interior room remodeling and flooring/carpeting work at Wahsatch and playground improvements on both campuses.

IT

- A/V support and livestreaming for Baccalaureate and Graduation are being planned. Streams will be available on our website graduation page this year.
- A help desk technician will be hired to provide full-time IT support to both campuses.
- Summer project planning has begun, including security camera additions, expansion of the paging system, and a print management system.

9. Executive Director's Report – Renee Henslee

General / K-12 Overview

- Thank you to the PTO and all our parent volunteers for a wonderful Teacher Appreciation Week. We appreciate the care and time you put into making this a special week for our staff.

Elementary / K-6

- Boosterthon fundraising surpassed our goal of \$55,000 with the school raising \$60,000. We also reached the 'donation from all 50 states' and 'registration participation' goals. Students have enjoyed the character component of the daily pop-ins from the Boosterthon team. The Fun Run last week was an excellent community building event which the students really enjoyed.
- Beautiful music is being showcased with upper elementary fifth and sixth graders during music concerts for orchestra (strings), instrumental music (band), and choir.
- Kindergarten had a visit from the Colorado Springs Fire Department. They enjoyed seeing a fire truck and talking with firefighters.
- Poetry recitations across K-6 will occur the last weeks of the academic year. This annual event is loved by students and parents alike.
- Elementary will celebrate the year of Vanguard spirit with Blue & Gold Day on May 17. All things blue and gold will be sported by our K-6 students. Go Coursers!

Junior High / 7-8

- Sixth graders visited the dome to acquaint themselves with the upcoming transition to junior high. They also received a tour from some junior high student ambassadors, saw their lockers, and learned about extracurriculars, clubs, dances, and sports.
- Our Boosterthon color run was awesome. The students look forward to it every year, and it went well.
- Planning for the Grade 8 Moving Up Ceremony is underway, and we look forward to celebrating our students on May 30.

High School / 9-12

- Mr. Bishop took our Matchwits team to compete in the National Knowledge Bowl tournament with twenty-six other teams from multiple states. The Vanguard School placed fourth overall and first in our size classification. Students representing our school were Connor Sherrow, Zach Hoying, Lincoln Snyder, Ryan Wilson, Maddie Anderson, and Eshan Jain.
- The Vanguard choir students traveled to Grand Junction to compete in a state invitational. The results were outstanding with our Chamber Choir receiving a Superior (highest score) with all three judges giving us a "1." The High School Choir also received a Superior with all three judges giving us a "1."
- Events for seniors as they end the school year have begun. They enjoyed bowling together on Fun Day and bringing the school back to the Medieval era. This past Monday we kicked off their final week with our annual Graduation Walk across the entire campus.
- National rocketry finals will be in Virginia with our teams competing on May 17 and 18. This will be the second time, out of eleven final competitions, that Mr. Riegel and his Vanguard students have had two teams make it in the top 100 for the nation.

- The Baccalaureate Ceremony for the Class of 2024 will be held this Friday at 7:00 P.M. at Woodmen Valley Chapel. The Graduation Ceremony is set for 10:00 A.M. Saturday morning on the East Lawn of the high school.

Athletics

- Sophomore Lily Blanchard and junior Sarah Allen have qualified for the 3A State golf tournament which will be held May 20-21 at The Olde Course-Loveland.
- Four Coursers are on their way to the state track and field championships: Rebecca Stein (100 and 400), Nadhia Campos (800, 1600, and 3200), Max Miller (800, 1600, and 3200), and Jack Schoonover (110 HH). The event will be held tomorrow through Saturday, May 18, at Jeffco Stadium.
- Dr. Lee will be back this summer, on July 26, to provide athletic physicals for Vanguard student athletes.

10. Board Items

Board Comments

- Rene' Chatham congratulated Alisha Bond and welcomed her to the board. Mrs. Chatham also recognized our Matchwits Team and noted that our Rocketry Teams will be participating in the national competition.
- Eric Koppisch also congratulated Ms. Bond and welcomed her to the team. He thanked Mr. Katzung and Ms. Woolfenden and expressed his hope that they would run for the board again. Mr. Koppisch stated that he will be attending the rocketry nationals. He concluded by congratulating the seniors and their parents, and then thanked Mrs. Henslee for her work at Vanguard and welcomed Dr. Smith to Vanguard.
- Kurt Peters congratulated Alisha Bond and thanked the other board candidates for running. He added that qualifying for the nation rocketry competition is great, and he can't wait for Graduation and Baccalaureate.
- Matt Hughes thanked Mrs. Henslee for her years of service to Vanguard, noting that it has been a joy to work with her; he wished her the best in her future endeavors. Mr. Hughes welcomed Dr. Smith as Vanguard's new Executive Director. He commented that Baccalaureate and Graduation are amazing ceremonies to experience – something to look forward to. Mr. Hughes stated that it's not too early to start thinking about running for the board next year. He noted that Mr. Katzung and Ms. Woolfenden were excellent candidates, and congratulated Ms. Bond on winning the election. Mr. Hughes thanked all for attending.

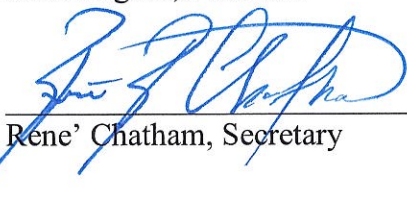
Upcoming

- The next public board meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2024.

11. Adjournment

Rene' Chatham moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 P.M. Kurt Peters seconded the motion. All voted yes. The motion was approved.

 6-12-2024
 Matt Hughes, President Date

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 Rene' Chatham, Secretary Date