

## BOT Meeting Thursday January 22, 2026 Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: Jim Sander, Thomas Gorrell, Christopher Brignola, Lucas Doe, Robert Ansbro

Administrators in attendance: Norma Hurwitz, Eddie Kubina

Not in Attendance: Ted Francavilla, Sean Blackwell

Meeting Called to Order by Jim Sander 6:36 pm

### I. Approval of Minutes

Robert motions to approve the minutes, Thomas seconds, all in favor

### II. Mathematics Professional Development

We gave teachers the task of completing a variety of math problems with the purpose of modeling how the classroom should look and function during a math lesson. The staff was able to work in groups and assist each other with problem solving with minimal supervision. In the follow up session we had small group discussions about student work samples and how the lesson was conducted. I feel the staff has a better grasp on what math lessons should encompass. Overall I am anticipating, as has been the trend in past years, that math performance will improve as we approach the second half of the school year.

The ninth graders took their exams this week. They felt the math test was easier than the previous and were more confident. We gave them extra help in math during their advisory period. They are doing well in all other subjects.

### Staff changes

We have two new staff members and we are planning on one additional teacher joining us. He has 10 years of experience and we are hoping he will be able to fit into our way of teaching. We have had some changes to staff due to various reasons. One of our new hires is promising. Another new hire may be more suitable for the lower grades. We are still looking for another operations person. We hired two new cleaners with the hope that they will be able to improve the cleanliness of the building. We have our main custodian who is also cleaning and we are looking to see how the new cleaners work out.

### III. STEM and Music Program

We are looking to move forward with the development of our STEM and music program. We are looking for a variety of kits and other materials that will create a more enriching experience for students. It is important for students to have hands-on activities that will stimulate their

thought process. It will help them develop better problem solving skills. The music program will also help students develop skills that will help them in other academic areas. So far this year our music program has injected life into the students and we anticipate it getting better as we expand it. It is important for students to have a well rounded experience.

#### IV. Committee Reports

Building: Still waiting for final approval, should not be a problem.

Finance: The latest financial report looks like everything is in line.

Education: Teq is a good vendor for STEM materials. LEGO robotics is not the best way to go.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:21 pm.