



Atlas Board Meeting/Minutes

November 21, 2024
5 PM Central

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Board of Directors

Russ Kirk, Board President
Scott Malin, Board Treasurer
Nancy Wild, Board Secretary
Alice Dickherber, Member

Kwofe Coleman, Member
Lorna Sanchez McClellan, Member
Mark Minden, Member
Victor Thomas, Member

Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Atlas Public Schools Board of Directors will hold a digital board meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. To join by Zoom copy and paste the following URL in a web browser:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89789318711?pwd=T7HXuPZVOa1bnFeSph22eWdFBDL8t7.1>

Any individual wishing to make a public comment must notify the Atlas Board Chairman via email at russ.kirk@atlaspublic.org by noon the day of the meeting. An individual has a maximum of three (3) minutes for its public comment(s).

The Board of Directors retains the right to return to a closed Executive Session for reasons permissible under Section 610.021 of the Missouri Revised State Statutes.

Our Mission: The mission of Atlas Public Schools is to educate the whole child by combining a rigorous academic program with authentic, real-world experiences so all students thrive in middle school, high school and beyond.

Our Vision: At Atlas we envision a time when all students in St. Louis have the skills and habits needed to be successful in the 21st century, and where St. Louis is heralded as a model of a flourishing, diverse, and empowered community. We believe that high quality public schools will be the catalyst for community transformation that will result in a thriving city.

Meeting Agenda

Salutation: 5:00-5:05 pm

Russ Kirk, Board President

Call to Order + Roll Call

Russ, Kwofe, Scott, Nancy, Victor, present; Alice and Lorna absent.

Welcome Guest Attendee

Marisol Rodriguez

Scheduled Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Minutes

- Review [MINUTES](#) from October board meeting

There were no additions or corrections or edits to the minutes.

Board Chair Report: 5:05-5:10 pm

Russ Kirk, Board President

- News and Announcements
 - **STL Parking partnership update: \$3K!**
 - **Audit in closing stages and will be available for our review in December**

Governance Committee Report: 5:10-5:15 pm

Alice Dickherber, Governance Committee Chair

- Governance Committee [MINUTES](#)
- Please review and sign your Annual Conflicts of Interest Form sent via DocuSign

Highlights from the review:

- **Colby and team are working on a new Mission and Vision Statement as the school continues to grow.**
- **The Kelvin Staff Survey had 100% participation from the Atlas staff and all three key areas surveyed: Environment, Students, Teachers, the Atlas staff scored above the national benchmarks.**
- **Atlas continues to be 100% compliant with the MCPSC Epicenter.**

Finance Committee Report: 5:15-5:25 pm

Scott Malin, Committee Chair

- Finance Committee [MINUTES](#)
- [Budget by Month](#)
- [Cash Flow Statement](#)
- [Statement of Activities](#)
- [Balance Sheet](#)
- [Ramp Register](#)
- [Bank Registers](#)

- [Bank Reconciliations](#)

Highlights from the review:

- **Cash on hand: 102 days. Down from the previous month as Federal/state revenue catches up.**
- **Total assets are approximately \$17,557,800 and total liabilities approximately \$15,915,200 resulting in net assets of approximately \$1,641,600. This is approximately \$318,000 less than last month as Atlas is still waiting for updated payments from the State as noted above in the Dashboard review.**
- **Actual revenue YTD is approximately \$2,435,900 which is 3% lower than budgeted on an annual basis.**
- **Actual expenditures are approximately \$2,576,000 which approximates the budget on an annual basis.**
- **Cash ending October 31: \$2,152,901**
- **In August, the LLC began making payments on the Charter School Growth Fund Loan. The loan balance on October 31, 2024 is \$992,776**
- **In October, the LLC began making payments on the Local Initiative Support Corporation Loan. The loan balance is \$15,158,581.**
- **Expenditures for the school for the four months ending October 31, 2024, include \$87,789 for capital expenditures.**
- **Interest earned on the Commerce account: \$3,227.50**

Academic Oversight Committee Report: 5:25-5:40 pm

Lorna Sanchez McClellan, Committee Chair

- [Beginning of Year Data Stepback](#)

Highlights from the review:

- **The fall 2024 NWEA benchmark assessments were reviewed, and there is a lot to celebrate and have confidence in.**
- **Early Literacy benchmark data shows K-1 students on-track to reach the goal of 60% of students who started the year at Atlas meeting grade level expectations in foundational skills of Phonological Awareness and Phonics.**
- **A common trend to celebrate is that grade level proficiencies are ahead of previous year's cohorts at this time last year. Atlas is well-positioned relative to last year to meet charter goals of 60% of students who started the school year at Atlas meeting grade level expectations in at least 2 of the domains of Accuracy, Comprehension, and Rate.**
- **The Atlas team has strategies in place for math instruction, including staff who can support with math instruction and intervention, and a variety of differentiated workplaces and enrichment for fast finishers.**

Consent Agenda: 5:40-5:45 PM

Board President: Russ Kirk

- Vote to approve the following discussed items:
 - **Governance:**

- October Minutes
- **Finance:**
 - October Financials & Bank Register

Mark motioned to approve the Consent agenda; Scott seconded. Roll call produced a unanimous vote approval.

Executive Director Report: 5:45-6:05 pm

Executive Director: Colby Heckendorn; Guest attendee Lindsay Richard

- [Phase II Building Update](#)

Lindsay and Colby reviewed the current status for the Phase II renovations. Current costs; future costs and timeline was discussed. Looking at a late February/March closing.

Q&A + Announcements: 6:05 pm

- **Safe travels Colby!**
- [Board of Directors' Meeting Schedule](#)
- [Board Member Professional Development Tracker](#)

Motion to Adjourn: 6:10 pm

Scott motioned to adjourn the meeting; Nancy seconded; Roll call produced a unanimous vote approval.