



# Walden Board of Trustees Agenda

*Walden is a place where social, emotional, and academic growth are valued equally, a place where students see possibilities, make meaningful choices, take risks, and emerge with a stronger sense of identity, belonging and purpose. It is a place where critical thought, creativity and independence are nurtured; where empathy, cultural awareness and tolerance are valued. We champion student choice and autonomy, authentic research and project work. Our purpose is to develop competent, self-motivated learners dedicated to making positive contributions to society.*

10/26/2020 4:00 p.m.

**This board meeting is being held electronically based on a determination that meeting in person poses a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present at the anchor location based on the governor’s declaration of high level of transmission risk for Utah County.**

Members of the public who wish to attend will find call-in instructions on the school’s website ([www.waldenschool.us](http://www.waldenschool.us)). Those who wish to provide public comment may contact Lois Bobo at [lois@waldenschool.us](mailto:lois@waldenschool.us) or 801-655-5874 no less than 4 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

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Invited: Justin Kennington, Hilary Hungerford, Matt Turner, Joe Rankin, Jeremy Knee, Breanne Moore, Diana West, Sharon Beecroft, Lois Bobo, Hannah West

In attendance: Justin Kennington, Hilary Hungerford, Matt Turner, Jeremy Knee, Diana West, Sharon Beecroft, Lois Bobo, Hannah West

## Calendar Dates:

Upcoming Schedule:

Proposed (all at 3:00 p.m.):

- November 11, 2020 (Should this be moved to December or canceled?)
- January 13, 2020
- March 17, 2021
- June 9, 2021

## Agenda:

- Welcome — Justin Kennington
  - **Called meeting to order at 4:11pm**
- Public Comment (limit 3 minutes per comment/10 minutes total)
- [Approval of Minutes](#)
  - **Matt moves to approve board minutes from the previous meeting. Jeremy seconds. All voted in favor.**
- [Director's Report](#) — Lois Bobo

## Action Items:

- Proposed Change to [Board Bylaws](#): Sharon Beecroft
  - *It has recently come to our attention that the composition of our current Board of Trustees does not meet the minimum requirements for a Charter School Board that can also serve as a School Land Trust Committee. State law allows Charter School Boards to serve as Land Trust Committees if they meet the requirement of having 2 more voting parent members than non-parent voting members. The proposed changes to the Board of Trustees Bylaws (see attached) would allow us to appoint two new parent board members to the board at which point, our board will fulfill the requirements of the School Land Trust Committee laws and we would be in compliance for the remainder of the school year. At the end of the short-term appointment of two parents the board can determine whether they want to move forward with this model or opt for the alternative School Land Trust Committee model outlined [here](#).*
  - [Proposed short term board members.](#)
  - **Sharon informs the board that we need to add additional board members to be compliant for school land trust. We will need to adjust some bylaws to allow for additional short term members. Jeremy moves to add a statement to our board bylaws to allow two additional short term members to serve on our school land trust committee and board. Seconded by Matt. All in favor (Matt, Hilary, Sharon, Diana, Lois, Hannah). Jeremy moves to appoint Andy Ash and Jodi McCombs for short term board members beginning immediately, lasting until June 2021. Justin seconds, all in favor (Matt, Hilary, Sharon, Diana, Lois, Hannah)**
- [Grant Approvals](#) — Diana West
  - **Diana reviews all grants currently being applied for in UtahGrants (attached document). Walden is seeking board approval for the proposed allocations. Of specific interest is the allocation for the Teacher Student Success Act grant. The proposed use is 40% for teacher raises and the remainder to pay a portion of Carl's salary for math support. Jeremy moves that the board approve allocations for the grants listed. Matt seconded the motion. All in favor (Hilary, Lois, Justin, Diana, Hannah, Sharon)**
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- LEA Specific License Approvals — Hannah, Sharon, and Lois are seeking board approval to apply for LEA specific educator licenses for several teachers (documentation attached below)
  - [LEA-Specific Educator Licenses 20-21](#) — Letter to Superintendent and Licensing Office
  - **Jeremy moves to authorize the approval of listed LEA-Specific licenses and the corresponding content areas. Matt seconded the motion. All in favor (Lois, Sharon, Hilary, Justin, Hannah)**
    - [Accompanying Spreadsheet](#)
- [TSSP](#) — Diana West
  - **Matt moves to approve the Teacher Student Success Framework Policy (attached), seconded by Jeremy. All in favor (Justin, Hilary, Diana, Lois, Sharon, Hannah).**

### Updates:

- School Land Trust Committee — Sharon Beecroft
- [Audit](#) and Financial Updates— Joe Rankin/Diana West
  - **Diana reported on the Audit. No findings were reported and a successful audit was completed. She reports that the current year’s many covid-related expenses will make it more difficult to end the year in positive territory, but that we have planned for that possibility. We built up a financial cushion last year.**
  - [Second semi-annual review of School Fee Policies, Schedules, and Waivers](#)
  - **Lois reports that we need a second hearing/review of our school fees policy per state requirement with the opportunity for public comment.**

**Closed Session:** In accordance with Utah Code 52-4-205 to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual;

- **Jeremy moves to move into a closed session, Matt seconds, Justin aye. 5:12pm**
- **Matt moves to come out of closed session at 5:46pm, seconded by Jeremy all in favor (Hilary, Justin, Lois, Sharon, Diana, Hannah).**

**Board Training:** On your own, please complete [this module](#) and report your completion to Lois Bobo ([lois@waldenschool.us](mailto:lois@waldenschool.us)). Question for reflection:

1. Do we, as a board, have areas in need of improvement in terms of the rules on Utah’s open and public meetings? If so, what are your recommendations?



**Sign Up for Public Comment (limit 3 minutes per person, 10 minutes total)**

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