

Soldier Hollow Charter School Board of Trustees

Special Meeting

January 5, 2021 7:00 p.m.

3444 West 3000 South, Charleston, Utah

(All times listed are approximate and the Board reserves the right to vote on any item on the agenda)

The Mission of Soldier Hollow Charter School is to utilize place-based education to foster autonomous, lifelong learning through knowledge of and responsibility for the environment. Meeting to be held via Zoom video conference.

SHCS Special Board Meeting

Roll call: Jennifer Johnson, Michael Thorwegen, Tyler Partridge, Ryan Taylor, Tony Hull, Erin Merryweather, Pierette Tierney.

Public Comment: none

Discussion and thoughts on PreK program:

PreK is currently at 10 students. Over 10 we would need an additional aide. The program has struggled since the start, not a financially viable program. Reasons to discontinue the Pre-K program:

- Most important would be the space constraints at the school.
- Program is break even at best, not financially beneficial.
- Not feeding the kindergarten as we hoped.
- Filling the PreK teacher position has been continually problematic.
- Current PreK teacher has no intention to return.

We could change course in the future, depending on demand.

TONY HULL MOTIONS THAT WE DISCONTINUE THE PRE-K PROGRAM STARTING FALL 2021, MICHAEL THORWEGEN SECONDS, ALL IN FAVOR.

Strawberry Communications.

Tony Hull- Strawberry Communications proposed an agreement of \$200/mo, free monthly phone service as well as 100MB of backup internet bandwidth for UEN failures. In exchange SHCS would provide 2 points on the backside of the school for 3-4 small tower pieces (4-5' tall, not exceeding 6' per tower). Towers are to provide internet service, not cellular service.

Jon Hagen- Not comfortable with the cancellation provision included in the contract as proposed. Investment is too great for Strawberry Communications to participate in a contract with a cancellation clause. If we are requiring a cancellation clause Jon would like to return to the drawing board on the agreement.

Tony Hull- We need the ability to cancel the contract (with valid reason) as the board is always changing year to year.

Jon Hagen- Not interested in the agreement if that means that we could have the rug pulled out from under us at any time.

Discussion on pros/cons of the agreement, modifications that could be made to the contract to appease all parties involved. Jon Hagen and Tony Hull will continue to work through this and try to come to an agreement on a contract with a mutually beneficial and fair cancellation clause. Interested in moving this forward if we can come to an agreement on cancellation clause. Revisit in 2 weeks at the next board meeting.

RYAN TAYLOR MOTIONS TO CLOSE THE MEETING, JENNIFER JOHNSON SECONDS, ALL IN FAVOR.