Swallows Charter Academy
Regular Board Meeting

Mission

The mission of Swallows Charter Academy is to encourage all students to strive for academic excellence by providing content-rich curriculum in a safe environment that nurtures character development and supports creative expression.

Date & Time:
Monday, February 9, 2026
5:30 Regular Meeting
and Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSUANT TO CRS24-6-402(4): AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WILL BE CONDUCTED TO DISCUSS PROPERTY (A), TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE FROM AN ATTORNEY (B), CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS REQUIRED BY STATE OR FEDERAL LAW (C), SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS OR INVESTIGATIONS (D), CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS (E), PERSONNEL MATTERS (F), PROTECTED DOCUMENTS CONSIDERATIONS (G), AND STUDENT PERSONNEL (H).

Location:
101 Civic Center Dr.
Pueblo West, CO 81007
(High School Commons)

1. K. Roberts calls meeting to order and Pledge of Allegiance at 5:30 pm

2. Roll Call - **Board Members Present:** K. Roberts, President, L. DeHerrera, Vice President, S. Sandstrom, Treasurer, E. McWhorter, Secretary, J. Reese, Board Member - Present by phone
Administration/Staff Present: Mr. Hawken, Dr. Meyer, Dr. Compton, Mrs. Deanna Storm, Attorney, Mr. Dustin Sparks, T. Edson assisting with minutes.

3. **Approval of Agenda:**
   - **3.1.** Motion made by Kjirsten Roberts, with second by Laura DeHerrera
   - **3.2.** Resolved by roll call

4. **Open forum -** none

5. **Presentations**
   - 5.1. Colorado State Demography Office: Kate Watkins - Zoom meeting
     - 5.1.1. Ms. Watkins gave a brief overview of the demographics of Pueblo County and the State of Colorado.
   - 5.2. Calendar Committee: Deanna Storm
     - 5.2.1. Mrs. Storm presented the 2026-2027 proposed calendar from the Calendar Committee.

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   6.1. K. Roberts moves to Break to Executive Session at 6:23 pm, L. DeHerrera 2nd, roll call carries. All Board Members, Administrators Dr. Compton, Dr. Meyer, Matt Hawken and legal counsel, Dustin Sparks present. K. Roberts moves to exit Executive Session, S. Sandstrom 2nd. Motion carries. Board moves out of Executive Session at 7:05 pm. Meeting resumes at 7:11pm

7. Information from the Board

7.1.1. Finance Committee - Sarah Sandstrom presents and concludes that everything is as projected. She recommended that the Accountability Committee would like a budget next year for curriculum to help ESS students in particular. ESS has proposed a $20K curriculum. Dr. Meyer will look into adding it to the budget next year. It is noted that the bond payment increases in next year's budget and that would need to be accounted for. She also highlighted that funding for PPR is increasing, however, costs are rising more than our PPR and that one way to be more cautious with the budget would to be more limited with legal counsel costs

7.1.2. Jennifer Reese recommended that Policy approved last month of background checks be looked into as to what the financial fallout of that is going to be longterm. She questioned what the logic is behind coming down on volunteers with the costs for volunteers being $58.50. Her specific thoughts were:

- Who does this include?
- Possibly move this to the next months board meeting for revision on work session
- We have turned volunteers away due to this background check
- Clarify who needs (staff member present doesn't need - possibly)
- Financial constraints and insuring those handling cash like those in concessions.

The Board thought this would be a good discussion item for the March Agenda.

8. Information from the Executive Director/Administration

8.1. Feb 5 HS Orientation night: was a tipping point for our high school as over 100 people attended. Dawndee Duran was highlighted for her hard work on getting so many people there.

8.2. Preschool Update: Water rights lawyer is still trying to find history of where the rights are. May need a redesign due to budget concerns with the contractor.

8.3. Assessment Workbooks: A copy included in packet

8.4. League Retreat February 26 and 27

8.5. Additional Research on Smartwatch devices/GPS trackers/Smartglasses - Colorado has not come out with anything officially yet. Will continue to monitor

8.6. Spartan Homeschool Enrichment Program

8.6.1. Flyers in packet

8.6.2. Hoping to double the size next year

8.6.3. Want to add more variety of specific classes

8.7. Strategic Plan
8.7.1. Strategic Plans need revised due to so much on it that has already been accomplished or is in the works. It needs a subcommittee, discuss at next board meeting agenda

8.8. SCA App
8.8.1. Taryn and Dr. Myers are looking for better options

8.9. Others - Food service - Kudos to Jonathan Graves and team. The SFA/CDA Review were shocked at how well kids knew what to eat and how clean and orderly things were, and how well the students utilized the share buckets

9. Work Session

9.1. Second Reading: Annual Leave Policy Amendment

9.2. Minor revisions to three policies on consent agenda
9.2.1. Civil Rights Complaint Procedures Policy
9.2.2. Food Services Procurement Policy
9.2.3. Wellness Policy

9.3. 2027 EF Trip to Scotland and Ireland

9.4. Survey Data Review - combine with Strategic Plan and discuss at the Retreat

9.5. Expansion into HCPA campus - Table until Special Meeting on 2/11/26

10. Consent Agenda - Motion: K. Roberts moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Laura DeHerrera seconds. Motion carried

10.1. Acceptance of Grants received
10.1.1. $1683.00 (Local Food Program Equipment)
10.1.2. $2500.00 from Minnequa Works Credit Union (for basketball)

10.2. Approval of Minutes from Board Meeting on January 12, 2026

10.3. Approval of Annual Leave Policy

10.4. Approval of EF trip: Spring 2027

10.5. Approval of revisions to Civil Rights Complaint Procedures Policy

10.6. Approval of revisions to the Food Services Procurement Policy

10.7. Approval of revisions to the Wellness Policy

11. Action Items

11.1. **Motion:** K. Roberts moved to approve the 2026-2027 Calendar, Laura DeHerrera seconds. Motion carried

11.2. **Motion:** K. Roberts moved to Set Special Meeting for February 11th, 2026 at 12:30pm to vote on expansion into HCPA campus, Emma McWhorter seconds. Motion carried

12. Assignments Recap -

12.1. Bring back the background check policy

12.2. Continue to look over survey data

12.3. Review Strategic plan

12.4. Create outline for assessment of Dr. Compton

13. Adjourn Motion: K. Roberts moved to adjourn at **9:17 p.m.**
Second: L. DeHerrera
Vote: All in favor, motion carried

4/13/26
Date Approved

President

Emma S McWhorter
Secretary