

and owner’s representative would walk through the East Campus to discuss items that still need to be fixed. Finally, Holmes said he is scheduling preliminary discussions about refinancing the short-term debt on the East Campus and obtaining funds for phase two of the buildout.

Future meetings only in-person, no recordings

Graham noted that because of COVID the board has been livestreaming and recording its meetings. Those recordings have been made available on the MA YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/channel/UCxXIIS6TPthx7-Btc-

1goyfQ. He said that per legal advice, MA doesn’t have to do either of those things but only has to put out meeting minutes. Minutes are available at: <https://www.monumentacademy.net/school-board/board-meeting-minutes/>.

Newly elected board member Joe Buczkowski asked about board members who cannot attend in person. St. Aubyn noted that the bylaws already allow board members to dial in. New member Lindsay Clinton said it was good to provide online access to people who cannot attend, but now that it is safe to do so, MA could revert to meeting in person. As secretary, she promised to take good notes and noted that people can still communicate with the board via email.

St. Aubyn moved that, for the 2021-22 school year, MA board meetings would be held in person with the option for board members to join via videoconferencing or conference call and to discontinue livestreaming and recording board meetings. Graham noted that MA could always resume livestreaming and recording if this becomes problematic. The board unanimously voted to pass this resolution.

After the meeting, the board clarified that they would continue to record its meetings as required by the Colorado Sunshine Law (CRS-24-6-402) for state public bodies but would not post those recordings. See <https://bit.ly/crs-sunshine>. Such recordings would be subject to Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) requests per board policy 1512 (<https://bit.ly/ma-bp1512>).

Determining committee assignments

At the June meeting, the board listed the various committees board members could join, including school accountability and advisory (SAAC), curriculum, facility, finance, governance, and resource development (fundraising). In addition, the Highway 105 committee tracks progress and represents MA’s interest in this county road-work project. Assignments were tabled until the July meeting.

Board members discussed which committees they wished to join, and Graham made a motion which was unanimously approved for the following assignments:

- Building and Facilities - Buczkowski
- Curriculum - Clinton
- Finance - Dole
- Governance - Graham
- Highway 105 Committee - St. Aubyn and Graham
- SAAC East - McCuen
- SAAC West - St. Aubyn

Highlights

The following items were highlighted at the board meeting:

- St. Aubyn reported meeting with Mormon Church attorneys out of Salt Lake City and the management team of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints next to MA. The church feels the parking situation is dangerous and wishes to terminate the existing reciprocal parking agreement. MA will work on securing other parking.
- Clinton presented a technology package proposal to improve communication during MA meetings including tabletop microphones, a mixer, and a wireless combo pack with a lavalier mic so speakers can walk around the room. The board unanimously approved up to \$2,700 from discretionary board funds to purchase the equipment.
- The board voted unanimously to remove the online Google form to sign up for public comments since future meetings will be held in person. Sign up for comments will be done via a physical piece of paper.
- Dole motioned to amend the MA board bylaws to change the number of voting directors from six to seven for the upcoming school year. Buczkowski moved to postpone the vote until the August meeting, requesting a detailed plan for the wording. The motion passed with only Graham voting no.
- The board agreed to add a “School Spotlight” item to the beginning of the agenda to recognize board members, educators, and/or students. McCuen would gather the information to present and provide a photo opportunity.
- The board unanimously voted to name the COO, elementary and secondary school principals, board president and treasurer as authorized signers on the bank account.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled Thursday, Aug. 19 at 6 p.m. at the East Campus commons area. The meeting will be in person only. The MA School Board usually meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. For more information, see <https://bit.ly/ma-boe>.

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Above: At the July 15 meeting of MA, Secondary School Principal Julie Seymour recognized former MA Board President Melanie Strop for her years of service on the board. Seated is Merlin Holmes, MA’s COO. Photo by Jackie Burhans.