

LIONSGATE ACADEMY
 District #4183
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
 November 18, 2014 6:00 p.m.

Lionsgate Academy 3420 Nevada Avenue N. Crystal, MN 55427

TO: Ryan Weber, Sara Bydzovsky, Christine Peper, John Barker, Ali Thorstad, Darren Johnson, Malory Kosher, Chris Kenealy.

Others: Diane Halpin, Executive Director; Rachel Boyack, Special Education Coordinator; Ron Berger, Director of Finance, Bill Lauer, MMRK.

FROM: Ali Thorstad, Chair

Call to order: Ali Thorstad, Chair

School Mission Statement:

The mission of Lionsgate Academy is to provide a transition-oriented and personalized learning program focused on secondary students on the autism spectrum that supports their full potential, participation, and self-determination within their school, family, and community.

To this end, Lionsgate Academy will create an educational environment that will model best instructional practice and research-based techniques so that the graduates will--to the fullest extent possible--live independently, be involved in further education or gainful employment and develop meaningful relationships with others.

Comments from Community Members: Public Comment is an open forum portion of the meeting and is an opportunity to present an issue, concern, or other statement to the Board of Directors. Individuals wishing to address the Board must sign up prior to the Call to Order and will be allotted three (3) minutes. Total public comment will be limited to twenty one (21) minutes.

1. Approval of agenda

Approval of the agenda, including the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda Items:

- 504 Employee Benefits
- 513 Compensation Policy
- 615 Wellness Policy
- 926 English Learners

Motion: To approve agenda including consent agenda			
Made by: Ryan Weber		Seconded by: Christine Peper	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

2. Business

A. Financial Audit- Bill Lauer of MMRK presented the report on the independent audit. The audit found no major issues.

Motion: To accept audit			
Made by: Ryan Weber		Seconded by: Darren Johnson	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

B. FY15 Budget Revision- The budget revision was presented to the board. The reasons for having to revise the budget are as follows:

- Transportation
 - Increased distance of commutes to AIM program
 - Purchase of student metro passes and staff GO-TO passes to facilitate student knowledge and use of public transportation.
 - Additional use of TCT for field trips when school vans are not enough.
 - (note that these additions in transportation will be passed to resident schools)
- Contracted Services
 - Unable to retain a full time school psychologist
 - Contracted OT services with Partners in Excellence to serve limited number of OT minutes for AIM
- Changes in space/lease for NSP – Space use was less than estimated, but lease-hold improvements were more than estimated.
- Purchase of the PAES lab

The changes to the budget were necessary to fulfill the strategic plan.

- We have dedicated AIM facility, better transitions program & dedicated to community outreach programs.
- Establishing Mental Health Services on site improved clinical leadership
- Access to community: Providing more transportation & working transit time more manageable (goal is to keep students ride to 90 minutes or less). Utilizing school vehicles more.
- Improve Professional Development- Cohort development. Increase in professional development off site. State is paying for part of it for teacher development money.

Motion: To approve Revised Budget for FY15			
Made by: Ryan Weber		Seconded by: Malory Kosher	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

Motion: To accept District Revenues and Expenditures Budget for FY 2014 and FY 2015 & posted on webpage			
Made by: Ryan Weber		Seconded by: John Barker	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

C. Monthly Financial Report- Financial – Budget

- 169 students on waiting list (this does not include 11th/12th graders)
- Revenues & Expenditures continue to increase
- Biggest increase is in special education (expected)
- Adapted technology increase
- Administration has gone down
- Fundraising is important for meeting unreimbursed costs
- Big swings in cash flow-reason because of how the state gives out the money
- Total Fund Balance 318,000 at the end of 2012-2013 school year

This year: Changes rules for employers regarding pensions- this will end up in the financial statements; won't change contributions such as TRA increase because of it. This was the 1st year with this audit firm, and it went smoothly.

Finance committee reviewed payment register and accepted

Motion: To accept financials ending 10/31/14			
Made by: Darren Johnson		Seconded by: Sara B.	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

D. Committee Update:

Governance:

4 policies were reviewed and they were all recommended for approval:

- 504 Employee Benefits
- 513 Compensation Policy
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The governance committee brought forth discussion regarding confidentiality and requiring board members to sign agreements.

Motion: To accept signing a confidentiality agreement			
Made by: John Barker		Seconded by: Ryan Weber	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

3. Special Education Update – Rachel Boyack

- AIM program conducted an open house on November 6. Over 50 community members, students, parents, and board members attended.
- A steering committee is being organized to prepare for federal setting IV program.
- Fall Ball-11 parents met at Frankie's of both new and familiar families

- o Emily has created Due Process manuals, items are being added as new procedures come up

4. Review: December Board Meeting agenda

Next Meeting: December 16, 2014, 6:00 PM- at AIM location

Update of calendar

Motion: To accept update of calendar			
Made by: Ryan Weber		Seconded by: Sara B.	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

Reviewed December Board Meeting Agenda

Motion: To accept December agenda			
Made by: Chris Kenealy		Seconded by: Ryan Weber	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: To adjourn November Board Meeting			
Made by: Ryan Weber		Seconded by: Sara Bydzovsky	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

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