

LIONSGATE ACADEMY
District #4183
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 14, 2016, 6:00 pm

Lionsgate Academy 2342 Helen Street North, North St Paul, MN 55109

TO: Jim Harms, Sara Bydzovsky, Malory Kosher, Christine Peper, Emy Bachman, Ali Thorstad, Darren Johnson (ab), Chris Kenealy, and Kurt Nisi (ab).
Others: Diane Halpin, Executive Director; Emily Kafle, Special Education Director; Ron Berger, Director of Finance
FROM: Ali Thorstad, Chair

Call to order: Ali Thorstad, Chair, 6:06 pm

School Mission Statement:

The mission of Lionsgate Academy is to foster self-determination by providing a transitions-focused, personalized learning program for all students, specializing in educating students with autism spectrum disorders.

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.

Conflict of Interest Declaration (None)

Approval of the Agenda

1. Adding Food Service Subsidy Under Finance Committee Section

Motion: Move to approve agenda.			
Made by: Kenealy		Seconded by: Bachmann	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 6	Nay: 0	Abstain:

Model:

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
 - i. Lionsgate Board Minutes 5-17-2016

Motion: Move to approve consent agenda.			
Made by: Peper		Seconded by: Kosher	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 6	Nay: 0	Abstain:

- b. Governance Committee Report 6-7-2016
- c. Approval of Policies
 - i. 409 Procurement Policy

2. Special Education Update

- a. Introduction of new Special Education Director, Ryan Renstrand
- b. Planning and action steps for special education programs at LGA campuses
- c. Continuation of contract with Headway Emotional Health Services recommended

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- i. No changes in contract, same as previous year

Motion: Move to approve Headway Emotional Health Services Contract.			
Made by: Kosher		Seconded by: Harms	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 6	Nay: 0	Abstain:

~~3. Strategic Planning Update~~

4. Business

- 1. Director's Report-Diane
 - i. Student Achievement
 - 1. Letter from State regarding graduation rates
 - a. LGA to return information about transitions program (AIM)
 - 2. Final enrollment letters sent out– reaching cap on enrollment
 - 3. Current ADM at 187
 - a. Enrolled 22 at 7th grade, 12 at 8th grade for 2016-17.
 - b. Under projected enrollment of 190 for 2016-17 due to potential resource room capacity
 - c. Continued enrollment will be determined in the fall
 - 4. LGA East meeting last week
 - a. Discussed fundraising needs
 - 5. Transportation
 - a. Working with Eagle Ridge Academy for in-district transportation.
- 2. ~~Foundation Update~~
- 3. Committee Reports
 - i. Governance
 - 1. Newly elected members will start July 2016 Board Meeting
 - ii. Finance
 - 1. Committee Update
 - a. Items to be discussed under financial section tonight
 - 2. Financials
 - a. Term loan on kitchen equipment
 - b. MDE FY2017 Budget submitted – expected to be approved.
 - c. Food service fund deficit (Lynx program)
 - i. General fund to provide \$9,000 subsidy
 - ii. Renewed contract with Lancer Food Service

Motion: Move to approve subsidy for food service fund.			
Made by: Harms		Seconded by: Bydzovsky	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 6	Nay: 0	Abstain:

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- d. Appoint Auditors
 - i. Approve Malloy, Montague, Karnowski & Radosevich as auditors

Motion: Move to approve Malloy, Montague, Karnowski & Radosevich as auditors.			
Made by: Kenealy		Seconded by: Peper	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 6	Nay: 0	Abstain:

- iii. Building
 - 1. Building construction on budget
 - 2. Gym walls to be set in July - complete in October
 - 3. Ratify Contract with Reiling Construction

Motion: Move to ratify construction contract.			
Made by: Kenealy		Seconded by: Peper	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 6	Nay: 0	Abstain:

- iv. Executive Director Evaluation
 - 1. Closed Meeting from 7:05-8:20 pm to discuss ED evaluation and salary recommendations

5. Recognition of Service for Parting Members

- a. Malory Kosher, Chris Kenealy and Kurt Nisi thanked for their service

6. Seating of New Board Members

Motion: Move to seat new board members Liz Wielinski, Laura Cottington and Ali Thorstad.			
Made by: Bydzovsky		Seconded by: Harms	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 6	Nay: 0	Abstain:

7. Review: July's Board Meeting agenda

- a. Review of next month's meeting; location to be determined. Board of Directors will coordinate schedules at next meeting for the 2016-17 meetings.
 - i. Items to be discussed.
 - 1. Committee assignments
 - 2. Election of officers
 - 3. Board of Director meeting locations
 - 4. Review/volunteers for SY16-17 events
 - 5. Strategic planning – date/length

Motion to Adjourn: 8:45 p.m.

Motion: Move to adjourn.			
Made by: Kenealy		Seconded by: Peper	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 6	Nay: 0	Abstain:

Next Meeting: July 19, 2016, 6:00 p.m. (North St Paul Campus)

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