

LIONSGATE ACADEMY
 District #4183
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 November 17, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

Lionsgate Academy 3420 Nevada Avenue N. Crystal, MN 55427

TO: Jim Harms, Sara Bydzovsky, Malory Kosher, Christine Peper, Emy Bachman, Ali Thorstad, Darren Johnson, Chris Kenealy, and Kurt Nisi.
 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, 6:02 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

Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Move to approve agenda.			
Made by: Kenealy		Seconded by: Johnson	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain:

Model:

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
 - i. Lionsgate Board Minutes 10-20-15
- b. Governance Committee Report 11-3-15
- ~~e. Approval of Policies~~
- d. MSHSL Resolution for Membership
 - i. Kenealy asked to pull item for discussion
 - ii. Item moved under strategic planning

Motion: Move to approve consent agenda minus MSHSL Resolution for Membership.			
Made by: Bydzovsky		Seconded by: Peper	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain:

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2. Building Committee Report

- a. Berger reviewed lease agreement terms with Board and answered questions
- b. Transportation options discussed for in-district students
- c. ESY options for Summer 2016 discussed
 - i. Green Circle Drive first choice
 - ii. North St Paul site can always be a backup if needed

Motion: Move to authorize Dr. Halpin to sign lease with Wellington.			
Made by: Nisi		Seconded by: Peper	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain:

3. Special Education Update (Kafle)

- a. MASE Conference
 - i. Breakout session led by Kafle, Falkner and Halpin on Mental Health and ASD
 1. Well-attended breakout: 45-50 people attended
 2. Great questions from audience; calls are coming in as a result of conference
- b. LYNX Program
 - i. 7 students currently enrolled, 8 tentatively; 8th student is in transitional phase
 - ii. May talk to building owners about occupying more space at NSP to fulfill future needs
- c. AIM Program
 - i. AIM's 2nd Annual Open House had a great turn out
 - ii. A couple of people have called to inquire about enrollment
 - iii. AIM has space for additional students

4. Strategic Planning Update (Halpin)

- a. Annual Report Extension
 - i. Wrapping up a few items, such as World's Best Work Force
 - ii. Aligning annual report with authorizer's goals for us as an organization
- b. MDE compliance discussion
- c. MSHSL Resolution for Membership
 - i. Discussion clarifying terms around MN State High School League
 1. This would be us renewing our membership

Motion: Move to approve LGA renewing our MN State High School League membership.			
Made by: Johnson		Seconded by: Harms	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain:

5. Business

1. Director's Report-Diane
 - i. Student Achievement
 1. Next Board Meeting (Dec 15th) there will be a special meeting held for World's Best Work Force
2. Foundation Update
 - i. Sixth Annual Community-In-Reach Breakfast will be on April 1, 2016
 1. Theme will be "Building Our Futures"

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3. Committee Reports

i. Governance

1. No policies reviewed this month
2. Annual Board Training will be held before December Board Meeting at 4:30pm

ii. Finance

1. Audit Report

- a. Our audit partner Bill Lauer presented audit and management report and answered Board questions

Motion: Move to approve audit and management report.			
Made by: Johnson		Seconded by: Kosher	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain:

2. Committee Update

a. Health Plan Renewal

- i. We have had the same health premium for 30 consecutive months
- ii. No changes/no increases for staff this year.

3. Financials

- a. Berger presented and discussed financial package for period ending 10/31/2015

Motion: Move to approve financials.			
Made by: Kenealy		Seconded by: Johnson	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain:

Motion: Move to approve Budget Publication Report and post on website.			
Made by: Harms		Seconded by: Nisi	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain:

i. Executive Director Evaluation

4. Committee met tonight to discuss goals for the upcoming year for the group
5. Committee will meet again in January

6. Review: Next Month's Board Meeting agenda

Motion to Adjourn: 7:45 pm

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Motion: Move to adjourn.			
Made by: Johnson		Seconded by: Kenealy	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain:

Next Meeting: December 15, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

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