

LIONSGATE ACADEMY
District #4183
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 19, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

Lionsgate Academy 5605 Green Cir Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55343

TO: Jim Harms, Sarah Hauer (recused), Hannah Betz, Amy Kunkel, Emy Bachman, Ali Thorstad, Steve Sawyer, Liz Wielinski, and Laura Cottingham.
Others: Dr. Diane Restorff, Executive Director; Ryan Rehnstrand, Special Education Director; Ron Berger, Director of Finance
FROM: Ali Thorstad, Chair

Call to order: Ali Thorstad, Chair **6:02 p.m.**

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. **None**

Conflict of Interest Declaration

Sarah Hauer has recused herself from the board due to marriage, ending her term on 12/19/17.

Approval of the Agenda

Model:

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
- b. Governance Committee Report
- c. Approval of Policies

Motion: Move to approve consent agenda.			
Made by: Cottingham		Seconded by: Wielinski	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

2. Special Education Update

- a. Finishing up MDE compliance review
 - i. Staff will complete survey in January
 - ii. Compliance officers will tour the Minnetonka campus, AIM and Lynx the end of January

3. Strategic Planning Update

- a. Ms. Boyack presents – “MN’s New Tier Teacher Licensing System”

4. Business

- 1. Director’s Report-Diane
 - i. Shoreview
 - 1. 17 offers made to current employees
 - 2. Will post open positions the end of January

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- ii. North St. Paul
 - 1. Staff is stable at this time
 - 2. Student openings at AIM
- iii. Minnetonka
 - 1. Hiring an OT and Resource Room Teacher
 - 2. Current enrollment at 151 students, with 2 new 9th graders accepted
 - 3. The lottery will be held the first week of January (Minnetonka & Shoreview)
- iv. Annual report is complete and was handed out
- v. Due to Sarah Hauer vacating her board position, a licensed teacher spot is available. Dr. Restorff nominated Bradford Gran to serve out Sarah's term. Mr. Gran has been teaching for 27 years, 8 of which have been at LGA.

Motion: Move to appoint Bradford Gran to serve out Sarah Hauer's vacated board position			
Made by: Wielinski		Seconded by: Harms	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

- vi. Student Achievement
 - 1. Student Activities Presentation
 - a. Quiz Bowl – In its 4th year, Quiz Bowl was started by students and is LGA's only league activity. They're looking for a fee activity account. Student fees currently cover meals and teacher expenses.
 - b. Art Showcase – This event happens in the spring. Teachers create a book of student art which is sold. Proceeds go to activities and speakers. Start-up cost is \$350.

Motion: Move to approve Art Showcase and Quiz Bowl to be under board control.			
Made by: Bachman		Seconded by: Betz	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

- 2. Foundation Update
 - i. No updates, committee has been meeting regularly
- 3. Committee Reports
 - i. Governance
 - 1. Five policies were reviewed with minor changes made.
 - 2. Reminder of strategic planning meeting on Saturday, 1/6 from 8:00 to 3:00 p.m

3. Board Training on 1/16. Chief Operations Officer of Hiawatha School will speak
4. Board Evaluation Tool
 - a. The Board evaluated Financial Oversight & Management
 - i. Indicators 9 – 14 have been identified as “completed”.
- ii. Finance
 1. Committee Update
 - a. Will submit a revised budget which will contain lower expenditures.
 - b. Per statements, our ADM count is close to 190
 - c. Expenses are less than budgeted.
 - d. No changes on balance sheet or income statement

Motion: Move to approve revised budget			
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Made by: Wielinski		Seconded by: Harms	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

2. Financials
 - a. 2017-18 Budget Revision

Motion: Move to approve financials.			
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Made by: Sawyer		Seconded by: Harms	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

- iii. Building
 1. Lease is almost complete
 2. A contractor has been chosen
 3. There’s a two year old environmental review – the building is clean
- iv. Executive Director Evaluation
 1. Committee met 12/19
 2. Currently working on streamlining the process

5. Review: Next Board Meeting agenda

Motion to Adjourn: 7:14 p.m.

Motion: Move to adjourn. .			
Made by: Cottington		Seconded by: Wielinski	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 7	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Next Meeting: *January 6th, 2018, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Green Circle Drive Campus (This will include the annual strategic planning retreat for the Board.)*

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