

LIONSGATE ACADEMY
 District #4183
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 16, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

PRESENT: Emy Bachman, Ben Barnes, Rachel Bell, Lori Fligge, Bradford Gran, Sal Lopiano, Christine Peper, Heather Reynolds, and Steve Sawyer
 Others: Dr. Diane Restorff, Executive Director; ~~Ryan Rehnstrand, Director of Student Services~~; Aaron Leisen, Director of Finance and Operations; Gael Braddock, Director of Human Resources; newly elected board directors: Molly Figenskau and Amiri Brotherson

Call to order: Emy Bachman, Chair @ 6:33pm

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 on the autism spectrum.

Comments from Community Members: Welcome to Amiri Brotherson and Molly Figenskau, newly elected board members.

Conflict of Interest Declaration: None declared.

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Model:

1. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
 - b. Governance Committee Report
 - c. Approval of Policies
 - i. Policy 801 Section 504 Accommodation

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

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

2. **Special Education Update - Ryan Rehnstrand**
 - a. ESY will be distance learning
3. **Business**
 - a. Director's Report – Dr. Restorff
 - i. Principal/Site Director Update - none
 - ii. Student Achievement
 1. Curriculum Mapping
 - a. Math

- b. Social Studies
- 2. Lynx Thematic Development
- iii. Strategic Planning Update –
 - 1. NEO contract renewal – awarded 5 year renewal
 - a. Note: Areas marked in red on the new contract are changes from the current contract

Approval NEO Contract Renewal:

Motion: Move to approve NEO contract renewal for July 1, 2020 – June 30 2025			
Made by: Fligge		Seconded by: Barnes	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

- iv. Reopening plan
 - 1. Planning for 3 opening options:
 - a. Hybrid – most complex - LGA is doing the most planning for this option
 - b. In person
 - c. Distance learning
 - 2. MDE will make a decision on July 27th on which model will be used for fall opening
- v. Personnel
 - 1. New Director of Human Resources – Gael Braddock
 - 2. Open positions:
 - a. Shoreview – 4 Special Education teachers, 1 General Education Lead teacher, Educational Assistants (EAs) hiring on hold
 - b. AIM – hiring on hold
 - c. Lynx – 2 Special Education teachers, 1 Board Certified Behavior Analyst, 1 Mental Health Behavioral Aide (EA)
 - d. Minnetonka – 1 DAPE teacher, 1 Long Term Substitute Case Manager, EA hiring on hold
- b. Foundation Update
 - i. Virtual “Breakfast” Fundraiser – launched May 29th
 - 1. Raised approximately \$27,000 (\$50,000 less than last year)
 - 2. Plans to re-release the video in the future
 - 3. Looking for Breakfast “Chair in Training” that will become the Breakfast Chair in 2021
 - 4. Link to the fundraiser video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x6QrpFgfHnI>
- c. Committee Reports
 - i. Governance – Director Gran
 - 1. Director Fligge will take over as Governance Chair due to Director Gran’s board term ending on June 30th, 2020
 - 2. Some policies tabled until July for further review
 - 3. Board recruitment and elections – new director board orientation with Diane next month
 - a. Molly Figenskau – New Teacher Director
 - b. Amiri Brotherson – New Community Member Director
 - c. Sal Lapiano – Continuing as Parent Member Director
 - d. Bradford Gran – Exiting Teacher Director
 - e. Steve Sawyer – Exiting Community Member Director
 - ii. Finance – Aaron Leisen
 - 1. Committee Update
 - 2. Financials – May financials
 - a. ADM – Current Actual - 295.27, Budgeted – 297.0
 - b. Revenues
 - i. Total Revenue \$15,927,130

Lionsgate Academy’s Authorizer is:

- ii. Revenue budgeted - \$15,911,425
- iii. Favorable variance of \$15,704
- c. CSP Grant
- d. Expenses
 - i. Total Expenditures - \$15,509,150
 - ii. Expenses budgeted - \$15,971,822
 - iii. Favorable variance of \$462,672 (due to billing lags from TCT)
- e. PPP loan – received in April – still researching on what needs to be done

Approval of Financials:

Motion: Move to approve May financials as submitted.			
Made by: Sawyer		Seconded by: Bell	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

- iii. Executive Director Evaluation – Director Lopiano
 - 1. Board reviewed the director evaluation at the closed meeting portion of the May Board Meeting
 - 2. Board Chair Bachman discussed the evaluation with Executive Director Restorff

4. Review: Next Month’s Board Meeting agenda

Approval to Seat Newly Elected Board Members:

Motion: Move to seat Community Member Director Amiri Brotherson			
Made by: Peper		Seconded by: Reyonlds	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Motion: Move to seat Teacher Director Molly Figenskau.			
Made by: Peper		Seconded by: Reyonlds	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Motion: Move to seat Parent Director Sal Lopiano			
Made by: Bell		Seconded by: Fligge	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Approval to Adjourn:

Motion: Move to adjourn @ 8:02pm			
Made by: Gran		Seconded by: Sawyer	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Next Meeting: *July 21, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m.* *Virtual Meeting*

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