

LIONSGATE ACADEMY
 District #4183
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 20th, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

PRESENT: Emy Bachman, Ben Barnes, Rachel Bell, Amiri Brotherson, Molly Figenskau, Lori Fligge, Christine Peper, and Heather Reynolds
 Others: Dr. Diane Restorff, Executive Director; Ryan Rehnstrand, Director of Student Services; Aaron Leisen, Director of Finance and Operations

Call to order: Emy Bachman, Chair @ 6:31pm

Motion: Move to suspend the rules of the meeting to open a discussion on whether to hold the meeting or postpone the meeting to a later date.			
Made by: Bachman		Seconded by: Reynolds	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Motion: Move to continue with tonight's board meeting and reinstate the rules of the meeting.			
Made by: Bachman		Seconded by: Fligge	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

School Mission Statement:

The Mission of Lionsgate Academy is to foster self-determination by providing a transition-focused, personalized education for all, specializing in educating learners on the autism spectrum.

Comments from Community Members: None.

Conflict of Interest Declaration: None declared.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Move to approve the agenda with the addition of a discussion about the location of the May board meeting during the Governance update as well as the deferral of the Director of Special Education's update until the May board meeting.			
Made by: Peper		Seconded by: Reynolds	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Model:

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
- b. Governance Committee Report
- c. Approval of Policies
 - i. Policy 503 Code of Conduct
 - ii. Policy 406 Travel Expense and Reimbursement
 - iii. Policy 606 Distribution of Non-School Sponsored Materials
 - iv. Policy 621 Request to Conduct Research

Lionsgate Academy's Authorizer is:

Novation Education Opportunities, 3432 Denmark Avenue Suite 103, Eagan, Minnesota 55123
 Phone 612-889-2103 Fax 612-870-1200 email executive.director.neo@gmail.com <http://www.neoauthorizer.org>

Motion: Move to approve consent agenda.			
Made by: Bell		Seconded by: Fligge	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

2. **Special Education Update** - Ryan Rehnstrand – deferred to May meeting

3. **Business**

a. Director’s Report – Dr. Restorff

- i. Genius Within – beginning phases of working with this company from the UK
 - 1. GW is a company that connects employers with interns and job coaches
- ii. Request for Research – Ashley Gruber
 - 1. Grad school research project – collecting data on implementing meditation into classes

Motion: Move to approve the request for research by Ashley Gruber			
Made by: Bell		Seconded by: Barnes	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

- iii. Key Fob Registration – The operations department is taking inventory of all key fobs
- iv. This Friday, April 23rd, is the decision day for the final four weeks of the school year
- v. Principal/Site Director Update – SHV Principal Schwab
 - 1. Students excited to be back at school
 - 2. Students have transitioned well to hybrid learning
 - 3. Planning is underway for a modified prom and graduation
 - 4. MCA’s start this week at the MTKA campus
- vi. Student Achievement
 - 1. MAP testing Reading results update
 - 2. MCA spring testing beginning now - must be onsite – schedule based on hybrid schedule
- vii. Strategic Planning Update – deferred to May meeting
- viii. Personnel
 - 1. Many open positions at all campuses for next year
 - 2. Shoreview – Special Education Coordinator Position open for next year due to resignation of Turnbull
- b. Foundation Update
 - i. Foundation Treasurer, John Villerius, has resigned and a replacement is needed
 - ii. Foundation Annual Fundraiser (Breakfast) Video - May 7th
- c. Committee Reports
 - i. Governance – Director Fligge
 - 1. Board member recruitment – current have 3 parent nominations, 4 teacher nominations, still need community member nominations
 - 2. Discussion on May board meeting location

Motion: Move to hold the May school board meeting in person at the Minnetonka campus with an option to attend virtually for those who choose not to be in person.			
Made by: Barnes		Seconded by: Reynolds	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

- ii. Finance – Aaron Leisen
 - 1. Committee Update – Review of March 2021 finances
 - 2. Financials

- a. Actual Current ADM: 334.91; ADM from Budget: 336.00
- b. Revenue – Total \$14,299,573 compared to \$12,669,835 budgeted for a total favorable variance of \$1,629,738. MDE has updated the current year entitlements based off the FY21 revised budget
- c. Expenses – Total expenses of \$15,427,405 compared to \$12,132,037 budgeted for a total unfavorable variance of \$93,295,368). This is mostly due to the pay back of the PPP loan and timing of transportation payments

Motion: Move to approve the March 2021 financials.			
Made by: Barnes		Seconded by: Brotherson	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

- iii. Executive Director Evaluation – Director Barnes
 - 1. In final stages – ED Committee will present the report to the board at the May meeting – will need to close the meeting for the discussion
- iv. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Update – Director Peper
 - 1. April training session next Tuesday – will be the 4th session
 - 2. Board will be reviewing the updated board on-boarding process
- v. Ad Hoc On-boarding Committee Update – Director Peper
 - 1. New on-boarding process will be unveiled next week at the training session
 - a. New board member powerpoint
 - b. New June team building
- vi. Ad Hoc Board Diversity Communication Committee Update – deferred to May meeting
 - 1. Board DEI statement – deferred to May meeting

4. Review: Next Month’s Board Meeting agenda

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Move to adjourn @ 7:31pm			
Made by: Peper		Seconded by: Reynolds	
Discussion: None			
Vote:	Yea: 8	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Next Meeting: *May 18th, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m. Minnetonka Campus: 5605 Green Circle Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55343 and Virtual Meeting Option*