

LIONSGATE ACADEMY  
District #4183  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
*October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.*

*Minnetonka Campus: 5605 Green Circle Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55343 and Virtual Meeting Option*

**TO:** Pauline Bangma, Ben Barnes, Amiri Brotherson, Molly Figenskau, Lori Fligge, Janet Ha, Christine Peper, Jason Pusey, and Ann Wiesner  
Others: Dr. Diane Restorff, Executive Director; Ryan Rehnstrand, Director of Student Services; Aaron Leisen, Director of Finance and Operations

**FROM:** Christine Peper, Chair

**Call to order:** Christine Peper, Chair @ 6:30pm

**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:** 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**

**None.**

**Approval of the Agenda**

<b>Motion:</b> Move to approve agenda.			
<b>Made by:</b> Fligge		<b>Seconded by:</b> Figenskau	
<b>Discussion:</b> None.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 7	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

**Model:**

**1. Consent Agenda**

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

<b>Motion:</b> Move to approve consent agenda.			
<b>Made by:</b> Barnes		<b>Seconded by:</b> Weisner	
<b>Discussion:</b> None.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 7	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

**2. Special Education Update - Ryan Rehnstrand**

- a. Lynx updates
  - i. Still need to hire – district admin and district employees have been helping to staff at Lynx
  - ii. 10/18-10/19 and 10/29 Lynx upper level will be participating in distance learning due to planned and unforeseen absence.

- iii. Recovery Services – due to the pandemic, legislation passed that schools must look at recovery services for all students with IEPs.
  - 1. The families of all students on IEPs need to be invited to an IEP team meeting before December to discuss if recovery services are needed. This is in addition to the annual IEP meeting. It’s an IEP team decision whether recovery services are needed. The meetings will identify if recovery services are needed.
  - 2. Summer enrichment services will be offered summer 2022 – independent of whether a student qualifies for ESY
  - 3. Recovery services could occur during the school day or before/after school (only during contracted hours)

**3. Business**

a. Director’s Report – Dr. Restorff

i. Seat New Board Member – Welcome to Pauline Bangma, Community Member

<b>Motion:</b> Move to appoint Pauline Bangma as a community member representative for the Lionsgate Academy School Board of Directors			
<b>Made by:</b> Figenskau		<b>Seconded by:</b> Barnes	
<b>Discussion:</b> None.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 7	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

- ii. Principal/Site Director Update – Rachel Boyack
  - 1. Minnetonka school year is off to a great start
  - 2. The number of behavior referrals, SRT calls, and crisis calls for Sept 2021 are much less than the number of calls in September 2019
- iii. Strategic Planning Update – Doodle Poll sent out to select days for planning session in January
- iv. Professional Development Training Day – Oct 20<sup>th</sup>
  - 1. Keynote Speaker – Nancy Reistenberg (MDE), Restorative Practices
  - 2. Breakout Sessions with presentations by staff
  - 3. LGA DEI Update with Gael Braddock, Director of Human Resources
- v. Student Achievement – NEO Presentation: Performance Framework
- vi. Personnel – Diane Restorff for Gael Braddock, Director of Human Resources
  - 1. Open Positions – posted on website and School Facebook page
    - a. Mtkk – (7) Sped Education Assistants, (1) CNA Sped EA, (1) Health Coordinator
    - b. SHV – (13) EAs, (1) Sped EA – ASL, (1) Social Studies Inclusion Teacher, (1) LA Inclusion Teacher, (1 part-time) English Language Learner Support
    - c. AIM – (1) Sped Teacher/CM, (2) Job Coach
    - d. Lynx – (5) Mental Health Behavior Aide, (1) Teacher/CM
    - e. District – (1) Nurse/COVID Coordinator
- b. Foundation Update – Director Brotherson
  - i. Director Brotherson attended the Foundation meeting and will provide updates to the BOD after meetings
- c. Committee Reports
  - i. Governance – Director Fligge
    - 1. Next meeting Nov 9<sup>th</sup>
    - 2. Board Events Calendar: Sign Ups
      - a. All board members must attend two school events throughout the year.
  - ii. Finance – Aaron Leisen
    - 1. Committee Update – Committee reviewed September 2021 financials
    - 2. Financials
      - a. ADM
        - i. Actual Current ADM: 373.44; ADM for Budget: 381
      - b. Revenue

**Lionsgate Academy’s Authorizer is:**

- i. Total revenues were \$5,259,744 compared to budget of \$5,382,371 for a total unfavorable variance of \$(122,627). MDE has updated the current year entitlements based off the FY22 Original Budget
- c. Expenses
  - i. Total expenditures were \$3,180,848 compared to a budget of \$4,300,683 for a total favorable variance of \$1,119,835. This is mostly due to timing issues with purchased services.

<b>Motion:</b> Move to approve September 2021 financials			
<b>Made by:</b> Brotherson		<b>Seconded by:</b> Barnes	
<b>Discussion:</b> None.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 8	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

- iii. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Update – Diane Restorff for Gael Braddock, HR
  - 1. District Committee – October meeting (no updates)
  - 2. Intercultural Development Inventory – Gael completed training and will begin individual IDIs with Diversity Committee Members in November 2021
  - 3. All Staff Training –
    - a. Gail will be presenting the outline for 21-22 DEI work
    - b. All staff will receive introductory training on the Intercultural Development Continuum to prepare for widespread IDI implementation
- iv. Ad Hoc Board Diversity Communication Committee Update – Director Barnes
  - 1. Meeting scheduled for brainstorming and next steps – will bring ideas to the full board at the next meeting
- v. Executive Director Evaluation
  - 1. Closed Meeting: Goal Setting

<b>Motion:</b> Move to close the board meeting @ 8:00pm			
<b>Made by:</b> Fligge		<b>Seconded by:</b> Ha	
<b>Discussion:</b> None.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 8	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

<b>Motion:</b> Move to open the closed session to discuss the board’s goals for the executive director			
<b>Made by:</b> Figenskau		<b>Seconded by:</b> Pusey	
<b>Discussion:</b> None.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 8	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

<b>Motion:</b> Move to close the closed session of the board meeting @ 8:26pm			
<b>Made by:</b> Barnes		<b>Seconded by:</b> Figenskau	
<b>Discussion:</b> None.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 8	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

#### 4. Review: Next Month’s Board Meeting agenda

<b>Motion:</b> Move to reopen the board meeting @ 8:27pm to discuss adding the new standing agenda item “Authorizer Update” to begin in November			
<b>Made by:</b> Fligge		<b>Seconded by:</b> Ha	
<b>Discussion:</b> None.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 8	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

**Motion to Adjourn:**

<b>Motion:</b> Move to adjourn @ 8:31pm			
<b>Made by:</b> Fligge		<b>Seconded by:</b> Weisner	
<b>Discussion:</b> None.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 8	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0

**Next Meeting:** *November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.* *Shoreview Campus: 599 Cardigan Road, Shoreview, MN 55126 and Virtual Meeting Option*