

LIONSGATE ACADEMY
District #4183
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 19th, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

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

TO: Pauline Bangma, Andrew Birnstengel, Amiri Brotherson, Molly Figenskau, Janet Ha, Jeff Nickolas, Jason Pusey, Rachel Osband, and Ann Wiesner

Others: Dr. Diane Restorff, Executive Director; Ryan Rehnstrand, Director of Student Services; Aaron Leisen, Director of Finance and Operations

FROM: Ann Wiesner

Call to order: Ann Wiesner @ 6:38pm

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.

Lionsgate Academy Board Land Use Acknowledgement Statement:

The School Board of Lionsgate Academy strives to foster a school community of diversity, equity, and inclusion. We acknowledge that our schools and community rests on stolen land of the tribes of the Dakota and Ojibwe in Minnesota. The School Board works to support the Lionsgate Academy community that addresses the needs of underserved students diagnosed on the Autism Spectrum. We work to support students of all backgrounds who wish to attend Lionsgate Academy. As the School Board, we commit to advancing equity and incorporating diversity and inclusion into every undertaking.

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

Motion: Move to approve agenda			
Made by: Osband		Seconded by: Bangma	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 6	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Model:

1. Consent Agenda

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

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 with the date correction on the Governance Committee Meeting Minutes			
Made by: Bangma		Seconded by: Osband	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 6	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

2. **Special Education Update** - Ryan Rehnstrand, Director of Special Education

- a. ESY (Extended School Year) Update
 - i. SHV – 18 students - went on a beach day
 - ii. MTKA – 54 students/day, not just maintaining but growing on goals
 - iii. Lynx – 19 students - CBIs and hanging with new students
 - iv. AIM – 9 students – great student attendance
- b. Read 180
 - i. Materials have arrived
 - ii. Training has been set for August
- c. Networking
 - i. MASE (Minnesota Administrators for Special Education)
 - ii. RDC (Regional Directors of Charters)
 - iii. Charter School Metro Directors

3. **Business**

- a. Director’s Report – Dr. Restorff, Executive Director
 - i. Principal/Site Director Update – Rachel Boyack, Minnetonka Principal
 - 1. ESY is underway
 - 2. New online registration via ParentVue – parents complete registration and it goes directly to the SIS (student information system)
 - 3. For Minnetonka (as of 7/19/22)
 - a. 47% of new students completed the initial registration
 - b. 21% of returning students completed their registration (was sent out on 7/15/22)
 - ii. Student Achievement
 - 1. Math and reading goals update
 - iii. Strategic Planning Update
 - 1. DEIB Initiative updated – working on performance measures, will be brought to the board for approval
 - iv. Personnel – Gael Braddock, Director of Human Resources
 - 1. Job openings
 - a. AIM – Job Coach (multiple due to growth), Teacher/Case manager (multiple due to growth), Teacher/Case Manager – Work Based Learning Coordinator, Social Worker
 - b. Lynx – Mental Health Behavior Aide (2)
 - c. Shoreview – Special Education Teacher, English Language Arts; Special Education Teacher, Resource Room;

- Inclusion Science Teacher; General Education Social Studies Teacher; Special Education Assistants (multiple); American Sign Language Interpreter
- d. Minnetonka – Special Education Case Manager; Special Education Teacher, English Language Arts; Special Education Assistants (multiple)
- b. Foundation Update –
 - i. Chad Sites stepped down as Chair
 - ii. Looking for members
 - iii. Next meeting is scheduled for next week
 - iv. First Breakfast planning meeting held last month – date for the next Breakfast Fundraiser is May 12, 2023 at the Metropolitan Ballroom
- c. Committee Reports
 - i. Governance – Director Ha
 - 1. New committee members had first meeting of the year
 - ii. Finance – Aaron Leisen, Director of Finance and Operations
 - 1. Committee Update – met to discuss June 2022 financials
 - a. Committee updated on AIM construction plan
 - b. Working on new (amended) lease deal for more space at the current AIM site – cost will be about \$60,000
 - 2. Financials (as of June 30, 2022)
 - a. ADM –
 - i. Actual Current ADM: 367.86; ADM from Budget: 371
 - b. Revenue –
 - i. Total Revenues: \$22,041,806; Budget: \$21,958,116
 - ii. Total favorable variance of \$83,690
 - c. Expenses –
 - i. Total Expenditures: \$21,168,228; Budget: \$21,800,259
 - ii. Total unfavorable variance of \$632,031

Motion: Move to approve June 2022 financials			
Made by: Brotherson		Seconded by: Pusey	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 6	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

- i. Executive Director Evaluation Committee Update - No update –
 - 1. Committee will meet with previous committee member for information
- ii. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee Update - No update
- iii. Ad Hoc Board Diversity Communication Committee Update - No update
- iv. Ad Hoc Executive Director Search Committee Update - Treasurer Brotherson

1. Leaning toward hiring an outside search firm to assist with the search process – they will give direction on the search, job posting language, etc.
2. Next meeting, next week
3. Will bring to the board the budget and costs for approval

v. Authorizer Report – No report

4. Review: Next Month’s Board Meeting agenda

Motion: Move to approve next month’s board agenda			
Made by: Ha		Seconded by: Nickolas	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 6	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Move to adjourn @ 7:58pm			
Made by: Bangma		Seconded by: Pusey	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 6	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Next Meeting: August 16th, 2022 @ 6:30 PM at the Shoreview Campus: 599 Cardigan Road, Shoreview, MN 55343 and Virtual Meeting Option