

LIONSGATE ACADEMY  
 District #4183  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
 May 19, 2015 6:00 p.m.

Lionsgate Academy 3420 Nevada Avenue N. Crystal, MN 55427

**TO:** Ryan Weber, Sara Bydzovsky, Malory Kosher, Christine Peper, John Barker, Ali Thorstad, Darren Johnson(absent), Chris Kenealy, and Kurt Nisi (absent after 6:55 p.m.).  
 Others: Diane Halpin, Executive Director; Emily Kafle, Special Education Coordinator; Ron Berger, Director of Finance  
**FROM:** Ali Thorstad, Chair

**Call to order:** Ali Thorstad, Chair 6:01 p.m.

**School Mission Statement:**

*The mission of Lionsgate Academy is to provide a transition-focused, personalized learning program focused for students with autism spectrum disorders that supports their full potential, participation, and self-determination within their school, family, and community.*

*To this end, Lionsgate Academy will create an educational environment that will model best instructional practice and research-based techniques so that the graduates will--to the fullest extent possible--live independently, be involved in further education or gainful employment and develop meaningful relationships with others.*

**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.

**Conflict of Interest Declaration-** None spoken

**Approval of the Agenda**

<b>Motion:</b> Move to approve agenda.			
<b>Made by:</b> Ryan Weber		<b>Seconded by:</b> Sara Bydzovsky	
<b>Discussion:</b> None.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 7	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b>
<b>Decision:</b> Unanimously Approved			

**Model:**

**1. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
  - i. Lionsgate Board Minutes 4-21-2015
- b. Governance Committee Report
- c. Ratify MACS membership renewal, cost is \$4,093.17

<b>Motion:</b> Move to approve consent agenda.			
<b>Made by:</b> Kurt Nisi		<b>Seconded by:</b> Chris Kenealy	
<b>Discussion:</b> None.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 7	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b>
<b>Decision:</b> Unanimously Approved			

**Lionsgate Academy's Authorizer is:**

**Closure of Meeting: 6:07 p.m.**

1. Reading of MN Open Meeting Law 13D.05 sub 3
2. Consultation with Booth Law Firm

<b>Motion:</b> Move to close			
<b>Made by:</b> Ryan Weber		<b>Seconded by:</b> John Barker	
<b>Discussion:</b> None.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 7	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b>
<b>Decision:</b> Unanimously Approved			

**Reopening of Meeting: 7:28 p.m.**

**3. Special Education Update**

**4. Strategic Planning Update**

- a. Five year goals with NEO (longest renewal allowed)
  - i. Need Board Approval for goals
    1. Exceeding Resident District Proficiency (All)
    2. Exceeding Resident District Proficiency (Spec Ed)
    3. Gap Reduction (25% better than the state has closed the gap)
    4. Achievement of IEP goals (80% of students in grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> will meet their goals in a year)
    5. Increased Independence
    6. Post Secondary Goal
    7. Attendance
    8. 5-pt Parent Satisfaction Positive Learning Scale
    9. Mobility (10% or less transfer)
    10. Compliance Criteria
    11. Finance (we receive MDE Finance Award)
  - ii. Board Training is offered by NEO (first Saturday in June)

<b>Motion:</b> Move to approve 5 year goals with NEO			
<b>Made by:</b> Ryan Weber		<b>Seconded by:</b> Christine Peper	
<b>Discussion:</b> None.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 6	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b>
<b>Decision:</b> Unanimously Approved			

**5. Business**

1. Director's Report-Diane
  - i. Strategic Planning
    1. Held July 21<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 p.m.
  - ii. Student Achievement
2. Foundation Update
  - i. Received Grant
  - ii. Electing officers at next meeting (new Board Chair)
3. Committee Reports
  - i. Governance
    1. Reviewed enrollment numbers of incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders

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ii. Finance

1. Committee Update

2. Financials

- a. We will re-do our cash flow if we believe we won't get money from MDE in July due to legislative inaction (work w/ Nonprofit Assistance Fund)
- b. Revised 15 & 16 budget needed
- c. Overspent non-payroll expenditures through April 30, but underspent on salaries/benefits
- d. No new news on the balance sheet
- e. May revenue review
- f. Reviewed payment register
- g. Reviewed cash flow statement

<b>Motion:</b> Approve/accept Finances			
<b>Made by:</b> John Barker		<b>Seconded by:</b> Ryan Weber	
<b>Discussion:</b> None.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 6	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b>
<b>Decision:</b> Unanimously Approved			

iii. Executive Director Evaluation

- 1. Dr. Halpin filled out personal evaluation and gave copies to the committee along with documentation of her work this school year
- 2. Meeting on Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> from 4-6 to discuss evaluation
  - a. Closed board meeting coming up (most likely June) to discuss evaluation and salary recommendations

iv. Building

- 1. North St. Paul needs permits
- 2. Drawings will be seen this week to submit to sewer/water authority & to present to Ramsey county because of the kitchen
- 3. Still looking at alternative sites for main campus
- 4. Church said they are unable to give us any more space due to their needs for their programming

6. **Review: June Board Meeting Agenda**

- a. Have meeting June 9<sup>th</sup> (a week earlier)
- b. Admin will come back with proposed numbers per grade
- c. Part of meeting will be closed for Executive Director evaluation

<b>Motion:</b> June date moved from the 16 <sup>th</sup> to the 9 <sup>th</sup>			
<b>Made by:</b> Ryan Weber		<b>Seconded by:</b> John Barker	
<b>Discussion:</b> None.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 6	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b>
<b>Decision:</b> Unanimously Approved			

**Motion to Adjourn:**

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<b>Motion:</b> Adjourn			
<b>Made by:</b> Chris Kenealy		<b>Seconded by:</b> Sara Bydzovsky	
<b>Discussion:</b> None.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 6	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b>
<b>Decision:</b> Unanimously Approved			

**Next Meeting:** June 9, 2015 6:00pm

**Lionsgate Academy's Authorizer is:**

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