

LIONSGATE ACADEMY
District #4183
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 2015 6:00 p.m.

Lionsgate Academy 3420 Nevada Avenue N. Crystal, MN 55427

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

Call to order: Ali Thorstad (Ryan Weber stepped in), Chair

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

Approval of the Agenda

- Additions to tonight's agenda:
 - "Thank you" to exiting board members (Barker & Weber)
 - NEO Contract Update
 - Executive Director Evaluation (Closed Meeting)

Motion: Move to approve consent agenda.			
Made by: Nisi		Seconded by: Barker	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 6	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

Model:

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
 - i. Lionsgate Board Minutes 5-19-2015

Motion: Move to approve consent agenda.			
Made by: Weber		Seconded by: Peper	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 6	Nay: 0	Abstain:

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

Decision: Unanimously Approved

2. Special Education Update

- a. Caseload recommendations from MDE were reviewed
 - i. Resource Room caseload numbers for the start of 2015-16 school year were reviewed
 - ii. LYNX Program numbers were reviewed
- b. 12 students in Grade 7 for 2015-2016 school year
- c. Accepted one new 9th grader and two new 11th graders for 2015-2016 school year

3. Strategic Planning Update

- a. Gateway to Success (Angie Bennett)
 - i. Employee Selection
 - 1. Can Do
 - 2. Will Do
 - 3. Can lead
 - 4. Will Fit
 - ii. On Boarding Process – first 90 days on expectations of new staff
 - iii. Professional Development for Current Employees
 - iv. Succession Planning (Identifying Leaders)
 - v. Staff were given a knowledge and skills assessment checklist (Descriptions on what is important to have as a skillset in their specific position)

4. Business

- 1. Director’s Report-Diane
 - i. Investigating a potential partner school that would take “overflow” students
 - ii. Student Achievement
 - 1. 120 responses from student survey
 - iii. NEO-new contract
- 2. Foundation Update
 - i. Pickin’ for Autism - \$8-\$9,000
- 3. Committee Reports
 - i. Governance
 - 1. Exiting Interviews for Board Members
 - ii. Finance
 - 1. Committee Update
 - 2. Financials
 - a. Reviewed May financial statement package with board
 - b. Following discussion, board approved financial statements

Motion: Move to approve financials

Made by: Kenealy

Seconded by: Nisi

Discussion: None.

Vote:

Yea: 6

Nay: 0

Abstain:

Decision: Unanimously Approved

- c. Reviewed revised FY 15 and FY 16 budgets, as recommended by administration

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- d. Reviewed changes in sources of revenues and expenditures from last approved budgets
- e. Following discussion, board approved proposed revised budgets for FY 15 and FY 16

Motion: To approve the revised FY 15 budget, including General Fund revenues totaling \$9,367,106 and expenses totaling \$9,314,469 and Food Service revenues totaling \$39,900 and expenses totaling \$40,350.			
Made by: Weber		Seconded by: Nisi	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 6	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

Motion: To approve the revised FY 16 budget, including General Fund revenues totaling \$10,211,166 and expenses totaling \$10,154,157 and Food Service revenues totaling \$41,400 and expenses totaling \$46,400.			
Made by: Weber		Seconded by: Nisi	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 6	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

- f. If Legislation passes and government shuts down:
 - i. Government will still give a small amount of cash flow
 - ii. Defer July rent
 - iii. Will have to pay HealthPartners (can wait until July 15)

Motion: To authorize Director of Finance and Operations to manage payments to meet available cash inflows if state government shuts down and prevents expected payments to Lionsgate Academy to occur.			
Made by: Nisi		Seconded by: Kenealy	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 6	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

iii. Executive Director Evaluation: Closed Meeting

5. Review: July Board Meeting agenda

Motion: To approve July Board agenda.			
Made by: Weber		Seconded by: Kosher	
Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 6	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: To adjourn meeting.			
Made by: Nisi		Seconded by: Peper	

Discussion: None.			
Vote:	Yea: 6	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously Approved			

Next Meeting: July 21, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

(Strategic Planning Meeting, July 21, 2015, 4:00-6:00 pm)

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