

DULUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACADEMY

Meeting of Members

DATE/LOCATION: August 15, 2017 at DECS North Star Academy

PRESENT: Neil Byce, Chair; Tim Golden, Past-President; Hillary Hodgman, Treasurer; Andrew Richey, Vice-Treasurer; Lisa Harold, Nikki Jensen, Jill Kandel, Mike St. John, and Stephen Sydow

ABSENT: Ryan Welch, Katie Cronin-Anderson - both excused

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:32pm

Approval of Agenda

- Motion made (Byce), second (Kandel) to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

READING OF MISSION STATEMENT:

- Duluth Edison Charter Schools is dedicated to the achievement of academic and personal excellence for every student.

Approval of Minutes

- Motion made (Byce), second (St. John) to approve the annual meeting minutes for June 20, 2017 as presented. Motion unanimously approved
- Motion made (Byce), second (Kandel) to approve the Special Meeting minutes for June 29, 2017. Motion unanimously approved.

Special Presentation: Student Achievement Data Overview
Dustin Finlayson, Data and Student Information Analyst

Correspondence/Communication:

- None

Public Comment:

- None

****Conflict of Interest Reminder on Voting****

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report

Hilary Hodgman presented the treasurer's report. Supporting materials provided.

- Donation:
 - \$65 N. Wegler - Wells Fargo Matching Donation

Head of School's Report

Bonnie Jorgenson presented the Head of School's Report. Supporting materials Provided.

- Motion made (Byce), second (St. John) to approve the DPSA personnel changes for 2017-2018 as of 8/15/17. Motion unanimously approved.
- Motion made (Byce), second (Kandel) to approve the receipt of \$1,000 grant from Northland Foundation for play based learning project in primary academy. Motion approved with Mike St. John abstaining from vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee

Neil Byce presented the Executive Committee minutes from August 15, 2017. Supporting materials provided.

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Finance Committee

Hilary Hodgman presented the Finance Committee minutes from August 14, 2017. Supporting materials provided.

- Motion made (Hodgman), second (Golden) to approve the transportation contract with Voyageur Bus Company. Motion unanimously approved.

Board Development/Personnel Committee

Mike St. John presented the Board Development/Personnel Committee minutes from August 14, 2017. Supporting materials provided.

20th Anniversary Task Force

Did not meet

Other Business

- Motion made (Byce), second (Kandel) for the approval of Bonnie Jorgenson, Head of School, to act as Duluth Public Schools Academy's Identified Official with Authority for the 2017-2018 academic year, giving her the responsibility of assigning job duties to DPSA staff to ensure MDE reporting requirements are met. Motion unanimously approved.
- Motion made (Byce), second (St. John) for approval of revised Policy 500-1: Admission and Lottery Procedures as amended. Motion unanimously approved.
- Motion made (Byce), second (St. John) for approval of new Policy 400-15: Reporting Unethical or Fraudulent Actions. Motion unanimously approved.
- Motion made (Byce), second (St. John) for approval of new Policy 400-16: Reporting on Failure to Uphold Professional Standards and Practices. Motion made (Golden) to table for further clarification from administration.

- Motion made (Byce), second (Golden) for approval for removal of Board Policy 500-24: Restrictive Procedures from the Policy manual. Motion made (St. John) to table for further clarification from administration.

Moved to closed meeting at 7:16 p.m.

-- Potential litigation situation

Exit closed session at 7:41 p.m.

Neil Byce adjourned meeting at 7: 41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aundrea Kinziger

Aundrea Kinziger, DPSA Recorder