

DULUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACADEMY

Meeting of Members

DATE/LOCATION: May15, 2018 at DECS North Star Academy

PRESENT: Hilary Hodgman, Chair; Stephen Sydow, Vice-Chair; Katie Cronin-Anderson, Secretary; Lon Hanson, Nikki Jensen, Mike St. John, Neil Byce, Immediate Past President; Glenda LaTour, and Ryan Welch

ABSENT: Andrew Richey excused

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:32 pm

Approval of Agenda

- Motion made (Hodgman), second (Byce) to approve the agenda as amended to reflect a closed session at the end of meeting regarding the Snowflake property. 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 (Cronin-Anderson), second (Richey) to approve the meeting minutes for March 20, 2018 as corrected. Motion unanimously approved.
- Motion made (Cronin-Anderson), second (St. John) to approve the meeting minutes for the DPSA Board of Directors Retreat on April 21, 2018, with corrections to name spellings. Motion unanimously approved.
- Motion made (Cronin-Anderson), second (Welch) to approve the special board meeting minutes for April 24, 2018. Motion unanimously approved.
- Motion made (Cronin-Anderson), second (Byce) to approve the special board meeting minutes for April 30, 2018. Motion unanimously approved.

Correspondence/Communication:

- Formal letter of resignation from the Board from Tim Golden.
- Formal letter of resignation from John Achartz.
- Formal letter from Carter Wegler regarding teacher pay with solutions.
- Formal letter from Hailey Gunter regarding locker room size fairness, parking lot and being able to wear school sport hoodies during the school day.

Public Comment:

- None

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

BOARD LEARNING TOPIC

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report

Neil Byce presented the treasurer's report. Supporting materials provided.

Donations Received:

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| \$1,000 | Minnesota Coaches & Voyageur Bus Company - May 19 |
| \$ 500 | Minnesota Coaches & Voyageur Bus Company - Golf Scramble |
| \$ 300 | <u>Wheeler & Associates - Golf Scramble</u> |
| \$1,800 | Total Donations Received |

Head of School's Report

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

- Motion made (Sydow), second (Welch) to approve the staffing changes as of 5/14/18. Motion unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee

Hilary Hodgman presented the meeting minutes from May 15, 2018 as presented. Supporting materials provided.

- Motion made (Sydow), second (St. John) to approve the renewal of MACS membership 2018-2019 in the amount of \$7,132. Motion unanimously approved.
- Motion made (Sydow), second (Welch) to approve the job description for Special Education Assistant Coordinator as presented by Rachel Komarek. Motion unanimously approved with Katie Cronin-Anderson abstaining from vote due to conflict of interest.
- Motion made (Sydow), second (Byce) to approve the proposal for a Raleigh STEAM specialist. Motion approved 8:1.
- Motion made (Hodgman), second (Cronin-Anderson) to approve the refinancing of our current bond in order to secure economic benefit, remove restrictive covenants and restructure in order to lower debt services. Motion unanimously approved.

Finance Committee

Neil Byce presented the Finance Committee minutes from April 24, April 30, and May 14, 2018. Supporting materials provided.

- Motion made (Byce), second (St. John) to extend our contract with Redpath for one year with a slight reduction in fee. Motion unanimously approved.

- Motion made (Byce), second (St. John) to approve revised Policy 300-15 Sale of Equipment. Motion unanimously approved.

Board Development/Personnel Committee

Mike St. John presented the committee minutes from May 3, 2018. Supporting materials provided.

Third Decade Celebration Task Force

Katie Cronin-Anderson presented the committee updates.

Temporary Adjournment of Regular Meeting at 7:36 pm

Convened Closed Meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Adjourned Closed Meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Hilary Hodgman adjourned meeting at 7:56 :pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aundrea Kinziger

Aundrea Kinziger, DPSA Recorder