

Emergency Meeting of the Yinghua Academy School Board
1616 Buchanan Street NE, Minneapolis, MN, Office Conference Room
Friday, June 14, 2013, 8:00 AM
FINAL

Board Members in Attendance: Walt Graff, Denny Grubish (Treasurer), Ruth Hansen, Rosemary Lawrence, Karen Lu (Secretary), Jen Shadowens (Chair)

Board Members not in Attendance: Lou Bender, Scott Jax, Joel O'Malley, Seth Werner

Executive Director in Attendance: Mrs. Sue Berg

Public in Attendance: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Shadowens called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m.

II. APPROVALS

a. 6/14/13 Agenda

The MOTION by Mr. Grubish to approve the agenda was seconded and passed.

III. BOND MARKET – EMAIL FROM PIPER JAFFRAY

Ms. Shadowens reviewed the June 13 email from Piper Jaffray indicating a tightening bond market and higher than anticipated interest rates that may result in a shortfall in the project fund.

IV. OPTIONS

Ms. Shadowens presented options for addressing the potential shortfall, including increasing debt service and reducing project hard and soft costs. Ms. Shadowens also reviewed current enrollment projections.

V. CURRENT SAVINGS

The majority of Yinghua's project partners have agreed to a 10% fee reduction. Savings have also been found by truing up project soft costs. Ms. Shadowens noted that it is currently still possible to complete the bond transaction within the parameters of the resolution passed at the May 13 Board Meeting. Questions and discussion followed.

VI. REVISED BUDGET REFLECTING 2014-15 LEASE AID UPDATES

Ms. Shadowens presented BKDA's revised budget reflecting 2014-15 increases in kindergarten funding and lease aid.

VII. DISCUSSION OF NEXT STEPS

The Board discussed the degree of comfort in increasing debt service and contingency plans for pro-actively managing enrollment in future years. The Board also discussed ways to reduce project costs on the addition in order to preserve funds for the existing building.

VIII. ADJOURN

The MOTION made by Ms. Shadowens to adjourn at 9:12 a.m. was seconded and passed.

Minutes drafted by Karen Lu, Secretary.

Approved by vote of Board on: July 8th, 2013