

## **Regular Meeting of the Yinghua Academy School Board**

1616 Buchanan Street NE, Minneapolis, MN, Special Education Room

Monday, May 19, 2014, 6:00 PM

**Board Members in Attendance:** Denny Grubish (Treasurer), Walt Graff, Emily Hanson, Scott Jax, Jan Kleinman (Secretary), Rosemary Lawrence, Karen Lu (Chair), Jen Shadowens, Sarah Whiting

**Board Members not in Attendance:** Suzanne Reider, Seth Werner,

**Executive Director in Attendance:** Mrs. Sue Berg

**YACA Chair in Attendance:** Dina Nash (arrived 6:25 pm)

**Guest in Attendance:** Debra Schneider (Fredrikson & Byron)

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lu called the meeting to order at 6:14 pm.

### II. APPROVALS

#### a. 5/19/14 AGENDA

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

#### b. 4/21/14 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**The MOTION by Mr. Jax to approve the minutes was seconded and passed.**

#### c. 4/26/14 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The Revisit 5 Year Strategic Plan 2010 - 2015 will be re-worded.

**The MOTION by Ms. Whiting to approve the minutes as amended was seconded and passed.**

#### d. FY 2015 DRAFT BUDGET

Mr. Grubish outlined the Finance Committee's work since Board's special meeting last week. Ms. Berg clarified several areas of savings. Concern was voiced about potential new state laws regarding use of Fund 04. The Finance Committee will continue work on this budget with a goal of 14% fund balance.

**The MOTION by Mr. Jax to approve the budget was seconded and passed.**

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### IV. EMPLOYMENT LAW TRAINING - DEBRA SCHNEIDER

Ms. Schneider presented an overview of her firm's work for Yinghua Academy. Similar to a presentation she made to staff, she discussed Optional Practical Training visas, H1-B visas and green cards. She recommended

- Letters be written to Minnesota's congressional delegation asking for an increase in the number of H1-B visas.
- Consideration of a school policy about sponsorship of green cards.

V. PARENT AND STAFF SURVEY SUMMARY – SCOTT JAX

Mr. Jax shared preliminary data from both surveys. He will meet with Ms. Lu and Mrs. Berg to discuss categories for open-ended comments which accompanied responses, and report more fully at June's Board meeting.

VI. ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA REVIEW – KAREN LU

Items for the Annual Meeting include: Facilities update, Finances update, Enrollment update, brief remarks about Fundraising, Candidate speeches, and Survey results.

Ms. Lu recessed the meeting at 8:30 pm.

-- BEGIN CLOSED SESSION--

Ms. Lu called the meeting to order at 8:39 pm.

VII. CEO/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVALUATION DISCUSSION – EMILY HANSON

Ms. Hanson reported on results from the Executive Director Evaluation. Discussion ensued about a written report on these results.

--END CLOSED SESSION--

Ms. Lu ended the closed session at 9:49 pm.

VIII. ADJOURN

**The MOTION made by Mr. Grubish to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. was seconded and passed.**

Minutes drafted by Jan Kleinman, Secretary.  
Approved by vote of Board on :