

Regular Meeting of the Yinghua Academy School Board
1616 Buchanan Street NE, Minneapolis, MN, Media Center
Monday, May 18, 2015, 6:00 PM
FINAL

Board Members in Attendance: Walt Graff (left at 8:15), Denny Grubish (Treasurer), Emily Hanson, Scott Jax (arrived at 6:11), Jan Kleinman (Secretary – via Skype from Starbucks, Denver, CO; signed off at 8:25), Rosemary Lawrence, Karen Lu (Chair), Suzanne Reider, Jen Shadowens (arrived at 6:28), Sarah Whiting

Board Members not in Attendance: Seth Werner

Executive Director in Attendance: Sue Berg

YACA Chair in Attendance: Dina Nash

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lu called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

II. APPROVALS (25 min.)

a. 5/18/15 Agenda

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

b. 4/20/15 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

c. 4/25/15 Board Retreat Minutes

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

d. 5/4/15 Annual Meeting Minutes

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

a. Policy 210.1 Conflict of Interest – Second Reading

Brief explanation of previous edits was offered. One additional minor edit was noted.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. FINANCE UPDATE (54 min.)

Mr. Grubish reported that there is some truing up of the budget to finish, but that there is a good chance we will go over the 20% fund balance this year. He also reported that after considering the bids for service, the Finance Committee recommends that we change our financial services from BKDA to CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA). The Finance Committee found that CLA would be less expensive with a greater number of services. Discussion ensued on the pros and cons of the two companies.

The MOTION by Mr. Jax to accept CLA's Financial Management Services bid was seconded and passed.

V. GOVERNANCE UPDATE (4 min.)

Ms. Shadowens reported that Kimberly Gill, Joel Luedtke, Amanda Schneider, Seth Werner (incumbent), and Christopher Ziolkowski were elected to the board. She reported there was a 10% participation rate for voting, which is about average for current trends. She will be getting them an onboarding packet this week.

VI. DEVELOPMENT (8 min.)

Ms. Whiting reported that she met with Rob Williams, the Executive Director of Sheridan Story. Their service provides meals for families in need on weekends. The board suggested that Ms. Whiting talk further with both the Finance Committee and the Development Committee and return to the Board with a recommendation.

VII. CALENDAR (2 min.)

It was agreed to have the summer Board meetings on July 20th and August 17th.

VIII. PERSONNEL UPDATE (124 min.)

The meeting was closed to the public at this time. Ms. Hanson reported on her summary of the CEO/Executive Director Evaluation. Discussion ensued regarding terms and language throughout the document.

IX. ADJOURN

The motion by Mr. Jax to adjourn at 9:32 pm was seconded and passed.

Minutes drafted by Sarah Whiting.

Approved by vote of Board on June 15, 2015.