

Regular Meeting of the Yinghua Academy School Board
1616 Buchanan Street, NE, Minneapolis, MN, Media Center
Monday, September 21, 2015
FINAL

Board Members in Attendance: Kimberly Gill, Denny Grubish (Treasurer) (arrived at 6:50), Emily Hanson, Rosemary Lawrence, Karen Lu (Chair), Joel Luedtke, Lisa Matre, Suzanne Reider, Amanda Schneider, Jen Shadowens, Seth Werner (Secretary), Sarah Whiting, Christopher Ziolkowski

Board Members not in Attendance: None

Executive Director not in Attendance: Sue Berg

YACA Chair in Attendance: Dina Nash

Public in Attendance: Denise Miller

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVALS (7 min)

a. 9/21/15 Agenda

The MOTION by Ms. Whiting to approve the agenda was seconded and passed.

b. 8/30/15 Special Meeting Minutes

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

c. 8/17/15 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

d. Policy 806 Crisis Management

The MOTION by Ms. Whiting to approve the policy was seconded and passed.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. FINANCE UPDATE (32 min)

Mr. Grubish noted that Matt Wylie is the new representative from CLA, the school's accounting firm. Mr. Grubish reminded the board that in the coming month the budget, which was originally based on estimates and forecasts, will be updated to reflect actual numbers now that the school year has started. One example of the type of adjustment that will need to be made is the increase in transportation costs incurred as the busing routes have been changed.

V. GOVERNANCE UPDATE (7 min)

a. Policies YA-010, 410, 413, 427, 514 – Second Reading

All policies were discussed. Ms. Shadowens will look into open questions and amend the policies where appropriate given the discussion and her findings of the open questions. Regarding Policy 410, Mr. Luedtke noted that state policy makers are looking at revising parental leave requirements and this may have an impact on the school's policy. Regarding Policy 514, Ms. Shadowens will be looking into the reporting requirement timeframes.

VI. 2014-15 ANNUAL REPORT (42 min)

There was general discussion about the role of the annual report as well as feedback about the content and general edits.

VII. ADJOURN (2 min)

Ms. Hanson reminded the board of the invitation to attend the faculty, staff and board breakfast to be held on October 2.

The MOTION by Mr. Grubish to adjourn at 7:36pm was seconded and passed.

Minutes drafted by Seth Werner, Secretary

Approved by vote of Board on: October 19, 2015