

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE YINGHUA ACADEMY SCHOOL BOARD

Thursday, April 25, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Yinghua Academy Media Center: 1616 Buchanan St NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413

Board Members in Attendance: Cindy Moeller (Chair), Charles Robinson (Treasurer), Nathan Bode (Secretary) (arrived at 6:15 p.m.), Colleen Ebinger (left at 6:36 p.m.), Paul Haller, Barbara Knott, Andrew Lawton (left at 6:44 p.m.), Amanda Schneider, and Yinglu Zeglin

Board Members Not in Attendance: Pamella Stommes

Executive Director in Attendance: None

YACA Co-Chair in Attendance: None

Public in Attendance: Claire Little, Paul Landahl, Chris Klisch, Kristina Middendorf, Jill Whitney, Andrew Eller, and Ying Zhang

I. WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

Ms. Moeller called the Annual Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

II. YINGHUA BYLAWS (6 minutes)

Ms. Moeller presented an update to Section 3.b of Yinghua Academy's Bylaws to comply with MN state statutes. The update is to show "Yinghua currently has a parent majority board."

The MOTION by Ms. Ebinger to update Yinghua Academy's Bylaws was seconded and passed.

III. SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION AND CANDIDATES (25 minutes)

Dr. Haller, chair of the Governance Committee, explained the voting process for the School Board member election. This year there are 6 candidates running for 4 open spots. Dr. Haller introduced the following candidates: Bryan Huang, Chris Klisch, Paul Landahl, Cindy Moeller, Yinglu Zeglin, and Ying Zhang

Each candidate was given a few minutes to give a speech on their background and reasons for running for a Board seat. The following presented in person; Chris Klisch, Yinglu Zeglin, Cindy Moeller, Paul Landahl, and Ying Zhang. Bryan Huang was not in attendance and video of his speech was played.

Dr. Haller concluded with the start of the election.

IV. OVERVIEW OF FINANCES (8 minutes)

Mr. Robinson provided a high-level summary of Yinghua Academy's finances, including the size of the budget and the major categories of spending. He mentioned that the Board had approved the 2024-2025 budget at last week's Board meeting.

V. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE (20 minutes)

Ms. Moeller provided background and an update on Yinghua's Strategic Plan. She provided background on the fundraising groups and efforts. She also mentioned that the Board will be reviewing achievements against the Strategic Plan on a semi-annual basis.

VI. ADJOURN

Ms. Moeller concluded the meeting.

The MOTION by Mr. Robinson to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. was seconded and passed.

Minutes drafted by Nathan Bode

Approved by vote of Board on: May 20, 2024 at 6:07 PM