

YINGHUA ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 17th, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

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

Board Members in Attendance: Colleen Ebinger (Chair), Yinglu Zeglin (Secretary), Chris Klisch (Treasurer), Paul Landahl, Bradly Byykkonen, Jessica Griffin, Brian Strahan, Catherine Wang Yang, Trupti Storlie, Ying Zhang

Board Members Not in Attendance: Cindy Moeller, Bryan Huang, Pamella Stommes

Executive Director in Attendance: Dr. Luyi Lien

YACA in Attendance: Mike Wilson

Public in Attendance: Jennifer Heieie (left at 6:57 pm)

I. Call to order (6:02 pm)

Ms. Ebinger called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

II. Approvals (6:02- 6: 20 pm)

A. 11/17/2025 Agenda

Ms. Ebinger presented the draft agenda for the November board meeting.

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

B. 10/20/2025 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Ebinger presented the minutes of the October Board meeting.

The MOTION by Mr. Landahl to approve the October meeting minutes was seconded and passed.

C. Leave of Absence Request

Dr. Lien reported that a third grade student will be absent for approximately 20 days due to an overseas family visit.

The MOTION by Mr. Landahl to approve the leave of absence was seconded and passed.

D. New Hires & Separations

Dr. Lien shared that there are no staffing changes this month.

E. Annual Report

Dr. Lien provided an overview and key highlights of the Annual Report, which included the 2024–2025 Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness Report (CACR).

The MOTION by Ms. Yang to approve the Annual Report, including the CACR, was seconded and passed.

III. Special Education Presentation (6:20-6:57 pm)

Ms. Heieie, Yinghua's Director of the Special Education Program through INDIGO Education, provided a detailed presentation on the Special Education Program at Yinghua Academy.

IV. Follow-up Discussion on Annual Academic Presentation (6:57-7:38 pm)

The board discussed several questions related to the Academic Annual Report presented at the October board meeting. Topics included future Yinghua contract goals with Friends of Education, potential ways families can support Yinghua's academic goals, and updates to the 8th grade homework structure.

V. Discussion on School Culture Survey (7:38-7:48 pm)

The board discussed the standout points from the Culture Survey and the measures that have already been implemented following the 2024 Spring Culture Survey.

VI. Fundraising Committee (7:48-7:51 pm)

Dr. Lien shared that the Fundraising Committee has planned a list of activities and events to support Yinghua's fundraising goals.

VII. Governance Committee (7:51-7:53 pm)

Mr. Landahl brought Policy 709 (Student Transportation Policy) and Policy 534 (School Meal Policy) for the first reading

VIII. Finance Committee Update (7:53-7:55 pm)

Mr. Klisch shared an overview of the October financials. We are on a 25% budget balance at this time of the year.

IX. Highlights of Executive Director's Report (7:55-8:01 pm)

Dr. Lien emphasized some highlights:

- The Q-Comp leaders were selected after the teacher screening process.
- PD and Teacher Conferences

X. Public Comment

No comment.

XI. ADJOURN (8:01 - 8:03 pm)

Ms. Ebinger concluded the meeting.

The MOTION by Mr. Strahan to adjourn the meeting was seconded and passed.

Minutes drafted by Yinglu Zeglin

Approved by vote of the Board on December 8th, 2025.