

YINGHUA ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 8th, 2026, 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, Catherine Wang Yang, Ying Zhang, Bryan Huang, Trupti Storlie, Cindy Moeller, Brian Strahan

Board Members Not in Attendance: Pamella Stommies

Executive Director in Attendance: Dr. Luyi Lien

YACA in Attendance: Mike Wilson

Public in Attendance:

I. Call to order (6:06 pm)

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

II. Approvals (6:06 - 6:07 pm)

A. 6/8/26 Agenda

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

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

B. 5/18/2026 Meeting Minutes

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

The MOTION by Ms. Ebinger to approve the May meeting minutes was seconded and passed.

III. Renewal of Education Identity and Access Management Board Resolution (6:07- 6:12 pm)

Dr. Lien provided the Board with an overview of the IOWA Education Identity and Access Management Board Resolution and explained its role.

The MOTION by Mr. Landahl to approve Dr. Lien to be the IOWA was seconded and passed.

IV. Approval of contract with Minnesota Online High School (6:12 - 6:21 pm)

Dr. Lien presented the compensation for teachers who teach at Minnesota Online High School and the revenue Yinghua generated during the 2025–2026 school year. The Board will review the contract for the next school year with Minnesota Online High School once it is ready.

V. Fundraising Committee (6:21- 6:26 pm)

Mr. Huang provided a recap of the 20th Anniversary Celebration. The gala raised approximately \$220,000 for Yinghua Academy (with some commitments still coming in and workplace matches expected). The Board expressed its appreciation to the Fundraising Committee for organizing such a successful event.

VI. Friends Of Yinghua Academy History (6:26- 7:37 pm)

Ms. Moeller presented the history and goals of FOYA. The Board discussed FOYA's future role and next steps, as well as its overall purpose. The Board also discussed the relationship between Yinghua and FOYA, including the connections between the FOYA Board and the Yinghua Academy Board.

VII. Governance Committee (7:37- 7:38pm)

Mr. Landahl announced the individuals elected to the Board.

VIII. Strategic Plan Update (7:38 - 7:51 pm)

Ms. Ebinger reviewed the process used to develop the current strategic plan, which concludes this year. The Board discussed the next steps for developing a new strategic plan. A committee will be formed to lead the planning process and present recommendations to the Board.

IX. Finance Committee (7:38- 8: 06 pm)

Mr. Klisch reported that current enrollment is 864 students. He also provided the May financial update, noting that expenditures are at 81% of the annual budget. He presented several options for remodeling the building to support future development within the current budget. Mr. Klisch will bring additional details on each option to the Board for further discussion.

Mr. Klisch also shared that the school's medical insurance premium will increase by 15% next year. Moving forward, Dr. Lien will obtain the medical insurance renewal rates by March each year so they can be incorporated into the April Finance Committee meeting and budget planning.

The MOTION by Ms. Klisch to approve the increase on the 2026-2027 medical insurance premium increase was seconded and passed. .

X. Highlights of Executive Director's Report (8:06 - 8:19 pm)

Dr. Lien highlighted the following updates:

- 104 kindergarten students have confirmed their enrollment for the next school year.
- Dr. Lien was invited to serve on the National Chinese Language Standards Revision Task Force and Consultant Team to review and revise the Chinese Language Standards.
- Students and staff were provided designated time to complete the Yinghua School Climate Survey.
- Yinghua received the report from the Friends of Education site visit.

XI. Public Comment
NA

XII. ADJOURN (8:19 - 8:19 pm)

Ms. Ebinger concluded the meeting.

The MOTION by Ms. Ebinger to adjourn the meeting was seconded and passed.

Minutes drafted by Yinglu Zeglin

Approved by vote of the Board on August 17th, 2026.