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**January 25th, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Board Conference Room#111  
6:00 PM STRIDE Academy Library**

***School Mission Statement:***

*STRIDE Academy nurtures individuals while fostering leadership and empowering students to attain their highest potential in a family-centered environment.*

- I. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call 6:00 PM Members present: Sara Fromm, Andy Lyman, Kayla Silverberg, Aaron Lundblad.  
Members of the Public: Principal Angie Lichy, MS Principal Nate Schwieters via zoom,  
Executive Director Eric Skanson**

***Mission Statement of STRIDE Academy***

***Conflict of Interest Declaration: No member of the board of directors, employee, officer, or agent of a charter school shall participate in selecting, awarding, or administering a contract if a conflict of interest exists.***

- II. **Approval of Agenda - Motion to approve made by Mr. Lyman, Seconded by Mr. Lundblad.  
Motion carries.**

- III. **Consent Agenda- Approved**

*A consent agenda is a streamlined approach to handling routine matters in meetings, allowing multiple items to be approved together without extensive discussion or debate, saving time for more important topics. Board members have the option to pull specific items from the consent agenda for separate consideration by indicating their request during the meeting.*

- A. Approval of December 14, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of December 2024 Financial Reports
- C. Acceptance of Resignation, Eric Williams, Effective February 16, 2024
  
- D. Approval of Eugene Jaeger, EL teacher
- E. Acceptance of Resignation, Hassan Shuriye, STRIDE Board Member

## Public Comment - **No Comments**

*The School Board welcomes input from community members and staff.*

*Each person addressing the council shall give their name for the record. Each person making a public comment is limited to three minutes. Comments should be kept courteous and professional and directed to the board. After the speaker makes their statement, they will be seated without further comment, dialogue, or debate.*

## IV. Reports

### E. Executive Director Report

#### 1. PUC/Stride Contract Goal Status

*Continued reporting on PUC goal status from Executive Director Eric Skanson. Contract goals are created upon authorization and are on a three-year cycle.*

#### 2. STRIDE Annual Goals Reporting

*Continued reporting on STRIDE Annual goal status from Executive Director Eric Skanson. STRIDE Annual goals are created annually with the administrative team.*

#### 3. STRIDE Updates

#### 4. General Updates -

- Went to MSBA Conferences on January 11 & 12.
- Continue the Book Club.
- The 3rd round of Ron Clark is about to happen at the end of February.
- We continue helping and supporting our Paras with the process of Highly Qualified testing.
- We have Social Media up and running
- We got donations from Dick's & Scheels with winter clothing for our students. Dennise it's been working fantastic with this program.

*The Executive Director will give updates about current programming and happenings at STRIDE Academy.*

## **F. Principals' Reports**

### **Angie Lichy**

- **1st KG Registration Night of the year.**
- **Read Act**
- **Getting ready for conferences**
- **Para Supports meeting one on one making sure they understand the importance of their supervision.**
- **School Choice Week**
- **Will be going to MESPA Conference next week.**

*Elementary Principal Angie Lichy will report and update on the K-4 Programming.*

### **Nathan Schwieters**

- **Difficulties dealing with the flow of students leaving and new students from other schools.**
- **MASP Conferences in Minneapolis learning new things like no cellphones in schools at all among other things.**

*Middle School Principal, Nathan Schwieters, will report and update on 5-8 Programming.*

## **G. Standing Committee Reports**

### **1. Academic Excellence Committee**

- **Didn't meet**

### **2. Governance Meeting**

- **Talked about some policies and added some language accordingly.**

#### **a. January 16, 2024**

**3. Finance**

It was talked during Kelly's presentation Kelly Rimpila offered a Financial update for the month of December 2023 (halfway through the school year)

a. Enrollment Update

b. January 17, 2024

**V. Unfinished Business**

H. Charter Policy Updates- Motions to approve made by Lyman, Seconded by Mrs. Silverberg. Motion carries.

**1. Charter Policy Updates-**

a. Series 500

501, 502, 503, 504, 506, 513, 514, 515, 516, 520, 521, 522, 524, 525, 526, 531, 532, 533, 534

**VI. New Business**

I. STRIDE 2023 Financial Audit - Motion to approve made by Lundblad, Second by Silverberg. Motion carried.

J. STRIDE Academy Expansion Update - Sean Elder from The tensquare group gave a presentation with new updates.

Resolution nonprofit authorizing construction. Motion to approve made by Lyman, Seconded by Silverberg. Motion carried.

- A. **Review and comment** -The board discussed the updated review and comment submission to the Minnesota Department of Education, concluding that submission was unnecessary as the overall project cost did not exceed a 5% change threshold. **Motion to approve made by Silverberg, Seconded by Lyman. Motion carried.**
- B. **Offering statements** - The board approved the Offering Statement, establishing parameters for the maximum interest rate acceptable in the bond offering to ensure financial prudence and optimize borrowing costs.**Motion to approve made by Lyman, Seconded by Silverberg. Motion carried.**
- C. **Review the updated Building design.** The board reviewed and approved the updated building project design, documenting changes to ensure alignment with strategic goals and maintaining a record of their formal endorsement. **Motion to approve made by Silverberg, Seconded by Lyman. Motion carried.**
- D. **Approval of Construction contract.** The board approved the updated Construction Contract, including a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) clause, ensuring cost containment and financial accountability for the project's duration. **Motion to approve made by Lyman, Seconded by Silverberg. Motion carried.**

## **Bond Updates**

## **Design Updates**

### **K. Charter Policy Updates-**

#### **Series 600**

- a. **601, 602, 603, 604, 609, 612.1, 614, 615, 616, 618, 619, 620,**


### **L. Board Meeting Reschedule- [February 22, 2024 at 7:00pm](#)**
























## **VII. Announcements**

**M.**

## **VIII. Adjourn [7:37pm](#)**

### **Public Attachments:**

 [624 Charter 060923.docx](#)

-  [621 Charter 060723 \(1\).docx](#)
-  [620 Charter Redline 101623.docx](#)
-  [619 100322 CHARTER Redline.docx](#)
-  [618 Charter Redline 060523.docx](#)
-  [616 Charter Redline 060523.docx](#)
-  [614 100322 CHARTER Redline.docx](#)
-  [612-1 100322 CHARTER Redline.docx](#)
-  [609 100322 CHARTER Redline.docx](#)
-  [604 Charter Redline 080123.docx](#)
-  [603 Charter Redline 062623.docx](#)
-  [602 Charter Redline 062623.docx](#)
-  [601 Charter Redline 071423.docx](#)
-  [Eugene Jaeger ML Teacher.docx - Google Docs.pdf](#)
-  [UPDATED w attachments - STRIDE Academy Expansion Review and Comment 1-18-24.pdf](#)
-  [UPDATED - STRIDE Academy Expansion Review and Comment 1-18-24.docx](#)
-  [STRIDE Academy 2024 Bonds - Monthly Payment Schedule \(draft\) 1-12-24.pdf](#)
-  [Stride LT Budget-1.12.24- building expansion- 5 yr model.pdf](#)
-  [2023 FINAL Annual Financial Report - Stride Academy.pdf](#)
-  [2023 FINAL Audit Presentation - Stride Academy.pdf](#)
-  [2023 FINAL Executive Governance Summary - Stride Academy.pdf](#)
-  [2023.4142.07.Stride.FinStmt.District\[2238\].pdf](#)
-  [2023.4142.07.Stride.MgLtr .District\[2239\].pdf](#)
-  [STRIDE Academy Mail - Fwd\\_ Resignation from a board membrer.pdf](#)