



“To Live, To Love, To Learn, To Leave a Legacy”

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 18th, 2024

Board Conference Room#111

6:00 PM

Board Attendance:

Sara Fromm
Andy Lyman
Tina Barak
Kayla Silverberg
Aaron Lundblad

Administrative Attendance

- Eric Skanson
- Nathan Schwieters
- Angie Lichy

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

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 by: Andy Lyman, Second by Tina Barak. Motion carries.**
- III. Swearing in New Directors and Organization of the Board - **Carrie Essig and Kayla Silverberg**

IV. Board Organization:

- A. Election of Officers for 2024-2025
 - 1. Chair - **Sara Fromm**
 - 2. Vice-Chair - **Andy Lyman**
 - 3. Secretary - **Kayla Silverberg**
 - 4. Treasurer - **Tina Barak**
- B. Establish Board Committee Assignments for 2023-2024
- C. Board Members Conflict of Interest Disclosure & Governance Assurances Consent Agenda-

V. 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 June 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- B. ~~Approval of Board Meeting Schedule for 24-25 School Year~~ - **Remove from consent and add into New Business under B.**
- C. Approval of Updated Crisis Management Plan 2024-2025
- D. Recommend Approval: Theresa Maas .25 Intervention
- E. Recommend Approval: Anja Hanson- Special Education Paraprofessional
- F. Approve Designation of Depositories: Choice Bank, St. Cloud Federal Credit Union
- G. Authorized Signers at Banks: Board Chair - Sara Fromm, Executive Director - Eric Skanson, Treasurer - Tina Barak, Business Manager - Kelly Rimpila, Administrative Assistant - Mara Kramer
- H. Delegation of Authority to make electronic funds transfers
 - 1. Board Chair, Board Treasurer, or Executive Director
 - 2. Kelly Rimpila, or her designee at Creative Planning
- I. Designation of St. Cloud Times as the Official Newspaper of STRIDE Academy
- J. Approve MDE Designations
 - 1. Designate MDE Identified Official With Authority (IOWA)-Dr. Eric Skanson
 - 2. Title Grant programs Authorized Representative- Erin Tronbak
 - 3. Special Education Director-Cindy Pederson
- K. Approve Craig Kepler of Best and Flanagan as Designation of school attorney(ies) and authorization for the Board Chair or Executive Director to access as needed.

- L. Adopt Federal Mileage Rate reimbursement at \$0.67
- M. Authorize Administrative Assistant to Perform certain Duties of the Secretary
- N. Authorization to use Facsimile Signatures
- O. Authorize Business Manager as Treasurer's Designee.
- P. Confirm/appoint members of the board of directors of the Building Company
 - 1. Nathan Schwieters -Board Chair
 - 2. Monica Schraut -Director
 - 3. Neil Theisen-Treasurer
 - 4. Cory Heinen-Director

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

A. Executive Director Report

- 1. STRIDE Updates- The executive director will give updates about current programming and happenings at STRIDE Academy.
 - a) Physical Plant Updates
 - b) Professional Development
 - c) Upcoming Events - **mobile event at BelClaire**
Next month bring back new goals
Potential with board retreat
RCA Update

B. Principals' Reports

- 1. Elementary Principal Angie Lichy will report and provide updates on the K-4 programming. - **cleaning, planning, hiring**
- 2. Middle School Principal Nathan Schwieters will report and update on 5-8 Programming.
 - ***Redid student handbook**
 - ***Cell Phone guidelines**

C. Standing Committee Reports

- 1. Academic Excellence Committee - **didn't meet**
- 2. Governance Meeting - **Cellphone and procurement policy discussed**
 - a) July 16, 2024
- 3. Finance - **didn't meet**
 - a) Enrollment Update

V. Unfinished Business

- A. Soccer Field Update
 - **Numbers on projected rental costs**
 - **Numbers on cost to keep grass mowed and water**

VI. New Business

- A. Procurement Policy - **Motion to approve: Essig, 2nd: Silverberg - motion carries**
 - **change i to Executive Director up to \$100,000.00**
 - **Remove ii and iii**
- B. Approval of Board Meeting Schedule for 24-25 SY - **Move Oct 17th meeting to Oct. 24th Motion to approve: Lyman, 2nd: Silverber. Motion carries.**
- C. Cell Phone Guidelines - **discussed the topic**
- D. Student Handbook - **preliminary approval - Motion to approve: Lyman, 2nd: Barak - morion carries.**

VII. Announcements

- A. August 15, 2024 Board Meeting - **move to Aug 22, 2024 .**

VIII. Adjourn **6:50 PM**

