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Board of Directors Meeting
June 18, 2026
Board Conference Room#111
6:00 PM

Board Attendance:

- ☑ Sara Fromm-Board Chair
- ☐ Andy Lyman-Vice Chair
- ☑ Tina Barak-Treasurer
- ☑ Aaron Lundblad-Director **(via zoom)**
- ☑ Carie Essig-Director
- ☐ Kelly Springer- Secretary

Administrative Attendance:

- ☑ Eric Skanson-Executive Director
- ☑ Nathan Schwieters-Director of Operations
- ☑ Heather Ebnet-Middle School Principal
- ☑ Angie Lichy-Elementary Principal
- ☑ Erin Tronbak-Curriculum/SVA

Public members: Kate Hill-HR, Craig Kepler & Karl Jentoft, Kelly Rimpila from Creative Planning

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

II. 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.

III. Approval of Agenda - Motion to approve made by Essig, seconded by Fromm. Motion carried.

IV. 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 Meeting Minutes, May 21, 2026

B. Approval of Financial Statements, May 2026
C. Approval of Executive Director Evaluation
D. Recommended Approval of Hire:
   1. Abigail Davis-Nelson, MS ELA Teacher
   2. Rebekah Ramberg, MS Science Teacher
   3. Valarie Fraley, Elementary Assistant Principal
   4. Michelle Hommerding, MS Assistant Principal
E. 2026 Board Election- Certify Results
F. IOWA (Identified Official with Authority)- Designate Dr. Eric Skanson, Executive Director for STRIDE Academy.

V. Public Comment - No comments from public

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.

VI. Reports

A. Executive Director Report

The Executive Director, Dr. Eric Skanson, will provide updates on current programs and key events at STRIDE Academy.

- **Excited about the new positions for next year.**
- **Next week I'll be attending a Pillsbury workshop.**
- **Preparing for Opening and wrapping up the fiscal year.**
- **July 22nd - First steps with The Teach Better Team. Do some academic strategic planning with our admin team to kind of lay out the plan for the year.**

B. Leadership Reports

1. *Director of Operations, Nathan Schwieters*
   - **PAC hosted the 18th Annual Golf Tournament - great weather and day, taking in around $2,800.00. I want to give a big thank you to Denise for all the hard work she did to make the activity a success.**
   - **New MN law requires us to have our potable water tested for lead, all 122 between both buildings will be done tomorrow.**
   - **The new sidewalk bid at Elementary Bldg - $110,000.00 starts next week**
   - **New carpet installation at Elemt Bldg - started**
   - **The Athlos gym decal was removed.**
   - **Most of the classrooms moves are done**
   - **Activities - Fall soccer and volleyball games are scheduled already.**
   - **Ordered new uniforms for all sports.**
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2. *Middle School Principal, Heather Ebnet*
   - **Gave us an update on the last day of schools activities**
   - **And also the 8th grade Graduation**
   - **Appreciation to all the teachers that help with the activities and Dahir & Carrie for the Graduation.**
   - **Hired a 7th gr teacher, Music & Technology. As well as 5th gr science and ELA. We still have a couple of Teacher's positions open.**
   - **Next year classes will be adjusted based on their performance and data.**
   - **Working on the master schedule. Keeping Panther time based on readAct.**
   - **SpEd & ML will continue to "pushing in" to make those groups a little smaller for that period of the day.**

3. *Elementary Principal, Angie Lichy*
    - **Working on classroom placements.**
    - **Enjoy the Kindergarten Graduation with lots of families participating.**
    - **Field Day - want to thank Mr. Fleege and everyone that helped organize the activities.**
    - **Very exciting that I will be helping MESPA next school year since Charter's school is usually not a big piece.**
    - **Thanks to Erin for helping with the curriculum.**
    - **Workshop week summer PD.**
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4. *Director of Academics, Erin Tronbak*
    - **Very excited there are going to be some really great people in some seats that are very needed.**
    - **I went this week to the compass summer institute for 2 days, it was inspiring and exciting.**
    - **The Literacy Grant will be officially done tomorrow and I will present that in our next meeting.**
    - **I'm also working on MTSS Grant planning.**
    - **Ethnic Studies Grant as well for all students but will focus on 7th & 8th grade students.**

C. **Standing Committee Reports**
1. Academic Excellence Committee - **No meeting**
2. Governance Meeting- **No Meeting**
3. Finance Committee- 6.17.26 - **We have allocated $50K for the purchase of a minivan and a passenger van, owning our own transportation will benefit with transporting students when is needed and not having to pay other companies for these services.**

VII. Unfinished Business

A. **Bonding/Facility Updates**
1. **Board Borrowing Resolution-Action Craig Kepler & Karl Jentoft explained that our leaders have been working hard on a finance transaction that involves a couple of facets. One, to finance, get funding to acquire the Athlos Bldg and the other is possibly refinancing part of our existing debt to achieve a lower monthly payment on the existing debt. Motion to approve made by Mrs. Fromm, seconded by Mrs. Essig. Motion carried.**
2. Approval of Authority to Execute Line of Credit and Authorized Signers Resolution **2nd Resolution to secure a credit line. As we are approaching June 30th in the event that we may need it to maintain our covenant of days cash on hand. - Motion to approve made by Mrs. Fromm, seconded by Mrs. Essig. Motion carried.**

B. FY 26 Working budget - Action - Motion to approve made by Mr. Lundblad, seconded by Mrs.Fromm. Motion carried.

C. FY 27 Budget Model- Action - Motion to approve made by Mr. Lundblad, seconded by Mrs.Fromm. Motion carried.

D. Organizational Support Position - Motion to approve the position made by Mrs. Fromm, seconded by Mrs. Essig. Motion carried.

VIII. New Business - N/A

Announcements

A. July 16, 2026 Board Meeting
B. Dedication and Service Outgoing Board Members

Adjourn: 6:54 pm