



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

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August 2015 School Board Minutes

School Mission Statement: STRIDE Academy will provide educational experiences for all children, promoting a strong foundation in all core academic areas. Using researched based curriculum, students will excel academically through real-life educational experiences in a challenging, caring, and student-centered environment. By meeting each student’s unique educational, emotional and social needs, students will be empowered to become responsible life-long learners and leaders

1. Call to Order: **6:01pm**
2. Attendance: Roll Call : **Nathan Schwieters, Dan Thole, James Morrighan, Monica Schraut, Juanita Hechtel, Brian Weappa, Tammy Biery, Natalie Ringsmuth, Melissa Medford (6:03).**
Members of the Public: Chuck Herdegen, Shirley Myers, Brett Fechner, Mandy Sadlo, Jamie Goebel
3. Pledge of Allegiance (By Invitation)
4. Reading of STRIDE mission statement
5. Approval of Board Agenda **Weappa moves NB 10b’s documents to OB 9. Motion carries 9-0.**
4. Approval of Previous Month’s Board Minutes: **Motion to approve made by Schraut, Seconded by Medford. Carries 9-0.**
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve 990 tax form
 - b. Approve contract of Lora Jacobson
 - c. Approve contract of Doug Millaway
 - d. Approve contract of Sue Dingmann
 - e. Approve contract of Gabby Meyer
 - f. Approve contract of Hyun Chang Moon
 - g. Resignation of Melanie Halter
 - h. Resignation of Sydney Denny
 - i. Approve Lawn care contract
 - j. Approve 2015 Milk Prices
 - k. Approve SPOT Rehab Contract
 - l. Approve Activities Handbook
 - m. Approve amended contract of Brett Fechner

- n. Approve contract of Victoria Moore
- o. Approve Q-Comp of Monica Schraut
- p. Approve Q-Comp of Mary Swanson

Thole moves m. to NB c. Medford moves I to NB d.

Motion to approve remaining items made by Thole, seconded by Hechtel.

Carries 8-0. Schraut abstains.

6. Treasurers/Finance Directors Report:

- a. Finance Meeting Minutes
- b. Financial Statements
- c. Management Reports

Change under #2 to be below budget, and 10.9%, and 2014-2015. Motion to approve financials made by Biery, seconded by Morrighan. Carries 9-0.

7. Expenditures that need Board approval

- a. Minnesota Association of Charter Schools: \$7,290.00
- b. Today's Classroom : \$6,965.84 (Trap Tables)
- c. NWEA: \$8,725.00 (Testing)
- d. Margaret Bailey: \$1,470.00 (14/15 Psychologist)
- e. Franklin Covey: \$6,150.00 (Coaching/Intellectual property)
- f. Benton Stearns: \$4,500.00 (Special Education Director 14/15)
- g. CMERDC: \$1999.40 (Internet)
- h. TDS: \$4,265.88 (Phones/Internet)
- i. Great Construction: \$94,767.27 (New Building)
- j. Xcel Energy: \$1,803.22

Motion to approve expenditures made by Schraut, seconded by Ringsmuth. Carries 9-0.

8. Public Forum: (10 Minutes) **None**

9. Old Business:

a. Confirm committees and members: **It is agreed a message will be sent out to families and staff to identify and recruit new members.**

10. New Business:

a. Integration Proposal : **Fechner speaks about the integration rules MDE is proposing for schools. Medford asks if it is to pass, if our school demographic would change immediately. Fechner states that it could. Fechner says this change would affect all schools including charter schools. However, it would take away school choice and it would be bad for our families. Morrighan asks if it is a threat, or if they are working on it. Fechner says they are actively pursuing it. Ringsmuth asks if someone could come in to help us get a grasp of exactly how it would affect us. Schraut says getting parents involved would help the cause against it.**

b. Board Training : **Fechner reminds new board members of their board training mandate. MACS does not have their board training schedule out yet.**

c. Brett Fechner contract: **Thole asks why in number 4 it says Principal instead of Executive Director. Also asks about the PTO requests, it says he approves his own leave. Board thinks Katie Gruber or the principals would be more appropriate to approve his leave. Motion to approve contract with changes, made by Medford, seconded by Schraut. Carries 9-0.**

d. Lawn care contract: **Company is Stockinger Landscape. Motion to approve made by Schwieters, seconded by Thole. Motion carries 9-0.**

11. Executive Directors Report:

a. Enrollment : **Enrollment is at 676. Budgeted at 690. Schwieters shows concern for 4th grade. Thole says there are really only 64 students. He is very concerned. Medford questions how we can change the problem in 4th grade. Three options, letting a teacher go, leaving it alone, or switching the teacher to fill another grade. Fechner said that if a teacher grade move is going to happen, he wants to meet with the grades and administration. Weappa proposes special board meeting for next week. Fechner doesn't know if a meeting is necessary if the board gives guidance tonight. Ringsmuth asks Herdegen for guidance. He said it would lose \$120,000 in revenue. Fechner said he will work on it and if he needs to call a special meeting he will by Tuesday.**

b. Building Update: **Almost done with North Campus. Meet again with owner on Monday. New road should be open by Next Friday. Then second section will take 2 to 3 weeks.**

c. Webpage Reboot: **Target for completion is October 2, 2015.**

d. MCA Results: **Fechner shows the board the MCA testing results.**

12. Board Communication: **Road, parent pickup, numbered pickup, new website, reiterate July info, 4th grade decision. Committees, parent and staff thank you.**

Motion to adjourn made by Biery, seconded by Ringsmuth. Carries 9-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

STRIDE Academy Board Standing Sub Committees: **Bold denotes Chairperson**

1. Facility/Security/Emergency: **Nathan Schwieters,**

2. Finance: **Monica Schraut**

4. Elections: **Juanita Hechtel,**

5. Vision: **James Morrighan**

6. Administration Review/Hiring: **Brian Weappa**

7. STRIDE By-Laws: **James Morrighan**

8. STRIDE Policy: **Monica Schraut**

9. Communication: **Melissa Medford**

10. Mission: **Tammy Biery & Natalie Ringsmuth**