

**The Autism Model School  
Board Meeting Minutes  
June 27th, 2023**

**Meeting Start:** 5:30 PM

**Attending:** Bruce Weinberg, Linell Weinberg, Toni Gerber, Mark Greenblatt, Jim Rothschild

**Excused:** Isaac Demarest, Lisa Marsalek, Raj Parikh

**Also Attending:** Joel Vidovic, Executive Director; Marcus Flynn – Recorder of Minutes; Brittany Beck, Sponsor Representative - ESC Lake Erie West

**Meeting began at 5:30 PM**

**I. Agenda**

- a. Discussion and approval.
  - i. **Motion to approve the June 2023 agenda as written:**
    - 1. **Greenblatt**
    - 2. **Gerber**
      - a. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Gerber, Greenblatt, Rothschild**

**II. Welcome and Public Comments**

- a. B. Weinberg announced very eagerly that this new school year is our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

**III. Minutes**

- a. Discussion and approval of minutes from the May, 2023 board meeting.
  - i. **Motion to approve the May Minutes as written:**
    - 1. **L. Weinberg**
    - 2. **Rothschild**
      - a. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: : L. Weinberg, Gerber, Greenblatt, Rothschild**

**IV. Standing Reports**

- a. Financial Report
  - i. The Board reviewed and discussed the May 2023 financial report.
    - 1. **Motion to approve May 2023 Financial reports:**
      - a. **Gerber**
      - b. **L. Weinberg**
        - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous L. Weinberg, Gerber, Greenblatt, Rothschild**
- b. Sponsor Representative Report
  - i. Brittany Beck presented the Sponsor Representative Report for June 2023
  - ii. There were no questions.

iii. The Autism Model School site visit will not be held.

c. Policies and Procedures

i. Nothing to present

d. Student Address Verification Report

i. May Student Address Verification presented

1. Discussion and approval.

a. **Motion to approve the May 2023 Student Address Verification Report:**

i. **Greenblatt**

ii. **Rothschild**

**1. Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Gerber, Greenblatt, Rothschild**

**V. Director's Report**

a. Staffing Update for May 2023

i. Reviewed and Discussed

1. **Motion to approve the May 2023 Staff Changes:**

a. **Gerber**

b. **L. Weinberg**

i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Gerber, Greenblatt, Rothschild**

b. Current Staffing Update

i. Changes on the Clinical Management Team

1. Amy Trautwein, Director of Transition Services will be leaving AMS effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.

2. Alison Thomas will be moving into the Director of Transition Services role. Alison previously served in this role prior to Amy Trautwein taking the position. Alison has a Transition to Work Endorsement and has been highly involved in development of many of our on-site job training experiences.

3. Rene Romine has accepted a position to join the Clinical Management Team. Rene has worked at Autism Model School since 2012 and has been a Board Certified Behavior Analyst since 2019. Rene has been working as a long-term substitute teacher for AMS for the last several years.

ii. As of July 1<sup>st</sup> we will have 14 licensed intervention specialists on staff. We will lose one teacher on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

iii. Total current vacancies at intervention specialist position: 4

1. The new vacancy will be filled a long term substitute teacher who has been a paraprofessional with Autism Model School for over 7 years. She

is pursuing teacher licensure with support from the tuition reimbursement program.

2. Another vacancy will be filled a long term substitute teacher who has been a paraprofessional with Autism Model School for over 10 years. She is pursuing teacher licensure with support from the tuition reimbursement program.
  3. A third vacancy will be filled by a new hire on a substitute teaching license. This individual has a Bachelor's of Art Education K-12 Degree and is currently enrolled in a Master's program at Arizona State University studying Special Education and Applied Behavior Analysis. Anticipated graduation is December of 2023. They have also has been a Registered Behavior Technician since 2016.
  4. The 4<sup>th</sup> vacancy is in a classroom that we had to collapse when a teacher left two days prior to the start of the 2022-2023 school year. There are currently no students assigned to this classroom. We hope to open this classroom back up in the 2023-2024 by employing a long-term substitute teacher who is pursuing teacher certification with the support of the tuition reimbursement program.
- iv. Total vacancies at the paraprofessional position for current enrollment: 2
  - v. Total vacancies at the paraprofessional position for expanded enrollment: 7
- c. Current Funding/Enrollment Update
    - i. Current enrollment: 96 students
  - d. Software Update
    - i. Research planning meetings held with BGSU on 5/22/23 and 6/20/23
    - ii. Spoke with a contact at LCBDD regarding potential partnership/interest
    - iii. Reached out to a contact at The Nisonger Center at OSU
  - e. Catastrophic Cost
    - i. The catastrophic cost was reviewed and discussed.
  - f. Due Process Hearing Request
    - i. Trial scheduled to be held on 7/20/23, 7/21/23, 7/24/23, and 7/26/23

## **VI. Development Director's Report**

- a. Development Director Report was reviewed and discussed.

## **VII. Transportation Directors Report**

- a. The Transportation Director report was reviewed and discussed.

## **VIII. Old Business**

- a. Lease Committee Update
  - i. Parikh and Vidovic had nothing new to present
- b. Sunshine Law Training
  - i. Vidovic announced who needed to complete a sunshine law training and by when

**IX. New Business**

- a. Proposed use of 2023-2024 Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Plan(CCIP):
  - i. **Motion to approve the 2023-2024 Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Plan (CCIP) as presented:**
    - 1. **Rothschild**
    - 2. **L. Weinberg**
      - a. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Gerber, Greenblatt, Rothschild**

**X. Executive Session to discuss imminent legal court action**

- i. **Motion to move to executive session at 5:58 PM for the current pending administrative imminent legal court action for 12 minutes:**
  - 1. **Rothschild**
  - 2. **L. Weinberg**
    - a. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Gerber, Greenblatt, Rothschild**
    - b. **Roll Call Vote**
      - i. **L. Weinberg-yes**
      - ii. **B. Weinberg-yes**
      - iii. **Gerber-yes**
      - iv. **Greenblatt-yes**
      - v. **Rothschild-yes**
- ii. **Motion to exit executive Session at 6:15 p.m.**
  - 1. **Greenblatt**
  - 2. **L. Weinberg**
    - a. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Gerber, Greenblatt, Rothschild**
    - b. **Roll Call Vote**
      - i. **L. Weinberg-yes**
      - ii. **B. Weinberg-yes**
      - iii. **Gerber-yes**
      - iv. **Greenblatt-yes**
      - v. **Rothschild-yes**

**Motion to adjourn at 6:16 PM**

- 1. **Greenblatt**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18th, at 5:30pm. The meeting will be held at the office of Mark Greenblatt, located at 7150 W. Central Avenue, Ste. 100 Toledo, Ohio 43617