

**The Autism Model School
Board Meeting Minutes
August 22nd, 2023**

Meeting Start: 5:30 PM

Attending: Bruce Weinberg, Linell Weinberg, Mark Greenblatt, Lisa Marsalek, Toni Gerber, Isaac Demarest (Late Arrival 5:36p)

Excused: Jim Rothschild, Raj Parikh

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

Meeting began at 5:32 PM

I. Agenda

a. Discussion and approval.

i. **Motion to approve the August Agenda with the movement of item number 10, Executive Session - to discuss the Imminent Legal Court Action, to item number 2:**

1. **L. Weinberg:**

2. **Gerber**

a. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Greenblatt, Gerber**

ii. **Motion to move to Executive Session to discuss the Imminent Legal Court Action from 5:35pm to 5:50pm:**

1. **L. Weinberg:**

2. **Gerber**

a. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Greenblatt Gerber**

b. **Roll Call:**

i. **Isaac Demarest –Yes (walked in during roll call)**

ii. **Toni Gerber - yes**

iii. **Mark Greenblatt - yes**

iv. **Bruce Weinberg - yes**

v. **Linell Weinberg – yes**

3. **Motion to exit Executive Session at 5:44pm**

a. **Greenblatt**

b. **Demarest**

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

iii. **Motion to adopt an attorney resolution regarding litigation as presented by Vidovic:**

1. **Greenblatt**
2. **L. Weinberg**
 - a. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Greenblatt Gerber**

II. Welcome and Public Comments

- a. None

III. Minutes

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

IV. Standing Reports

- a. Financial Report
 - i. The Board reviewed and discussed the July 2023 financial report.
 1. **Motion to approve July 2023 Financial reports:**
 - a. **Gerber**
 - b. **Marsalek**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Greenblatt, Gerber, Demarest**
- b. Sponsor Representative Report
 - i. Julie Kadri presented the Sponsor Representative Report for August 2023
 - ii. There were no questions.
 - iii. The Autism Model School site visits will resume in September.
- c. Policies and Procedures
 - i. ESCLEW annual compliance report
 1. Reviewed and Discussed
 - ii. EMIS Representative
 1. **Motion to approve Jeana Kirkendall as the EMIS Representative for the 2023-2024 school year:**
 - a. **Greenblatt**
 - b. **Gerber**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Greenblatt, Gerber, Demarest**
- d. Student Address Verification Report
 - i. July Student Address Verification presented
 1. Discussion and approval.

- a. **Motion to approve the July 2023 Student Address Verification Report:**
 - i. **Marsalek**
 - ii. **L. Weinberg**
 - 1. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Greenblatt, Gerber, Demarest**

V. Director’s Report

- a. Staffing Update for July 2023
 - i. Reviewed and Discussed
 - 1. **Motion to approve the July 2023 Staff Changes:**
 - a. **Demarest**
 - b. **Greenblatt**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Greenblatt, Gerber, Demarest**
 - b. Current Funding/Enrollment Update
 - i. 9 new students enrolled since last Board Meeting
 - ii. Enrollment has remained fairly steady. Increase in funding is due to an increase in the State’s Facility funding for Community Schools (from \$500 per student to \$1000 per student) and increase in Core Foundation Funding
 - c. Software Update
 - i. Research with BGSU
 - 1. Study will compare effectiveness of IDAPT software with similar “low-tech” supports
 - a. Piloted procedures for study with a single student prior to August break
 - b. Several procedures adjusted based on experience with pilot
 - c. Pilot student successfully learned to make two recipes using IDAPT and one recipe using low-tech support.
 - i. When offered choice of low-tech support VS. software to make a novel recipe, student chose IDAPT
 - 2. Planning to kick-off official study this fall
 - ii. University of Nebraska Medical Center- Monroe Meyer Institute
 - 1. We were contacted by Dr. Alice Shillingsburg, Director of the Integrated Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders (iCASD)
 - 2. They are expanding their services to include a focus on adolescents and would like to send a faculty member to AMS to learn about our program
 - 3. They are highly interested in collaborating with us to do some additional research on IDAPT
 - 4. Initial meeting to discuss a joint grant application through the Catalyze Challenge (\$100,000 to \$250,000 grant award) held on 8/22/23
- d. AMS Van Involved in Car Accident
 - i. An AMS vehicle was involved in an accident on the morning of 7/24/23.

- ii. There was one student on the vehicle at the time of the accident.
- iii. No injuries were sustained.
- iv. The accident was the fault of the other driver.
- v. Damage to the vehicle was sustained on the rear sliding door of the vehicle.
- vi. Repairs are being covered by the other driver's insurance

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. No update given
- b. Sunshine Law Training
 - i. Reviewed and discussed the corrective action plan

IX. New Business

- a. Proposed Use of Stronger Connections Grant and Ohio Attorney General Safety Grant
 - i. Reviewed and Discussed

1. Motion to approve the use of the Stronger Connections grant and Ohio Attorney General Safety Grant funds:

- a. **Greenblatt**
- b. **Demarest**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Greenblatt, Gerber, Demarest**

Motion to adjourn at 6:12 PM

- 1. **Greenblatt**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19th, 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