

**The Autism Model School
Board Meeting Minutes
November 28th, 2023**

Meeting Start: 5:30 PM

Attending: Bruce Weinberg, Linell Weinberg, Lisa Marsalek, Jim Rothschild (Late Arrival 5:32), Mark Greenblatt, Toni Gerber

Excused: Raj Parikh, Isaac Demarest

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

II. Welcome and Public Comments

- a. None

III. Minutes

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

IV. Standing Reports

- a. Financial Report
 - i. The Board reviewed and discussed the October 2023 financial report.
 - 1. **Motion to approve October 2023 Financial reports:**
 - a. **Marsalek**
 - b. **Gerber**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Gerber, Rothschild, Greenblatt**
- b. Sponsor Representative Report

- i. Brittany Beck presented the Sponsor Representative Report for November 2023
 - ii. There were no questions.
 - iii. The Autism Model School site visit is scheduled for November 29th, 2023.
 - iv. No red flags given.
 - c. Policies and Procedures
 - i. Testing and Assessments
 - 1. **Motion to renew the Reading Improvement Plan policy 7.4**
 - a. **Greenblatt**
 - b. **L. Weinberg**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Gerber, Rothschild, Greenblatt**
 - ii. Academic Prevention
 - 1. **Motion to renew the Academic Prevention Plan/ Intervention Services policy 2.2**
 - a. **Rothschild**
 - b. **L. Weinberg**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Gerber, Rothschild, Greenblatt**
 - iii. Special Education Policy
 - 1. **Motion to renew the Special Education Planning/IEP's policy 3.1**
 - a. **Rothschild**
 - b. **Marsalek**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Gerber, Rothschild, Greenblatt**
 - iv. Designation of Amy Mullins to be trained on the implementation of seizure action plans every two years per the requirements of ORC 3313.7117
 - 1. **Motion to approve Amy Mullins to be trained on the implementation of seizure action plans every two years per the requirements of ORC 3313.7117**
 - a. **Rothschild**
 - b. **L. Weinberg**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Gerber, Rothschild, Greenblatt**
 - d. Student Address Verification Report
 - i. October 2023 Student Address Verification presented
 - 1. Discussion and approval.
 - a. **Motion to approve the October 2023 Student Address Verification Report:**
 - i. **Marsalek**

ii. **L. Weinberg**

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

V. **Director's Report**

a. Staffing Update for October 2023

i. Reviewed and Discussed

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

a. **Rothschild**

b. **Gerber**

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

b. **Software Update**

i. Study with BGSU has moved into Intervention Phase (Video Clips Available if Time Permits)

ii. Unfortunately, we did not get the Catalyze Challenge grant that we had applied for with UNMC (\$230,000). Despite not getting the grant, UNMC reached out to inquire about the possibility of still piloting the software with their clinic. Meeting at the end of this week to discuss details.

iii. Software highlighted as part of our grant application for Building Hope Impact Award in the category of Educational Innovation. \$20,000 and national exposure to the winner of the award. \$10,000 to each finalist. Submission deadline is November 30th. AMS has a strong submission in.

1. Significant adjustments to AMS web-site highlighting our innovative programming:

a. New video content

b. Results from pilot study on e-commerce program,

c. Testimonials obtained from international autism consultant, Jim Taylor as well Lisa Hite. Lisa Hite is State Support Team Region 1 consultant for Career Technical Education (CTE), Post Secondary Transition, and Students with Disabilities

c. **Northwest Ohio Non-Profit of Excellence Nomination**

i. Autism Model School finished in the top 3 (out of 10 organizations) within our category (Strategic Action). Unfortunately, we did not win- but we will be back again next year 😊

d. **Building Safety/Security**

i. Habitec Security completed installation of access control device on our back playground door on November 21st. Key Fobs have been distributed to classroom staff to allow secure entrance/exit to the playground. Significant improvement to safety and also to educational environment as this will result in a significant reduction in disruptions during the day to let staff members/students back into the building.

e. **Annual Staff Survey Results**

i. Annual staff survey distributed in early November. Results attached.

VI. Development Director's Report

- a. Development Director Report was reviewed and discussed.

VII. Transportation Directors Report

- a. Transportation Director Report was reviewed and discussed.

VIII. Old Business

- a. Lease Committee Update
 - i. No current update

IX. New Business

- a. Sponsor Contract Modifications
 - i. Reviewed and discussed
 - 1. **Motion to approve the new Fall 2023 Community School Modification Guidelines as outlined by the ESC of Lake Erie West:**
 - a. **L. Weinberg**
 - b. **Marsalek**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Rothschild, Gerber, Greenblatt**
- b. ESC Annual Performance Report-AMS
 - i. Reviewed and discussed
 - 1. **Motion to approve the Annual Performance Report as presented by Brittany Beck:**
 - a. **L. Weinberg**
 - b. **Marsalek**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Rothschild, Gerber, Greenblatt**
- c. Holiday Bonus
 - i. Reviewed and discussed
 - 1. **Motion to approve \$100 holiday bonus per employee including building maintenance:**
 - a. **Rothschild**
 - b. **Gerber**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Rothschild, Gerber, Greenblatt**
- d. Special Olympics-Teacher Stipend
 - i. Vidovic presented an opportunity to partner with the Special Olympics
 - ii. The board reviewed and discussed
 - 1. **Motion to approve 2 teacher stipends up to \$750 each for coordinating Special Olympic programs:**
 - a. **Rothschild**

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

Motion to adjourn at 6:10 PM

- 1. **Greenblatt**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 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