

**The Autism Model School
Board Meeting Minutes
April 16th, 2024**

Meeting Start: 5:30 PM

Attending: Bruce Weinberg, Linell Weinberg, Lisa Marsalek, Mark Greenblatt, Toni Gerber, Raj Parikh (5:41pm), Jim Rothschild

Excused: 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 April agenda as written:**

1. **Marsalek**

2. **L. Weinberg**

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

II. Welcome and Public Comments

a. None

III. Minutes

a. Discussion and approval of minutes from the March 2024 board meeting.

i. **Motion to approve the March 2024 Minutes as written:**

1. **L. Weinberg**

2. **Gerber**

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

IV. Standing Reports

a. Financial Report

i. The Board reviewed and discussed the March financial report.

1. **Motion to approve March 2024 Financial reports:**

a. **Greenblatt**

b. **L. Weinberg**

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

b. Sponsor Representative Report

- i. Brittany Beck presented the Sponsor Representative Report for April 2024
- ii. There were no questions.
- iii. The Autism Model School site visit is scheduled for April 24th, 2024.
- iv. No red flags given.

c. Policies and Procedures

- i. None

d. Student Address Verification Report

- i. March 2024 Student Address Verification presented

- 1. Discussion and approval.

- a. **Motion to approve the March 2024 Student Address Verification Report:**

- i. **Rothschild**

- ii. **L. Weinberg**

- 1. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg,**

- Marsalek, Gerber, Greenblatt, Rothschild**

V. Director's Report

a. Staffing Update for March 2024

- i. Reviewed and Discussed

- 1. **Motion to approve the March 2024 Staff Changes:**

- a. **L. Weinberg**

- b. **Greenblatt**

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

(Raj Parikh arrived 5:41pm)

b. Current Funding

- i. Annual funding projections remained stable through April payment, as did student enrollment.

c. Teacher Contracts for FY25

- i. Contracts were distributed to teachers on March 15th with a signing bonus deadline of March 28th.

- 1. 16 of 17 contracts were returned

- a. We will have one position to fill for the 24-25 school year.

d. Auditor of State Report

- i. FY23 Audit is complete.

- 1. Another clean audit!

e. United Way of Greater Toledo Grant

f. Lockrey Manufacturing Community Service Application

- i. Completed presentation to employees of Lockrey Manufacturing on April 9th, 2024

- ii. Employees will vote on organization to receive \$12,500 award that is also paired with a full-day of community service from 30-60 volunteers.
 - iii. Vidovic announced we won.
 - g. Software Update
 - i. Proposal in New Business to resolve issue related to Microsoft retiring Azure Media Services.
 - h. Catastrophic Costs- Now Called Threshold Costs
 - i. Catastrophic Cost Application was submitted on March 11th, 2024
 - ii. DEW required revisions to our application that were actually in the school's favor.
 - iii. Increased our total claim amount from \$1,525,985.63 to \$1,834,553.38
 - 1. If reimbursement rate is 42%, we would receive \$770,512.42
 - 2. If reimbursement rate is 40%, we would receive \$733,821.35
 - 3. If reimbursement rate is 35%, we would receive \$642,093.68
 - i. Graduation/End-of-Year Celebration
 - i. Planning is beginning for the 2024 Graduation and End-of-Year Family Celebration which will be held at St. Clements Hall on the evening of Thursday, June 6th.

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. Sunshine Law Training
 - i. Reviewed and Discussed
 - ii. 7 of 8 Board Members are now compliant for current year.

IX. New Business

- a. IDAPT System Upgrades- Microsoft Azure Media Program being retired
 - i. Reviewed and discussed
 - 1. **Motion to approve the \$30,000 proposal as presented by Vidovic from WTA:**
 - a. **L. Weinberg**
 - b. **Greenblatt**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Gerber, Greenblatt, Rothschild**
- b. Executive Session
 - i. **Motion to move to Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing the compensation of a public employee; not to exceed 15 minutes (5:56 p.m.)**
 - 1. **L. Weinberg**
 - 2. **Rothschild**

- a. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Gerber, Greenblatt, Parikh, Rothschild**
- b. **Roll Call Vote**
 - i. **L. Weinberg-yes**
 - ii. **B. Weinberg-yes**
 - iii. **Gerber-yes**
 - iv. **Greenblatt-yes**
 - v. **Parikh-yes**
 - vi. **Rothschild-yes**
 - vii. **Marsalek-yes**
- c. **Motion to exit executive Session at 6:14 p.m.**
 - i. **Rothschild**
 - ii. **L. Weinberg**
 1. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Gerber, Greenblatt, Parikh, Rothschild**
 2. **Roll Call Vote**
 - a. **L. Weinberg-yes**
 - b. **B. Weinberg-yes**
 - c. **Gerber-yes**
 - d. **Greenblatt-yes**
 - e. **Parikh-yes**
 - f. **Rothschild-yes**
 - g. **Marsalek-yes**
 - iii. **Motion to approve salary structure recommended by the Executive Director:**
 1. **Parikh**
 2. **Greenblatt**
 - a. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Gerber, Greenblatt, Parikh, Rothschild**

Motion to adjourn at 6:15 PM

1. **Greenblatt**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21st, 2024 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