

**The Autism Model School  
Board Meeting Minutes  
May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

**Meeting Start: 5:30 PM**

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

**Excused:** Isaac Demarest, Raj Parikh

**Also Attending:** Joel Vidovic, Executive Director; Marcus Flynn – Recorder of Minutes; Brittany Beck, Sponsor Representative - ESC Lake Erie West, Kurt Aey – ESCLEW Director of Community Schools, Kim Veizer-Potential new board member

**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. B. Weinberg welcomed Kim Veizer to a board meeting ; will discuss her appearance later in the minutes

**III. Minutes**

- a. Discussion and approval of minutes from the April 2024 board meeting.
  - i. **Motion to approve the April 2024 Minutes as written:**
    - 1. **L. Weinberg**
    - 2. **Greenblatt**
      - a. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Gerber, Greenblatt, Rothschild**

**IV. Standing Reports**

- a. Financial Report
  - i. The Board reviewed and discussed the April financial report.
    - 1. **Motion to approve April 2024 Financial reports:**
      - a. **Marsalek**
      - b. **L. Weinberg**
        - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Gerber, Greenblatt, Rothschild**

- b. Five-Year Forecast
  - i. The board reviewed and discussed the five-year forecast plan:
    - 1. **Motion to approve the five-year forecast as presented by Vidovic:**
      - a. **Gerber**
      - b. **Greenblatt**
        - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Gerber, Greenblatt, Rothschild**
- c. Sponsor Representative Report
  - i. Kurt Aey spoke about entering the last year of our ESC contract
  - ii. Brittany Beck presented the Sponsor Representative Report for May 2024
  - iii. There were no questions.
  - iv. The Autism Model School site visit was May 20th, 2024.
  - v. No red flags given.
- d. Policies and Procedures
  - i. Teacher Stipend for Science of Reading Training
    - 1. Vidovic explained to the board about a Professional development opportunity for Autism Model School teachers that will include a stipend upon completion
      - a. **Motion to approve a \$1200 stipend for teachers who complete the Science of Reading Professional Development training:**
        - i. **Rothschild**
        - ii. **Greenblatt**
          - 1. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Gerber, Greenblatt, Rothschild**
  - ii. Student Wellness and Success and Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid Plan
    - 1. Vidovic present the reasoning for the Student Wellness and Success Funds
      - a. **Motion to approve the Student Wellness and Success Funds as written by Joel Vidovic:**
        - i. **L. Weinberg**
        - ii. **Greenblatt**
          - 1. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Gerber, Greenblatt, Rothschild**
  - iii. Plans for Completion of Make-up Days via Web Access
    - 1. Vidovic explained to the board the options for make-up days as a last resort due to the students that we serve
      - a. **Motion to approve the completion of make-up days via web access as presented by Joel Vidovic:**
        - i. **L. Weinberg**
        - ii. **Greenblatt**

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

iv. Student Address Verification Report

1. April 2024 Student Address Verification presented

a. Discussion and approval.

i. **Motion to approve the April 2024 Student Address Verification Report:**

1. **Greenblatt**

2. **L. Weinberg**

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

V. **Director’s Report**

a. Staffing Update for April 2024

i. Reviewed and Discussed

1. **Motion to approve the April 2024 Staff Changes:**

a. **Marsalek**

b. **Gerber**

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

b. Current Funding

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

c. United Way of Greater Toledo Grant

i. Participated in interview session on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (second round of application process).

ii. Supposed to find out results by May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

d. Lockrey Manufacturing Community Service Day

i. Day of service to paint interior of AMS tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

ii. Expecting 30-50 volunteers to participate

e. Software Update

i. Initial research project with BGSU nearing completion of data collection. Hoping to share results in June/July

f. Catastrophic Costs- Now Called Threshold Costs

i. Nothing new to report yet. Should have reimbursement amount by June Board Meeting.

g. Association for Behavior Analysis International Convention

- i. Will be attending the annual convention in Philadelphia, PA over Memorial Day Weekend.
- h. Graduation/End-of-Year Celebration
  - i. 2024 Graduation and End-of-Year Family Celebration which will be held at St. Clements Hall on the evening of Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. Entertainment is planned to include carnival games, photo booth, face painting, karaoke, and food for all attendees.

**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.
  - i. **Motion to approve up to \$3,200 to fix back hatch of the spare van:**
    - a. **L. Weinberg**
    - b. **Greenblatt**
      - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Gerber, Greenblatt, Rothschild**

**VIII. Old Business**

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

**IX. New Business**

- a. FY25 Board Meeting and Finance Committee Meeting Schedule
  - i. The board reviewed and discussed the 2024-2025 board and finance meeting schedule
    - 1. **Motion to approve the 2024-2025 Autism Model School Board and Finance meeting schedule:**
      - a. **L. Weinberg**
      - b. **Gerber**
        - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Gerber, Greenblatt, Rothschild**
- b. Re-Allocation of 21st Century Grant Funds and Replacement Benches for School Gymnasium
  - i. Vidovic explained how the 21<sup>st</sup> Century grant funds will be reallocated to the board
    - 1. **Motion to purchase new benches for the gym at a cost not to exceed \$17,000 with a portion coming from the 21<sup>st</sup> century grant and the school to cover the remaining balance portion**

- a. **Rothschild**
    - b. **Gerber**
      - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Gerber, Greenblatt, Rothschild**
  - C. Allocation of Additional Consolidated ESEA Grant Funds
    - i. Reviewed and discussed the Title I, Title II, and Title IV budgets
      - 1. **Motion to approve all Title allocations as presented:**
        - a. **Greenblatt**
        - b. **Gerber**
          - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Gerber, Greenblatt, Rothschild**
  - d. End of Year Celebration Budget Revision
    - i. Reviewed and discussed the end of year celebration budget
      - 1. **Motion to approve a \$7,500 budget for the graduation/end of year celebration:**
        - a. **Rothschild**
        - b. **Marsalek**
          - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Gerber, Greenblatt, Rothschild**
- e. New Board Member Discussion
  - i. The board announced who they were, how long they have been on the board, and their background
  - ii. Kim Veizer presented why she would like to join the Autism Model School Board
  - iii. A yes/no vote session was implemented to elect a new board member
    - 1. 6/6 members present voted – yes; 0/6 members present voted - no
      - a. **Motion to approve Kim Veizer as a new Autism Model School board member pending ESCLEW pre-approval:**
        - i. **L. Weinberg**
        - ii. **Marsalek**
          - 1. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Gerber, Greenblatt, Rothschild**
- f. **Executive Session**
  - i. To discuss the compensation of a public employee
    - 1. **Motion to move to Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing the compensation of a public employee; not to exceed 15 minutes (6:27 p.m.)**
      - a. **Greenblatt**
      - b. **Rothschild**
        - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Gerber, Greenblatt, Rothschild**

- ii. **Roll Call Vote**
- iii. **L. Weinberg-yes**
- iv. **B. Weinberg-yes**
- v. **Gerber-yes**
- vi. **Greenblatt-yes**
- vii. **Rothschild-yes**
- viii. **Marsalek-yes**

ii. **Motion to exit executive Session at 6:37 p.m.**

- 1. **Rothschild**
- 2. **Marsalek**
  - a. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Gerber, Greenblatt, Rothschild**
  - b. **Roll Call Vote**
  - c. **L. Weinberg-yes**
  - d. **B. Weinberg-yes**
  - e. **Gerber-yes**
  - f. **Greenblatt-yes**
  - g. **Rothschild-yes**
  - h. **Marsalek-yes**

iii. **Motion to adjust the paraprofessional scale as presented by Vidovic:**

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

**Motion to adjourn at 6:40 PM**

- 1. **Marsalek**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 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