

**The Autism Model School
Board Meeting Minutes
June 11th, 2024**

Meeting Start: 5:30 PM

Attending: Bruce Weinberg, Linell Weinberg, Lisa Marsalek, Raj Parikh (5:37pm), Jim Rothschild, Kim Veizer, Isaac Demarest (5:51pm)

Excused: Mark Greenblatt, Toni Gerber

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 agenda as written:**
 - 1. **Rothschild**
 - 2. **L. Weinberg**
 - a. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Veizer, Rothschild**

II. Welcome and Public Comments

- a. None to present

III. Minutes

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

IV. Standing Reports

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

- i. Brittany Beck presented the Sponsor Representative Report for June 2024
- ii. There were no questions.
- iii. The Autism Model School site visit is scheduled for June 12th, 2024.
- iv. No red flags given.

(Arrival of Raj Parikh at 5:37pm)

c. Policies and Procedures

i. Revision to Transportation Policy 6.15

1. Discussed and reviewed the recommended revisions

- a. **Motion to revise the 6.15 transportation policy with the addition to a suggested line of “per state law” within the policy:**

- i. **Parikh**
- ii. **L. Weinberg**

- 1. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Veizer, Rothschild, Parikh**

ii. Student Address Verification Report

1. May 2024 Student Address Verification presented

a. Discussion and approval.

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

- 1. **Marsalek**
- 2. **L. Weinberg**

- a. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Veizer, Rothschild, Parikh**

V. Director’s Report

a. Staffing Update for May 2024

i. Reviewed and Discussed

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

- a. **Parikh**
- b. **Rothschild**

- i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Veizer, Rothschild, Parikh**

b. Current Funding

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

c. United Way of Greater Toledo Grant

- i. We were not selected to receive a grant award. We are awaiting feedback from United Way to hear about how our application could have been improved.

d. Software Update

- i. Met with 4 Ph.D. level behavior analysts from the University of Nebraska’s Medical Center on 6/4/24. They have submitted an application for a \$25,000 grant to NEXT for AUTISM to support a research project with AMS.

- ii. All 4 individuals were highly impressed with the software.
- e. Threshold Costs
 - i. Reimbursement rate this year was 36.11723843 cents on the dollar.
 - ii. This resulted in a total reimbursement for Autism Model School of \$662,174.97.
 - 1. Our 5-year forecast estimated the refund at \$600,000 for FY24 and \$500,000 for FY25 and beyond.
- f. Graduation/End-of-Year Celebration
 - i. Event seemed highly successful
 - ii. 9 graduating students
 - iii. Over 10 alumni attended
 - iv. Over 300 attendees in total
- g. 2023-2024 Parent Survey
 - i. Distributed to families on 6/7/24 with a deadline for completion of 6/14/24. Will have results to share at July meeting.

VI. Development Director's Report

- a. Development Director Report was reviewed and discussed.

(Isaac Demarest arrived at 5:51pm)

VII. Transportation Directors Report

- a. Transportation Director Report was reviewed and discussed.

VIII. Old Business

- a. Sunshine Law Training
 - i. Reviewed and Discussed
 - ii. 8 of 8 Board Members are now compliant for current year, not including Kim Veizer

IX. New Business

- a. Video Game Curriculum
 - i. Vidovic presented the curriculum for a new video game design class and a quote for cost:
 - 1. **Motion to authorize up to \$3,500 to purchase the video game design program:**
 - a. **Rothschild**
 - b. **Demarest**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Veizer, Rothschild, Parikh, Demarest**
- b. 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 (6:05 p.m.)**
 - a. **L. Weinberg**
 - b. **Rothschild**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Veizer, Rothschild, Parikh, Demarest**
 - c. **Roll Call Vote**
 - i. **L. Weinberg-yes**
 - ii. **B. Weinberg-yes**
 - iii. **Demarest-yes**
 - iv. **Veizer-yes**
 - v. **Rothschild-yes**
 - vi. **Marsalek-yes**
- ii. **Motion to exit executive Session at 6:18 p.m.**
 1. **Parikh**
 2. **L. Weinberg**
 - a. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Veizer, Rothschild, Parikh, Demarest**
 3. **Roll Call Vote**
 - a. **L. Weinberg-yes**
 - b. **B. Weinberg-yes**
 - c. **Demarest-yes**
 - d. **Veizer-yes**
 - e. **Rothschild-yes**
 - f. **Marsalek-yes**
- c. After executive session the board went around and applauded and thanked Joel for the duty he has done and will be doing in the future.
 - i. “could not be happier”
 - ii. “Joel is excellent at strategic detail and is doing a phenomenal job”
 - iii. “Excited where you will lead us in the next three years!”
 - iv. “Creativity to adapt and pivot when faced with adversity”
 - v. Loves the relationship you build with each student”
 - vi. Appreciates the move from Behavior Analyst to Director”
 - vii. Personality and charm has been impressive towards everyone”
- d. After all closing remarks everyone is pleased with how Joel is doing as an executive director

Motion to adjourn at 6:29 PM

1. **Demarest**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16th, 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