

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

Meeting Start: 5:30 PM

Attending: Bruce Weinberg, Linell Weinberg, Lisa Marsalek, Raj Parikh, Jim Rothschild, Kim Veizer, Toni Gerber

Excused: Mark Greenblatt, Isaac Demarest

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

Meeting began at 5:30 PM

I. Agenda

- a. Discussion and approval.
 - i. **Motion to approve the July agenda as written:**
 - 1. **Rothschild**
 - 2. **L. Weinberg**
 - a. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Veizer, Rothschild, Parikh, Gerber**

II. Welcome and Public Comments

- a. None to present

III. Minutes

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

IV. Standing Reports

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

- i. Jessica Bair presented the Sponsor Representative Report for July 2024
- ii. There were no questions.
- iii. There is no sight visit for the month of July

c. Policies and Procedures

- i. Nothing to present

d. Student Address Verification Report

- i. June 2024 Student Address Verification presented

- 1. Discussion and approval.

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

- i. **Gerber**

- ii. **L. Weinberg**

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

V. Director's Report

a. Staffing Update for June 2024

- i. Reviewed and Discussed

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

- a. **Parikh**

- b. **Rothschild**

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

b. Current Funding

- i. Annual funding projections showed a small increase with July payment.
- ii. Enrollment stayed steady, but won't necessarily update until August when the school year begins.
- iii. Please note that we've moved the Category 6 students (orange line) to the secondary Y-axis on the right side of the graph so that variations in eligibility categories can be better observed across the year.

c. Threshold Cost Update

- i. In June, reimbursement rate was calculated by State to be 36.11723843 cents on the dollar.
- ii. This resulted in a total reimbursement for Autism Model School of \$662,174.97.
- iii. In July, the reimbursement rate was recalculated by the State to be 41.58331318 on the dollar.
- iv. This resulted in a revision to our reimbursement amounting to a total of \$762,390.21 a difference of \$100,215.24
- v. The updated amount will be reflected in July's financial report.

d. Optional Summer Learning Program/Enrollment

- i. AMS' Optional Summer Learning program began on July 1st, 2024 and will run through July 26th.

1. 64 students (approximately 70% of our school year enrollment) are attending the summer program.
 2. CMT and Admin have been aggressively working on completing student intakes and offering enrollment to new students during this time. We have several new students starting with AMS during the optional learning program.
 3. We expect to start the new school year (August 22nd) with 98 students enrolled. We also believe we should be able to exceed 100 students enrolled very quickly in the upcoming school year.
 - a. 5-year forecast was based on an enrollment of 96
- e. Software Update
- i. WTA completed the work necessary to update from Microsoft Azure Media Services to MediaKind.
 - ii. Met with Jim Rothschild's contact, Evan Marsh, from "Wynhouse: An Innovation Firm" on July 2nd.
 1. Wynhouse helps support the commercialization of software solutions by partnering with organizations like ours.
 2. Provided Evan with a demo of the software including video footage from the BGSU research project.
 3. Evan indicated that he could see the utility of the software for individuals with autism as well as individuals potentially impacted by dementia.
 4. Concept would be to create a new company that would oversee the commercialization of the product- with AMS maintaining intellectual property rights and AMS and Wynhouse sharing profits from sales.
 5. Next Steps: Evan was going to regroup with members of his team and we will likely schedule another demo with additional personnel in the near future with the goal of Wynhouse coming back to AMS with a partnership proposal.
- f. PowerSchool Update
- i. NWOCA has completed the initial build of our PowerSchool server.
 - ii. We have now started the very labor intensive process of uploading data and configuring PowerSchool to address the very unique environment at Autism Model School.

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. 0 of 9 Board Members are now compliant for current year
- b. Proposed Changes to Finance Committee Meeting Schedule

- i. Reviewed and Discussed
 - 1. **Motion to approve the Autism Model School 2024-2025 School year Finance Meetings:**
 - a. **Marsalek**
 - b. **Gerber**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Veizer, Rothschild, Parikh, Gerber**

IX. New Business

- a. Proposed use of FY25 Consolidated Grant Funds(CCIP)
 - i. Reviewed and Discussed
 - 1. **Motion to approve the use of FY25 Consolidated Grant Funds(CCIP):**
 - a. **Gerber**
 - b. **Veizer**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Veizer, Rothschild, Parikh, Gerber**
- b. Proposed use FY 25 School Improvement Support Grants(CCIP)
 - i. Reviewed and Discussed
 - 1. **Motion to approve the use of FY25 School Improvement Support Grants(CCIP):**
 - a. **Gerber**
 - b. **Rothschild**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Veizer, Rothschild, Parikh, Gerber**
- c. Plan to Update Vehicle Fleet
 - i. Reviewed and Discussed
 - 1. **Motion to approve the Executive Director, in collaboration with the school’s fiscal officer, to secure a loan for the purpose of purchasing up to 6 new vehicles at an average price of \$30,000 per vehicle:**
 - a. **Rothschild**
 - b. **Parikh**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Veizer, Rothschild, Parikh, Gerber**
- d. FY 25 Parent Survey Results
 - i. Reviewed and Discussed

Motion to adjourn at 6:10 PM

- 1. **Parikh**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20th, 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