

**The Autism Model School
Board Meeting Minutes
November 19th, 2024**

Meeting Start: 5:30 PM

Attending: Bruce Weinberg, Linell Weinberg, Lisa Marsalek, Raj Parikh, Kim Veizer, Toni Gerber, Mark Greenblatt, Kathleen Cott-Johnson, Isaac Demarest

Excused: Jim Rothschild

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. **Weinberg, L.**
 - 2. **Marsalek**
 - a. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Veizer, Parikh, Greenblatt, Cott-Johnson, Demarest, Gerber**

II. Welcome and Public Comments

- a. None to present

III. Minutes

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

IV. Standing Reports

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

- i. Brittany Beck presented the Sponsor Representative Report for November 2024
- ii. There were no questions.
- iii. The monthly site visit was Friday November 15th, 2024

- c. Policies and Procedures
 - i. Nothing to Present

V. Director's Report

- a. Staffing Update for October 2024
 - i. Reviewed and Discussed
 - 1. **Motion to approve the October 2024 Staff Changes:**
 - a. **Demarest**
 - b. **Weinberg, L.**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Veizer, Parikh, Greenblatt, Cott-Johnson, Demarest, Gerber**
- b. Current Funding
 - i. Annual funding projections showed an increase this month. This is in spite of the fact that we still have 2 student FTE that are not showing up in EMIS as receiving special education services or corresponding funding. We anticipate these will be corrected next month and all adjustments will be retroactive.
 - ii. This month's payment report reflected enrollment of 94.85 students. We are currently staffed to enroll two new students within the next month bringing total enrollment up to 97.
 - iii. Several corrections were made in EMIS from last month, resulting in our Cat 6 and Cat 5 student FTE increasing.
- c. Software Update
 - i. Engaged in multiple meetings with WTA to work through ongoing issues with video playback in the software related to the retirement of Microsoft Azure Media services.
- d. Grant Updates
 - i. Ohio Security Grant
 - 1. AMS was collaborating with the parish to apply for an Ohio Security Grant.
 - a. Grant is a reimbursement grant which means that the funds for any projects needed to be available up front- and then submitted for reimbursement.
 - b. St. Clement Parish indicated that they do not have the funds available to complete any projects. Parish reached out to the Diocese and they were unwilling to fund any projects or to work with AMS to move forward with the grant submission.
 - ii. ODOT 5310 Transportation Grant
 - 1. In order to qualify for vehicle replacements through this grant, vehicles must be at least 5 years old and have at least 120,000 miles on them. We currently do not have any vehicles that meet these criteria (although we are close!). We will revisit this grant next year

- iii. Stranahan Supporting Organization Grant- Greater Toledo Community Foundation (GTCF)
 - 1. AMS was awarded a \$50,000 from GTCF grant to support our summer learning program!
 - 2. Funds should be deposited before the end of the month.
- iv. Building Hope: Impact Awards
 - 1. Currently working on an application to be recognized within the category of Innovation.
 - a. Charter Schools who understand innovation is creating new, fresh, and outof-any-box programs and services for students are the targets for this grant. True growth and innovation requires risk-taking and focused determination to achieve. These schools demonstrate that nothing is impossible.
 - i. 3 schools will be recognized within this category
 - 1. 1st place: \$20,000
 - 2. 2nd and 3rd: \$10,000
- e. 2024-2025 Staff Surveys
 - i. Overall employee satisfaction is very high.
 - ii. Employees frequently noted the collaborative spirit in the school building and the overwhelming amount of support that exists as positive workplace experiences.
 - iii. Themes with regard to areas for improvement continue to include a focus on improving the facility/grounds, increasing paraprofessional pay, improving retention of paraprofessionals, and improving how we currently manage staff absences/the need for substitutes.
 - iv. Survey results attached separately.

VI. Transportation Directors Report

- a. Transportation Director Report was reviewed and discussed.

VII. Old Business

- a. Sunshine Law Training
 - i. Reviewed and Discussed
 - ii. 4 of 10 Board Members are now compliant for current year

VIII. New Business

- a. 2024-2025 Contract Modifications with ESCLEW
 - i. Reviewed and discussed
 - i. **Motion to approve 2024-2025 Contract Modifications with ESCLEW:**
 - 1. **Weinberg, L.**
 - 2. **Marsalek**
 - a. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Veizer, Parikh, Greenblatt, Cott-Johnson, Demarest, Gerber**

- b. 2023-2024 Annual Performance Report from ESCLEW
 - i. Reviewed and discussed
- c. Playground Upgrade
 - i. Reviewed and discussed
 - 1. **Motion to approve the quote from DWA Recreation/Gametime for new playground equipment:**
 - a. **Demarest**
 - b. **Greenblatt**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Veizer, Parikh, Greenblatt, Cott-Johnson, Demarest, Gerber**
- d. Asbestos Management Plan Quote:
 - i. Reviewed and discussed quote from DMD Environmental
 - 1. **Motion to approve the quote from DMD Environmental**
 - a. **Gerber**
 - b. **Weinberg, L.**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Veizer, Parikh, Greenblatt, Cott-Johnson, Demarest, Gerber**
- e. Security Enhancements
 - i. Reviewed and discussed
 - 1. **Motion to approve the full funding quote as presented by the executive director:**
 - a. **Parikh**
 - b. **Marsalek**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Veizer, Parikh, Greenblatt, Cott-Johnson, Demarest, Gerber**
- f. Employee Holiday Bonuses
 - i. Reviewed and Discussed
 - 1. **Motion to approve \$100 holiday bonuses for AMS employees and parish maintenance staff:**
 - a. **Parikh**
 - b. **Veizer**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Veizer, Parikh, Greenblatt, Cott-Johnson, Demarest, Gerber**

Motion to adjourn at 6:16 PM

- 1. **Demarest**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17th, 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