

**The Autism Model School  
Board Meeting Minutes  
July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Meeting Start: 5:30 PM**

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

**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 May agenda as written with changes to the order of New Business:**

1. **Demarest**

2. **Greenblatt**

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

**II. Welcome and Public Comments**

a. None to present

**III. Minutes**

a. Discussion and approval of minutes from the May 2025 board meeting.

i. **Motion to approve the May 2025 Minutes as written:**

1. **Cott-Johnson**

2. **Demarest**

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

**IV. Standing Reports**

a. Financial Report

i. The Board reviewed and discussed the May 2025 financial report.

1. **Motion to approve May 2025 Financial reports:**

a. **Parikh**

b. **Gerber**

i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, B., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Demarest, Gerber, Marsalek, Greenblatt, Parikh**

- ii. The Board reviewed and discussed the June 2025 financial report.
  - 1. **Motion to approve June 2025 Financial reports:**
    - a. **Demarest**
    - b. **Gerber**
      - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, B., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Demarest, Gerber, Marsalek, Greenblatt, Parikh**

- b. Sponsor Representative Report
  - i. Brittany Beck presented the Sponsor Representative Report for July 2025
  - ii. There are no summer site visits, the next site visit will be in September 2025.
- c. Policies and Procedures
  - i. Nothing to present

**V. Director’s Report**

- a. Staffing Update for May 2025
  - i. Reviewed and Discussed
    - 1. **Motion to approve the May 2025 Staff Changes:**
      - a. **Demarest**
      - b. **Cott-Johnson**
        - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, B., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Demarest, Gerber, Marsalek, Greenblatt, Parikh**
- b. Staffing Update for June 2025
  - i. Reviewed and Discussed
    - 1. **Motion to approve the June 2025 Staff Changes:**
      - a. **Greenblatt**
      - b. **Marsalek**
        - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, B., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Demarest, Gerber, Marsalek, Greenblatt, Parikh**
- c. Current Funding
  - i. The Career Tech funding issue that we were experiencing in April and May was corrected by June’s payment.
  - ii. Enrollment remains steady. Clinical Management Team is working diligently to enroll students to fill the vacancies created by this year’s graduates. We expect to begin the new school year with an enrollment of 98 students- which would be higher than the past several years
- d. Special Education Complaint
  - i. Complaint filed by parent regarding use of restraint/seclusion has resulted in two separate OEC investigations.
    - 1. CP0059-2025:



- i. Event was held June 5th, 2025.
      - 1. Very successful event- approximately 300 attendees
      - 2. 8 Graduates in the class of 2025.
  - h. 2024-2025 Yearbooks
    - i. Yearbooks received in early July. Currently distributing to students.
  - i. Update Regarding Construction of New Library and Playground Fencing
    - i. Reviewed and Discussed
  - j. Update Regarding Incident with St. Clement Parish Employee
    - i. Reviewed and Discussed
  - k. Grant Update
    - i. Grant Awarded
    - ii. Grant Denied
      - 1. a. John Henry Eldred Jr. Foundation- Submitted \$30,000 request for funding for Summer Learning Program.
    - iii. Grant Submitted
      - 1. Dollar General Literacy Grant- Submitted \$5000 request for Summer Learning Program.
      - 2. Lott-Conlon Foundation- Submitted a \$15,000 grant focused on supporting expenses to replace the fencing on the school's playground.
      - 3. Wood County Plays- Working on a submission for \$10,000 towards new playground equipment.
    - iv. Grants in Progress
      - 1. Currently working on applications for Federal Entitlement Grants and School Improvement Grants for FY26

**VI. Transportation Directors Report**

- a. Transportation Director Report was reviewed and discussed.

**VII. Old Business**

- a. Sunshine Law Training
  - i. Reviewed and Discussed
  - ii. 2025-2026 Sunshine Law Training- Due by April 30th, 2026
  - iii. 0 of 10 Board Members are now compliant for current year

**VIII. New Business**

- a. Endowment Fund Deposit
  - i. Reviewed and Discussed
    - 1. **Motion to approve an allocation of \$100,000 to the Greater Toledo Community Foundation endowment fund:**
      - a. **Greenblatt**
      - b. **Parikh**
        - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, B., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Demarest, Gerber, Marsalek, Greenblatt, Parikh**
- b. Federal Entitlement Grants Plan

- i. Reviewed and Discussed
  - 1. **Motion to approve the federal entitlement grants plan as laid out by Vidovic:**
    - a. **Cott-Johnson**
    - b. **Demarest**
      - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, B., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Demarest, Gerber, Marsalek, Greenblatt, Parikh**

**Motion to adjourn at 6:05 PM**

- 1. **Demarest**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 26th, 2025 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