

**The Autism Model School
Board Meeting Minutes
September 16th, 2025**

Meeting Start: 5:30 PM

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

Excused: Jim Rothschild, Raj Parikh

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 September agenda as written:**

1. **Demarest**

2. **Veizer**

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

II. Welcome and Public Comments

a. None to present

III. Minutes

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

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

1. **Marsalek**

2. **Gerber**

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

IV. Standing Reports

a. Financial Report

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

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

a. **Cott-Johnson**

b. **Veizer**

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

ii. The Board reviewed and discussed the August 2025 financial report.

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

- a. **Marsalek**
 - b. **Gerber**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, B., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Demarest, Gerber, Marsalek, Greenblatt**
- b. Annual Budget for DEW
 - i. The board reviewed and discussed the annual budget for DEW
 - 1. **Motion to approve the August 2025 Financial reports:**
 - a. **Gerber**
 - b. **Demarest**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, B., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Demarest, Gerber, Marsalek, Greenblatt**
- c. Three-Year Forecast
 - i. The board reviewed and discussed the three-year forecast
 - 1. **Motion to approve the three-year forecast:**
 - a. **Cott-Johnson**
 - b. **Demarest**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, B., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Demarest, Gerber, Marsalek, Greenblatt**
- d. Sponsor Representative Report
 - i. Brittany Beck presented the Sponsor Representative Report for September 2025
 - ii. The September site visit was 09/03/2025 and there were no red flags
- e. Policies and Procedures
 - i. EMIS Representative Designation
 - 1. Vidovic presented and discussed the EMIS representative to be Sam Ewing
 - a. **Motion to approve Sam Ewing as the EMIS representative designee:**
 - i. **Demarest**
 - ii. **Greenblatt**
 - 1. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, B., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Demarest, Gerber, Marsalek, Greenblatt**
- ii. Seizure Action Plan Designated Employee
 - 1. Vidovic presented and discussed the seizure action plan designated employee to be Amy Mullins
 - a. **Motion to approve Amy Mullins as the Seizure Action Plan Designee:**
 - i. **Demarest**
 - ii. **Gerber**

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

V. Director's Report

- a. Staffing Update for July 2025
 - i. Reviewed and Discussed
 1. **Motion to approve the July 2025 Staff Changes:**
 - a. **Gerber**
 - b. **Cott-Johnson**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, B., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Demarest, Gerber, Marsalek, Greenblatt**
- b. Staffing Update for August 2025
 - i. Reviewed and Discussed
 1. **Motion to approve the June 2025 Staff Changes:**
 - a. **Veizer**
 - b. **Marsalek**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, B., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Demarest, Gerber, Marsalek, Greenblatt**
- c. Current Funding
 - i. These numbers will remain primarily static until DEW re-opens the system and recalibrates new numbers in October.
 - ii. Our newest enrollment numbers are not included in this month's report as the state freezes the system during the summer. Numbers will be corrected when the system is recalibrated in October.
 - iii. Our internal count currently reflects 99 students- our highest enrollment since Vidovic began reporting these numbers each month in the Directors report (July of 2022). The October correction should therefore have a very positive effect on this outlook.
- d. Special Education Complaint
 - i. RS004-2025:
 1. ISSUE 1:
 - a. The Parent alleges, throughout the 2024-2025 school year, the Student experienced multiple incidents of restraint and seclusion, yet the Parent was not provided with written reports of the incidents within a timely manner.
 - b. This is an alleged violation of O.A.C. 3301-35-15(K) [Reporting].
 2. ISSUE 2:
 - a. The Parent alleges, following the Student's third incident of restraint and/or seclusion in the school year, the Community School did not hold a team meeting to consider if a functional behavior assessment (FBA) or behavior intervention plan (BIP) needed to be developed or amended. This is an alleged violation of O.A.C. 3301-35-15(G)(I) [Multiple incidents of restraint and seclusion].

- b. AMS was found to be non-compliant on both of the allegations above (despite notifying the parent in the parent's requested format and already having an extensive Functional Analysis and BIP in place for the student).
 - c. Corrective action items have been completed and the complaint is now closed.
- e. Software Update
 - i. Manuscript for study with BGSU re-submitted with revisions for publication in Journal of Autism and Developmental Disabilities.
 - ii. We are now in the process of planning a second study with BGSU and University of Texas (Austin).
- f. Impact 2025
 - i. AMS will be attending Impact 2025 put on by "Care for Kids" on September 25th, 2025.
 - ii. Event designed to unite local businesses and nonprofits for strategic partnerships. AMS developed a one-minute video to share with local businesses in advance of this event.
 - iii. As of 9/9/25 the video had been shared over 30 times and received more than 3k views on facebook.
- g. Grant Awarded
 - i. Guitar Center Foundation- Received a donation of musical instruments valued at approximately \$1400.
- h. Grants Denied
 - i. Dollar General Literacy Grant- Submitted \$5000 request for Summer Learning Program.
 - ii. Lott-Conlon Foundation- Submitted a \$15,000 grant focused on supporting expenses to replace the fencing on the school's playground.
 - iii. Wood County Plays- Submitted a \$10,000 request towards new playground equipment.
- i. Grant Submitted
 - i. Leadership Toledo YIPEE Grant- Requested \$2500 to offset the costs of Prom.
- j. Grants in Progress
 - i. Finalizing applications for Federal Entitlement Grants and School Improvement Grants for FY26
 - ii. Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation School Safety Grant
 - 1. 3:1 Matching Grant
 - a. Targeting replacement of fencing on back playground and leveling/regrading of back playground field
 - iii. Ohio Department of Transportation 5310 Grant
 - 1. Letter of Intent submitted
 - 2. Grant application process is lengthy- won't know until end of the fiscal year
 - iv. Baumker Foundation Grant- requesting \$8000 for to help purchase lawn care equipment for a new work-based learning program we'd like to start.

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. Fall Contract Modifications ESCLEW
 - i. Reviewed and Discussed
 - 1. **Motion to approve the fall contract modifications ESCLEW:**
 - a. **Demarest**
 - b. **Marsalek**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, B., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Demarest, Gerber, Marsalek, Greenblatt**
- b. WTA/Software Issue
 - i. Review and Discussed
 - 1. **Motion to approve a one year support agreement with a cost of \$3,000 per month:**
 - a. **Gerber**
 - b. **Marsalek**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, B., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Demarest, Gerber, Marsalek, Greenblatt**
- c. Columbia Gas Meter Issue
 - i. Vidovic presented the meter issue happening at Autism Model School , St. Clement Parish and the gas company
- d. Pending retirement of board docs
 - i. Vidovic presented the new alternate option for BoardDocs retiring
 - 1. **Motion to approve the new company of Diligent Community as our new upgrade to BoardDocs:**
 - a. **Cott-Johnson**
 - b. **Marsalek**
 - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: Weinberg, B., Veizer, Cott-Johnson, Demarest, Gerber, Marsalek, Greenblatt**
- e. Federal Entitlement Grants Plan
 - i. Reviewed and Discussed
 - 1. **Motion to approve the Federal Entitlement Grants Plan**
 - a. **Cott-Johnson**
 - b. **Veizer**

Motion to adjourn at 6:53 PM

1. **Demarest**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21st, 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