

Regular Meeting of the Yinghua Academy School Board
1616 Buchanan Street NE, Minneapolis, MN, Board Room
Monday, November 17, 2014, 6:00 PM

Board Members in Attendance: Walt Graff, Denny Grubish (Treasurer), Emily Hanson, Scott Jax, Karen Lu (Chair), Jen Shadowens, Seth Werner, Sarah Whiting

Board Members not in Attendance: Jan Kleinman (Secretary), Rosemary Lawrence, Suzanne Reider

Executive Director in Attendance: Sue Berg

YACA Chair in Attendance: Dina Nash

Public in Attendance: Amanda Schneider

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lu called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm.

II. APPROVALS (5 min)

a. 11/17/14 Agenda

The MOTION by Ms. Hanson to approve the agenda was seconded and passed.

b. 10/20/14 Regular Meeting Minutes

Two edits in wording were offered.

The MOTION by Mr. Jax to approve the minutes as amended was seconded and passed.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. FACILITIES UPDATE (44 minutes)

Mr. Jax presented the facilities update. Some progress was made with the current dispute with Black Dew, though not much. Karl Jentoft will be having a meeting with Black Dew tomorrow. Bill Francois has been monitoring the heat in the building, which has been positive. The auxiliary heat was refurbished and provides sufficient heat. In terms of the RTUs, the south is all set except for the thermostat. The north unit has more work to be done on it. By Black Dew's own schedule, they were supposed to be finished on November 6th or 7th. It was suggested that at least one Board member join the conference call between the owner and the contractor tomorrow.

V. PERSONNEL UPDATE (28 min)

a. Ms. Hanson reported that Ms. Berg's quarterly review—which focused on enrollment and test scores--was completed in October. Summaries were presented about both topics.

b. Ms. Lu requested that the professional development plans be formatted in the

style of the annual report. Discussion ensued around the professional development plans being moved to the beginning of the school year, and how best to ensure there is the right amount in the budget for professional development.

VI. GOVERNANCE UPDATE (13 min)

The last two Governance meetings have been postponed, but there is nothing pressing. Ms. Shadowens has met with Eugene Piccolo, Executive Director of Minnesota Association of Charter Schools (MACS) to discuss renewing Yinghua's membership in MACS and Yinghua's legislative agenda per Governance committee annual goals. Ms. Shadowens learned that MACS has been working as a strong Charter School advocate, and we have benefited from many things they have done. Ms. Shadowens reported back to the board on potential changes to Lease Aid and how they may affect our upcoming bond assumption.

VII. DEVELOPMENT UPDATE (8 min)

Ms. Whiting reported that \$23,219.24 was raised for the school during Give to the Max day. This is down from last year's numbers but support was still strong.

VIII. ADJOURN

The MOTION by Mr. Jax to adjourn at 7:50 pm was seconded and passed.

Minutes drafted by Sarah Whiting.

Approved by vote of Board on December 15, 2014