

Regular Meeting of the Yinghua Academy School Board
1616 Buchanan Street NE, Minneapolis, MN, Board Room
Monday, January 19, 2015, 6:00 PM

Board Members in Attendance: Walt Graff, Denny Grubish (Treasurer—arrived 6:12), Emily Hanson, Scott Jax, Jan Kleinman (Secretary--departed 6:20,) Karen Lu (Chair), Suzanne Reider, Jen Shadowens, Seth Werner, Sarah Whiting

Board Members not in Attendance: Rosemary Lawrence

Executive Director in Attendance: Sue Berg

School Staff in attendance: Luyi Lien

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lu called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

II. APPROVALS

a. 1/19/15 Agenda

The MOTION by Mr. Jax to approve the agenda was seconded and passed.

b. 12/15/14 Regular Meeting Minutes

Edits were offered.

The MOTION by Ms. Whiting to approve the minutes as amended was seconded and passed.

c. Policy 616 School District System Accountability – Second Reading

Ms. Hanson offered amendments.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE (6:26 p.m.)

a. Confucius Institute Recognition.

Ms. Berg presented on Confucius Institute – Classroom of the Year award.

b. Enrollment Capacity

Ms. Berg proposed enrollment capacity as stated in the Executive Director's Report. Discussion ensued.

The MOTION by Mr. Graff to approve the 2015/16 Capacity by Grade as follows: K-112, 1-140, 2-112, 3-100, 4-80, 5-60, 6-55, 7-45, 8-20, was seconded and passed.

c. 2015-16 School Calendar (8:14 p.m.)

Mrs. Berg presented a proposed 2015-16 school calendar. It includes the same number of teacher days, school days, and break days as 2014-15. She noted that Labor Day is late this year, so school would begin before that date. Discussion focused on delaying Kindergarten start date.

The MOTION by Mr. Jax to approve the 2015-16 School Calendar, pending further discussion about delayed Kindergarten start date, was seconded and passed.

V. ACADEMIC UPDATE

The Academic Update was tabled until next meeting.

VI. FINANCIAL UPDATE

Several edits were offered to Form 990. While the original due date for this form was November 15, an extension was granted until February 15.

The MOTION by Mr. Jax to approve Form 990, with corrections, was seconded and approved.

VII. BOARD OFFICER ELECTIONS

All incumbent officers have expressed the desire to continue to serve.

The MOTION by Mr. Jax to elect the same slate of board officers--Ms. Lu as Chair, Mr. Grubish as Treasurer, and Ms. Kleinman as Secretary--for next year was seconded and passed.

VIII. OUTSIDE ISSUES

Wynee Igel has requested that two school board members be present at each Chinese New Year performance to hand out red envelopes, host VIPs, and other public tasks.

IX. ADJOURN

The MOTION by Mr. Jax to adjourn at 8:31 pm was seconded and passed.

Minutes drafted by Emily Hanson.
Approved by vote of Board on