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Thursday, April 12, 2012 Minutes

MEETING PLACE: 675 E. Broad St., Bethlehem, PA 18018 Math Room 118

The President called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

- I. Pledge of Allegiance:
- II. Moment of Silence:
- III. Roll Call:

Present:

Mario Acerra	Paul Braden (arrived at 6:16pm)	Otto Ehram Jr.
Mark Ferguson	Tom Kartsotis	Nancy Mikkelsen
Len Perrett		

Also Present:

Sharon Fehlinger (Principal)	Diane LaBelle (Executive Director)
Cheryl Schurz (Director of Finance)	

Absent:

Marc Basist	Sharon Lee Glassman	Gerry Pandaleon
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- IV. Opening Remarks – Mr. Acerra, Board President – Congratulations of a spectacular Gala!
Mrs. LaBelle, Executive Director
- V. Public Comments: (limited to 3 minutes per individual) None.
- VI. Executive Director’s Report – The performance schedule is full in April and May. Please support LVPA students as much as you are able. Graduation is at Lehigh’s Packer Chapel June 11. Board lineup is at 6:45pm.
- VII. Personnel

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Executive Director and the Principal, the Board of Directors approves the Personnel Roster.

MM: Mikkelsen SM: Ferguson ACTION CARRIED: 6-0

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Executive Director and the Principal, the Board of Directors accepts the retirement of Philip Timbrell, Social Studies teacher, effective 6/30/12.

MM: Ehram SM: Ferguson ACTION CARRIED: 6-0

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Executive Director and the Principal, the Board of Directors moves to change the 10 month teachers and 10 month academic staff contracts to 12 month contracts, with 10 month salary distributed over 12 months, September 1, 2012 – August 31, 2013.

MM: Ehram SM: Mikkelsen ACTION CARRIED: 6-0

VIII Old Business: None

IX Acceptance of Consent Agenda Items:

- i. Acceptance of 2/9/12 Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes
- ii. Facility Report - Schurz
- iii. Technology Report – Scheinblum
- iv. Development Report – Nonnemacher
- v. Principal’s Report – Fehlinger

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, the Board of Directors approves the Consent Agenda items.

MM: Ferguson

SM: Mikkelsen

ACTION CARRIED: 7-0

X. New Business

Finance Committee

Financial Statements and GASB54 Reconciliation:

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee and the Executive Director, the Board of Directors accepts the financial statements and GASB54 Reconciliation ending 3/31/12.

MM: Braden for the Committee

SM:

ACTION CARRIED: 7-0

Charter School Lease

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee and the Executive Director, the Board of Directors approves the “2011-2012 Application for Approval of Charter School Lease”.

MM: Braden for the Committee

SM:

ACTION CARRIED: 7-0

Budget Presentation – Rev. Braden stated that both the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee reviewed the budget. Rev. Braden instructed the Board to review the budget and email any questions to him and Mrs. Schurz. The Board will vote on the budget at the May 2012 meeting. The Board discussed the consequences of increasing student population on individual class sizes (particularly Math and English). Ms. Fehlinger responded that class size is a priority and Ms. Fehlinger will work with the Mrs. Covelle in the Guidance Department during the scheduling process to maintain reasonable class sizes.

2012-2013 School Calendar

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, the Board of Directors approves the 2012-2013 School Calendar.

MM: Braden

SM: Mikkelsen

ACTION CARRIED: 7-0

Curriculum Committee Report - none

Resource Development Committee Report – Mr. Ehram met with Ms. Storm, Development Director, on 4/12/12. The Gala Live Auction netted \$25,000. \$15,000 of the \$25,000 will be transferred to the Foundation account for the capital campaign. We were successful at Steelstacks , which is a wonderful location for us. The Gala will be held at Steelstacks next year. The Parent Association is working on their next fundraiser, a Ladies Fashion Show 4/29/12 2-5pm at Four Points Sheraton on Airport Road.

Board Development Committee Report – none.

XI. Public Comments: (limited to 3 minutes per individual) Ms. Jennifer Kling, a LVPA Figure Skating parent, stated she and her daughter appreciate the teachers and guidance counselors at LVPA.

XII. Closed Session:

Motion: The Board of Directors moved to Closed Session at 6:50pm.

MM: Mikkelsen

SM: Ferguson

ACTION CARRIED: 7-0

XIII. Open Session: The Board returned to Open Session at 7:20pm.

XIV Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: 7:21PM **MM: Braden SM: Mikkelsen ACTION CARRIED: 7-0**

Next Meeting: May 3, 2012 (Reorganization Meeting), 6pm, room 118

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Schurz, Board Secretary