

Thursday, October 13, 2022
School Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING PLACE: 321 E. Third St., Bethlehem, PA 18015 @ 6:00 pm

The President called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

I. Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

II. Board Member Roll Call

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mario Acerra <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Braden <input type="checkbox"/> John Filipos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cheryl Mueller <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rosemary Murdy-Haber <input type="checkbox"/> Norma Nunez-Ruch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Len Perrett <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Shipman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Margaret Smith <input type="checkbox"/> Jasmine Woodson
Administration: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diane LaBelle, Interim Executive Director & CEO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Levernier, Principal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Theresa Vinci, HR and Chief of Operations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cheryl Schurz, Director of Finance & Board Secretary		

III. Motion:

Motion to accept the resolution below and remove Frank Shipman from the Board of Directors of the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts.

WHEREAS, the ByLaws of the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts provides for the removal of a member of the Board of Trustees with or without cause by the vote of a majority of the voting Board members; and

WHEREAS, Frank Shipman has lost the confidence of a majority of the members of the Board of Trustees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

It is therefore determined that Frank Shipman shall be permanently removed as a member of the Board of Trustees with an immediate effective date.

DULY ADOPTED this 13th day of October, 2022, by the Board of Trustees of the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts.

MM:Bradén

SM: Mueller

Motion Carried: Yes-Acerra, Braden, Mueller, Murdy-Haber, Perrett, Smith, No-Shipman, Abstentions-0

(Mr. Shipman read a letter to the Board before the vote, see attachment.)

Mr. Shipman left the meeting following the vote of removal.

IV. Executive Session:

Motion: The Board of Directors moves to go into Executive Session at 6:07pm for Personnel, Legal, and Property discussion.

MM: Braden

SM: Perrett

Motion Carried:Yes-6,No-0,Abstentions-0

V. Open Session:

The Board of Directors returns to Open Session at 6:29pm.

Opening Remarks:

Mr. Acerra, Board President

President thanked the Board for their continued dedication to the Board and also is looking forward to welcoming new members to the Board.

Ms. Diane LaBelle, Interim Executive Director & CEO

Ms. LaBelle stated that she did not receive any feedback from parents with regards to President Acerra's letter or the Executive Director's letter related to the events of the 2021-2022 school year and the independent attorney investigation.

VI. Public Comments: *(limited to 3 minutes per individual)* None

VII. Acceptance of Consent Agenda Items:

Acceptance of August 25, 2022 Minutes
Interim Executive Director & CEO Report
Principal Reports
Operations Report

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Motion: The Board of Directors approves the Consent Agenda.

MM: Murdy-Haber

SM: Perrett

Motion Carried:Yes-6,No-0,Abstentions-0

VIII. Personnel Report

Approval of October 2022 Personnel Report.

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Interim Executive Director & CEO, the Board of Directors approves the October 2022 Personnel Report.

MM: Mueller

SM: Murdy-Haber

Motion Carried:Yes-6,No-0,Abstentions-0

IX. Foundation Report

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Interim Executive Director & CEO, the Board of Directors approves the nomination of Karin Wagner to serve on the Foundation Board of Directors.

MM: Braden

SM: Smith

Motion Carried:Yes-6,No-0,Abstentions-0

X. Committee Reports

Finance Committee report by John Filipos

Acceptance of August 2022 Financial Reports.

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Directors accepts the August 2022 Financial Reports.

MM: Finance Committee

Motion Carried: Yes-6, No-0, Abstentions-0

Approval of the 2022-2023 School Budget version 14 Revised and Revised Assigned Balance.

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Directors approves the 2022-2023 School Budget version 14 Revised.

MM: Braden

SM: Mueller

Motion Carried: Yes-6, No-0, Abstentions-0

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Directors approves the Revised Assigned Fund Balance to be \$567,718.54.

MM: Braden

SM: Mueller

Motion Carried: Yes-6, No-0, Abstentions-0

Resource Development Committee report by Norma Nunez-Ruch No report.

Board Development Committee report by Paul Braden

Approval of New Board Members

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Board Development Committee, the Board of Directors approves the appointment of Christina Lincoln (term ending 2024) and Sergio Rivas (term ending 2023) to the Board of Directors.

MM: Braden

SM: Smith

Motion Carried: Yes-6, No-0, Abstentions-0

President Acerra appointed Mrs. Mueller to serve as Foundation Liaison.

Curriculum Committee report by Len Perrett

Student Handbook 2022-2023

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee, the Interim Executive Director & CEO, and the Principal, the Board of Directors approves the Student Handbook 2022-2023.

MM: Curriculum Committee

Motion Carried: Yes-6, No-0, Abstentions-0

Approval of National High School Dance Festival Pittsburgh, PA, March 1 - March 5, 2023.

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee, the Interim Executive Director & CEO, and the Principal, the Board of Directors approves the National High School Dance Festival Trip to Pittsburgh, PA, March 1, 2023-March 5, 2023.

MM: Curriculum Committee

Motion Carried: Yes-6, No-0, Abstentions-0

Approval of the Student Clubs 2022-2023

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee, the Interim Executive Director and CEO, and the Principal, the Board of Directors approves the Student Clubs 2022-2023.

- Black Student Union
- Aavidum
- Anime Club
- Art Alliance
- Asian and Pacific Islander Club
- Bakeology
- Chess Club
- Dungeons and Dragons Club
- Engineering/STEAM Club
- Environmental Club
- Exploration of Thought Club
- French Club
- GSA
- Instrumental Music Club
- Moxie Club
- National Honor Society
- Newspaper Club
- Progressive Poetry Society
- Prom Club
- Run Charter Arts
- Short Film Club
- Slavik Club
- Spanish Club
- Spanish Honor Society
- Student Ambassadors
- Student Council
- Tri-M Honors Music Society
- Youth for Christ Club

MM: Curriculum Committee

Motion Carried: Yes-6, No-0, Abstentions-0

XI. Old business - None

XII. New business

Waiver In Lieu of Expulsion

Motion: **Based upon the recommendation of the Interim Executive Director & CEO and Principal, the Board of Directors accepts the motion to:**

- **Accept the Executed Waiver in Lieu of Expulsion for student # 12137**

MM: Braden

SM: Smith

Motion Carried: Yes-6, No-0, Abstentions-0

Approval of Contracts

Motion: **Based upon the recommendation of the Interim Executive Director & CEO, the Board of Directors approves the following contracts:**

ArtsQuest Gala Contract 2023

Bayada Nursing Agreement 2022-2023

Connecting the Pieces 2022-2023

Cutting Edge Property Services - Snow Removal - 2022-2023

DeSales University Dual Enrollment Agreement 2022-2023

LCCC Dual Enrollment 2022-2023

MM: Mueller

SM: Murdy-Haber

Motion Carried: Yes-6, No-0, Abstentions-0

Employee Handbook updates 2022-2023

Motion: **Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent & CEO and Co-Principals, the Board of Directors approves the updated Employee Handbook 2022-2023.**

MM: Smith

SM: Perrett

Motion Carried: Yes-6, No-0, Abstentions-0

Executive Committee

Approval of Policies

Motion: **Based upon the recommendation of the Interim Executive Director & CEO, the Board of Directors approves the following policies.**

204 Attendance

216 Student Records

MM: Smith

SM: Mueller

Motion Carried: Yes-6, No-0, Abstentions-0

XIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:02pm.

MM: Mueller

SM: Smith

Motion Carried: Yes-6, No-0, Abstentions-0

Next Meeting: December 8, 2022, 6:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Schurz, Board Secretary