

**Academy of BioScience -- District # 4148
Board of Director's Meeting, August 21, 2007
6:00 PM – ABS Conference Room,
400 10th Ave. NW, New Brighton, MN 55112**

MEETING MINUTES

Mission

The Academy of BioScience will fully develop each student's academic, social and leadership potential through an academically rigorous and content rich educational program.

Board of Directors' Purpose

To provide leadership, set policy and develop accountability practices that will ensure high student achievement.

Agenda:

Call to Order: 6:10 pm

Role Call:

Members Present:

Kathy Reinartz, Chair
Lynn Herbst, Vice Chair
Melissa Andersen, Secretary
Jessica Sitts
Sam Maxie

Absent:

Andi Readel, Treasurer

Others Present:

Mari Bergerson, Director
Todd Netzke, Finance Vendor

Approval of Minutes: Secretary Melissa Andersen

- Board Meeting-July 17, 2007
- Special Board Meeting-August 2, 2007

MOTION: Motion to approve minutes made by Jess and seconded by Lynn. **Motion passed.**

Approval of Agenda

Additions to agenda include:

- Uniform Policy

Community Comment

Reports

1. Finance-Discussion took place over meetings that have been scheduled with our finance vendor where he has not shown up.
It was noted that our treasurer is out of the country and the finance meeting for August was cancelled due to scheduling difficulties.
Todd Netzke went through the financials. Lynn asked Todd how the audit was going. Todd informed the board that Larson Allen's numbers don't tie to the current numbers, even though the Fund balance is the same. Todd was asked how long he's known about this, and he replied about two weeks. Todd was asked to call Deb Firkus from MDE to ask about whether or not reimbursements should be in the same check as an employee's paycheck. Todd said he would.
2. Director Report – Mari Bergerson gave her report and summarized her National Institute for School Leadership participation this summer and that she is almost finished. She also discussed staff development that will be taking place within the next two weeks before school starts.

Committee Updates

Board Training

None

Old Business

1. Timeline Revisions-Board Schedule will need to be updated for this year.
2. Community Partnership Framework---moved to next month; board needs copy of framework to look at.
3. Uniform Policy---Sam expressed that he would like to see cargo pants be added to pants allowed in the current dress code.

MOTION: Motion to add cargo pants to dress code policy as pants that are allowed by students made by Sam and seconded by Kathy. **Motion died.**

New Business

1. MCA II results---discussion took place over MCA results and Jess will give her report next month after she's had time to look closer at the data. A comprehensive plan to improve test scores and student achievement this year will be presented by the Director at our next board meeting.

2. Annual Election Process/Dates---Election date set for Tuesday, October 30th along with the annual meeting and the October 16th meeting cancelled.
Mari and Kathy will meet to clarify timeline dates.
3. Bussing boundaries

MOTION: Motion to bus all students enrolled as of today and to bus additional students within a 5 mile radius of the New Brighton Community Center and all other students required by law made by Melissa and seconded by Lynn. **Motion passed unanimously.**

4. MACS membership renewal-moved to next month.

5. Student Handbook updates/approval

MOTION: Motion to change Drinks and Snacks section to state that “pop is only allowed in the cafeteria” made by Lynn and not seconded. **Motion died.**

MOTION: Motion to change the School Weapons Policy to state that “No knives will be allowed” under No Tolerance made by Lynn and seconded by Sam. **Motion passed.**

MOTION: Motion to approve updated Student Handbook as amended including all policies except the Discipline Policy made by Kathy and seconded by Jess. **Motion passed.**

6. Board Policies-next month, the board will discuss discipline and transportation policies.

Next meeting:

September 18, 2007

6:00pm

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Adjourn 8:30 pm