

Lighthouse Academies of Northwest Indiana Board of Directors Meeting  
**Minutes of a Meeting (General Session) of the Board Held on January 26, 2015**

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– **Persons in Attendance:**

- Eddie Harvey, President/ Board Member
- Kay Ward-McDuffie, Secretary /Board Member (via telephone)
- Yvette Irons-Johnson, Board Member
- Michelle Henry-Maxwell, Board Member
- James Piggee, Board Member
- Rita Daniels, Board Member (via telephone)
- Jeremy Williams, NWI Regional Director (via telephone)
- Howard Hammond, Finance (via telephone)
- Ed Power, Facilities (via telephone)
- Angela West, Principal (CPA)
- Charlotte Jackson, Principal (Upper Academy)
- Rashid Kharchaf, Principal (Gary Primary)
- Krysten Wendell Ivy, Principal (EC)
- Rhonda McClendon (CPA parent)
- Maurice Sloan (CPA student)
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**Motions and Action Items:**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Mr. Eddie Harvey.  
Mr. Jeremy Williams verified that notice of the meeting was posted at all campuses.
2. **Approval of Minutes** (December 15, 2014) Mr. James Piggee made a motion for approval of the general session minutes. Mrs. Michelle Henry-Maxwell seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all voting in favor.
3. **Discussion Notes:**

**Facilities Update**

There were no additions to the current report. Mr. Piggee asked about the lights in the parking lot at CPA. This was brought up at the December meeting. Mr. Piggee also asked about the locks at EC. These issues will be addressed immediately.

**Finance Update** (Mr. Howard Hammond) Dr. Kay F. Ward McDuffie made a motion for approval of the bills. Mr. James Piggee seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all voting in favor.

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Transportation expenditures are still problematic at the EC campus. Consequently, EC has an \$110,000 deficit based upon the required surplus required by the bonding agent. During the next fiscal year bids from other bus companies will be sought. Transportation costs doubled this fiscal year. EC has maintained the required student enrollment and also received a \$21,000 grant from the state (SPED). There will be a deficit in the January surplus because of payments that must be made to CSS.

CPA needs 25 additional students by February 2, 2015 to meet the required enrollment that determines funding from the state. If the enrollment remains as it is currently, we could lose \$100,000 in funding.

The amendment to transfer the required funds so the required surplus of \$110,000 is available was voted upon. Mrs. Yvette Irons-Johnson made the motion. Mrs. Michelle Henry-Maxwell seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all voting in favor.

**Technology Update** Ms. Kena Seguin experienced a death in her family and was not present. It was reported that a \$75,000 IDEA grant has been received.

#### **4. NWI Principal Reports**

Mrs. Angela West, the principal of CPA provided information about the “Profanity Campaign” currently put into practice. When the number of profane words spoken by the students was tracked, the count was 2500 in one week. The students sign a pledge to minimize or eradicate the use of profanity. The goal (school wide) is to have no more than 250 profane words spoken per week.

The ECA report should be available January 28, 2015. NWEA data will be available in February.

Mrs. Charlotte Jackson, the principal of the 3-7 campus reported NWEA testing was delayed because of uploading issues. The students at grade 3 have grown 75% in reading.

Mrs. Krysten Ivy Wendell, principal of the EC campus reported no updates.

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Mr. Rashid Kharchaf, principal of Gary Primary reported student' portfolios are being developed. The portfolios will follow the students when they go to the 3-7 campus. This information will hopefully provide each teacher with documentation that will guide their instruction.

7. **Adjournment:** The general session meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p. m. to convene to executive session. Dr. Kay Ward McDuffie made a motion. Mr. James Piggee seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all voting in favor.

Kay F. Ward McDuffie, Ed. D  
February 16, 2015