

Lighthouse Academies of Northwest Indiana Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes of a Meeting (General Session) of the Board Held on March 16, 2015

– **Persons in Attendance:**

- Eddie Harvey, President/ Board Member
- Kay Ward-McDuffie, Secretary /Board Member
- Yvette Irons-Johnson, Board Member
- Michelle Henry-Maxwell, Board Member
- James Piggee, Board Member
- Rita Daniels, Board Member
- _____Hinton, Board Member
- Jeremy Williams, NWI Regional Director
- Howard Hammond, Finance (via telephone)
- Ed Power, Facilities (via telephone)
- Angela West, Principal (CPA)
- Charlotte Jackson, Principal (Upper Academy)
- Rashid Kharchaf, Principal (Gary Primary) (via telephone)
- Krysten Wendell Ivy, Principal (EC)
- Bertha Rios

Motions and Action Items:

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Mr. Eddie Harvey.
Mr. Jeremy Williams verified that notice of the meeting was posted at all campuses.
We had a jump rope presentation by some of the scholars and other young people who were a part of the jump rope team.
2. **Approval of Minutes** (February 23, 2015) Mrs. Yvette Irons-Johnson 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

Current projects are progressing as scheduled.

Finance Update (Mr. Howard Hammond) Dr. Kay F. Ward McDuffie made a motion for approval of the bills. Mrs. Yvette Irons-Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all voting in favor.

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One of the reasons for the audit exceptions last school year was deposits of money were not made in a timely manner (daily). Ms. Bertha Rios asked that the office assistants be made assistant treasurers. This will allow them to make daily deposits of any monies collected.

Mr. Hammond it appears we are on track to meet the financial requirements of the State Board of Accounts this year. It was also pointed out that all vouchers should be dated and signed before funds and released.

Technology Update Ms. Kena Seguin reported that the Indiana Department of Education required students in grade 8 to complete the ISTEP assessment using paper and pencil because of technology issues within their system. No other updates.

4. NWI Principal Reports

Mrs. Angela West, the principal of CPA indicated there will be a need for twelve staff members at the high school level for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Canada field trip has been cancelled because there were only four students who were planning to go on the trip, and 20 were needed.

The Washington D.C. parent meeting was March 17th.

The results from the parent survey are forthcoming.

The girls and boys basketball teams have been quite competitive.

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 the I-Read assessment had to be administered using paper and pencil because of technology issues. There will be ten open positions for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mrs. Krysten Ivy Wendell, principal of the EC campus reported we had scholars who were Math Bowl winners. There will be 7 open positions for the 2015-2016 school year.

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Mr. Rashid Kharchaf, principal of Gary Primary reported the data gathered from the parent surveys will be used to guide what takes place during the 2015=2016 school year.

The Fine Arts Club and After School Programs are operational.

The instructional emphasis is upon preparing the 2nd grade students to successfully complete the 3rd grade I-Read assessment. Two teachers will be hired for the summer school program.

Mr. Jeremy Williams met with the East Chicago parents who are very interested in the possibility of a secondary school in EC or Hammond. We are moving forward with making this a possibility with encouragement from Ball State University.

Reminder: School-wide Art Show will be held April 17, 2015.

7. Adjournment: The general session meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p. m. to convene to executive session. Mrs. Yvette Irons-Johnson made a motion. Mrs. Rita Daniels seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all voting in favor.

Kay F. Ward McDuffie, Ed. D
April 21, 2015