

Lighthouse Academies of Northwest Indiana Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes of a Meeting (General Session) of the Board Held on August 18, 2014

- **Persons in Attendance:**

- Eddie Harvey, President/ Board Member
- Kay Ward-McDuffie, Secretary /Board Member
- Rita Daniels, Board Member (via telephone)
- Michelle Henry Maxwell, Board Member
- Jeremy Williams, NWI Regional Director
- Ed Power, Facilities (via telephone)
- Howard Hammond, Finance (via telephone)
- Jaclyn Glasgow, Technology (via telephone)
- Bertha Rios, Business Manager
- Angela West, Principal (CPA)
- Charlotte Jackson, Principal (Upper Academy)
- Rashid Kharchaf, Principal (Gary Primary)
- Krysten Ivy Wendell, Principal (EC Lighthouse Charter School)
- Martin Dacosta, Director of Teacher Leadership
- Jazmin Pratt, Director of Teacher Leadership
- Nicole McIntosh, Director of Teacher Leadership
- Laura Smith Wynn, Director of IPI
- Mary Reavis Rames, Board Member of IPI
- Era Seguin, Head of Technology
- Keith Karpinski, Assistant Principal
- Taylor Ricks, Art Teacher – CPA

- **Motions and Action Items:**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Mr. Eddie Harvey.

Mr. Jeremy Williams verified that notice of the meeting was posted at all campus

Ms, Taylor Ricks, Art teacher at CPA, presented art projects completed by the students thus far in the 2014-2015 school year. The art work exemplified the artistic ability many of our scholars possess. There were examples of artistic creations where it was evident the students made use of their mathematical skills.

Mrs. Laura Smith Wynn from IPI expressed her appreciation for the partnership with LANWI. She looks forward to increasing parental involvement with their children’s education, as well as providing educational and parenting opportunities for the parents. Mrs.

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Mary Reavis Rames, a board member, also expressed her appreciation for allowing this agency the opportunity to partner with LANWI.

2. **Approval of Minutes** (July 21, 2014) Mrs. Michelle Henry Maxwell made a motion for approval. Mrs. Rita Daniels seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all voting in favor.

3. **Discussion Notes:**

Facilities Update (Mr. Ed Power) Mr. Power indicated the gymnasium floor at CPA should be completed the first part of September. The floor is to be sanded and polyurethane is to be applied. The seating will be installed when this is completed. All work orders have been completed. The air conditioning and other projects at EC have been completed. The art room is completed at the 3-7 building.

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

The 2014-2015 budget for East Chicago and Gary will be revised and presented to the board next month.

Technology Update (Ms. Jaclyn Glasgow) No updates. The intercom system is operational in all buildings. Preparation for testing is the main focus.

4. **Parent and student representatives** There were no parent or student representatives present.

5. **NWI Principal Reports**

Mrs. Angela West, the principal of CPA reported to meet the 740 scholar enrollment criteria there is a need for 20 students. The dual-credit program with Ivy Tech will begin August 25, 2014.

There are 45 students enrolled. There are currently 13 8th graders in Algebra II and 25 8th graders

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enrolled in Algebra I during the 2014-2015 school year. Most of the scholars have passed ECA. Mrs. West presented the proposal for the field trips projected for the 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Rashid Kharchaf, the principal of the primary campus in Gary indicated she has 244 students currently enrolled for the 2014-2015 school year. There is a need for 16 more students to be fully enrolled. There are 6 students who will begin August 19, 2014. Nine 1st graders and 8 2nd graders are needed.

Mrs. Charlotte Jackson, the principal of the 3-7 campus indicated she currently has 470 students enrolled for the 2014-2015 school year. There is a need for 30 students to meet the enrollment criteria.

Mrs. Krysten Ivy Wendell indicated the Spanish teacher resigned on the first day of school. This is the only position unfilled. The enrollment is 428 and should be 422.

7. Mr. Jeremy Williams made a presentation that addressed the results from the staff survey.

8. **Adjournment:** The general session meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p. m. to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. Dr. Kay F. Ward McDuffie made a motion. Mrs. Michelle Henry Maxwell seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all voting in favor.

Kay F. Ward McDuffie, Ed. D
September 5, 2014