

Lighthouse Academies of Northwest Indiana Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes of a Meeting (General Session) of the Board Held on February 23, 2015

– **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
- Rolland Hinton, Board Member
- Jeremy Williams, NWI Regional Director
- Linda Ahronian, Comptroller (via telephone)
- Howard Hammond, Finance (via telephone)
- Kena Seguin, Technology (via telephone)
- Angela West, Principal (CPA)
- Charlotte Jackson, Principal (Upper Academy)
- Rashid Kharchaf, Principal (Gary Primary)
- Krysten Wendell Ivy, Principal (EC)

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.
** A presentation of the art work created by the primary school' scholars was made by the art and music teachers. This is a prelude to the network wide art show that will be held in April 2015.
2. **Approval of Minutes** (January 26, 2015) Mr. Rolland Hinton made a motion for approval of the general session minutes. Mr. James Piggee seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all voting in favor.

3. **Discussion Notes:**

Facilities Update

No report

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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A request was made for the auditor to meet with the board during the March meeting to explain some parts of the audit report.

The art and music addition at the 3-7 campus has contributed to the deficit. It appears at least \$220,000 of the construction cost was not included in the bond. This will be investigated and there will be a report of the findings at the March meeting.

A request will be made to increase the Title I funds to eradicate the current deficit.

Technology Update The emphasis is now on making sure our technology system is prepared for spring testing. There has been significant interest in the Computer Club.

4. NWI Principal Reports

Mrs. Angela West, the principal of CPA provided information about the sophomore class' progress on the ECA. Fifty-three percent of the scholars have been successful. The basketball team has an outstanding record this season. A proposal for early graduation will be presented at the March meeting.

Mrs. Charlotte Jackson, the principal of the 3-7 campus reported that student' discipline issues have a negative influence upon the academic progress of some students and impacts the school culture in a way that is not conducive to the principal's expectations. Mr. Piggee suggested that Lake County Sheriff Buncich should be contacted to seek his assistance. Additionally, he will contact Mr. Willie Stewart for assistance with this issue.

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

Mr. Rashid Kharchaf, principal of Gary Primary reported the current professional development sessions address the use of authentic texts.

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7. **Adjournment:** The general session meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p. m. to convene to executive session. Mr. James Piggee 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
March 10, 2015