



# Lighthouse Academies of Northwest Indiana

## Minutes

### LANWI May 2019 Board Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Monday May 20, 2019 at 5:30 PM

#### **Location**

East Chicago Lighthouse Charter School

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#### **Directors Present**

A. Payne (remote), K. Ward McDuffie, L. Heard (remote), N. Barksdale, N. Lucas, R. Kimbrough, Y. Irons-Johnson (remote)

#### **Directors Absent**

R. Daniels

#### **Guests Present**

J. Beasley, Jerry Ballard, L. Noel, M. Rousseau

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### **I. Opening Items**

#### **A. Record Attendance and Guests**

#### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

K. Ward McDuffie called a meeting of the board of directors of Lighthouse Academies of Northwest Indiana to order on Monday May 20, 2019 @ 5:40 PM at East Chicago Lighthouse Charter School.

#### **C. Approve Minutes**

R. Kimbrough made a motion to approve minutes from the LANWI April 2019 Board Meeting on 04-15-19.

N. Lucas seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

Y. Irons-Johnson	Aye
R. Daniels	Absent
R. Kimbrough	Aye
N. Barksdale	Aye
A. Payne	Abstain
N. Lucas	Aye
K. Ward McDuffie	Aye
L. Heard	Aye

## II. Finance

### A. East Chicago

N. Barksdale made a motion to Pay Bills in EC and accept the financial report presented.  
N. Lucas seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### B. Gary

N. Barksdale made a motion to Pay bills in Gary and accept the financial report presented.  
N. Lucas seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### C. Controllers Report

East Chicago looks very strong fiscally.

Gary is not meeting its debt services ratio currently. Looking at projections and we will meet it before year end. We will have 45 day cash on hand by requesting that outstanding grants be reimbursed which will assist us in meeting the DSR requirement. We have also taken into account the timeliness of submitting for grant reimbursement when preparing the budgets for next year.

### D. Preliminary Budget Report 2019-2020

Preliminary Budgets were presented for FY '20

EC Narrative Explains difference between FY '19 and FY '20

Budget Enrollment- at 470

State funding shifted and there will be a small increase in per pupil funding

This year we will be including a nurse, and possibly a security guard (as we are applying for a Security Grant which will cover this cost.)

Contingency and Reserve at 1.5%

Gary FY '20 increase in operational expenses

Reserves increase

Budget Enrollment at 1460

(Last year 1565 dropped to 1422)

## III. LHA Network Reports

### A. RVP Report

Expeditionary Learning partnered with Math Curriculum Envisions (Soft Roll Out).

Partnerships include collaborations and branching out with other school districts.

School leaders visited Bronx Schools.

Connecting to the Community will be a high priority in 20-21 academic year and was a major focus of the meeting, and schools that we visited in Bronx.

Main questions that we will focus on during summer- What we need to do to make ourselves pillars in the community.

Graduation LCPA- June 2, 2019 at 2 pm Hammond Civic Center  
Gary 8th Grade Graduation- June 5, 2019 at 2pm Gary LCPA  
EC 8th Grade Graduation- June 6, 2019 at 3:30pm Gary LCPA

Partnership- UMOJA Restorative Practice, Chicago, IL

Academic Calendar 185 days for 19-20 academic year

**B. 2019 - 2020 Academic Calendar**

A. Payne made a motion to To accept the 19-20 Academic Calendar presented by RVP, Jessica Beasley for 185 days.

N. Lucas seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**C. Operations Report**

Board was presented with the 2019-2020 Proposed Board Meeting Calendar

The calendar includes 6 meeting for the year (which are the number of meetings required by the IDOE.)

Recommendation 7 meetings- Add April 20th meeting to schedule

N. Barksdale made a motion to To accept the proposed board calendar with the addition of the 7th meeting on April 20, 2020.

N. Lucas seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**IV. Closing Items**

**A. Public Comments**

**B. Executive Session**

Two potential board members were present and spoke with the board for consideration of membership.

Bre Bridges- Marketing Director Catholic Schools of Chicago

Harold Burtley- Director of Financial Aid

One board member resigned, LaShawn Herd

**C. Adjourn Meeting**

A. Payne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 pm.

N. Barksdale seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

K. Ward McDuffie Aye

N. Barksdale Aye

N. Lucas Aye

R. Kimbrough Aye

R. Daniels Absent

A. Payne Aye

Y. Irons-Johnson Aye

L. Heard Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
L. Noel

**D. Next Meeting**