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LISA FOUNDATION

BOARD MEETING

Date : July 22, 2021 (Thursday)
Time : 6:15 PM
Location : LISA Academy, District Office

AGENDA

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Attendance and quorum
3. Opportunity for the public to be heard and recognition of visitors

General Guideline for this part of Agenda:

- *Speaker should list the topics they wish to address with the board prior to the beginning of the meeting.*
- *Each speaker is given a maximum of 5 minutes to address the Board.*
- *The Board's response to the speakers' comments is limited.*

The Board President reserves the right to monitor this portion of agenda and move to the next agenda item if necessary.

Action Agenda

4. Consideration of approval of previous minutes of July 8th, 2021, meeting
5. Consideration of adoption of agenda for July 22nd, 2021, meeting
6. Consideration of approval of school employee COVID-19 emergency leave policy (*Presenter: Dr. Necati Sahin*)
7. Consideration of approval of updated staff handbook (*Presenter: Dr. Necati Sahin*)
8. Consideration of approval of updated parent-student handbooks (*Presenter: Luanne Baroni*)
9. Consideration of board resolution approving financing for both LISA Foundation and LISA LLC through EFF loan (*Presenter: Mikail Abdullah and Jack Williams*)
10. Consideration of approval of amended and restated Tax compliance procedure (*Presenter: Mikail Abdullah and Jack Williams*)

11. Consideration of approval of LISA Academy Springdale and West High school building lease agreements (*Presenter: Mikail Abdullah and Jack Williams*)
12. Consideration of board resolution regarding COVID-19 policy (*Presenter: Luanne Baroni*)
13. Approval of tentative 2021-22 board meeting calendar. (*Presenter: Dr. Fatih Bogrek*)
14. Election of officers.

Information Agenda

15. Financial report and current budget status (*Presenters: Dr. Necati Sahin and Mikail Abdullah*)
16. Academic reports (*Presenter: Agamyrat Altiyyev*)
17. Superintendent's report (*Presenter: Dr. Fatih Bogrek*)
18. Closing remarks and adjournment

The mission of LISA Academy is to provide an academically rigorous college preparatory program, in partnership with students, families, and the community, and guide all students in gaining knowledge, skills, and the attitude necessary to direct their lives, improve a diverse society, and excel in a changing world by providing dynamic, resource-rich learning environments.

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BOARD MEETING

July 22, 2021 (6:15 PM)

**LISA Academy District Office (& via Google Meet)
10821 Financial Centre Parkway,
Little Rock, AR**

I. Welcome and call to order

These are the regular meeting minutes of the board of directors of LISA Foundation, (referred to as "Foundation") a non-profit corporation. This meeting was held on July 8, 2021, at the LISA Academy District Office Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m. by Ms. Cindy Dawson, Board President.

II. Attendance and Quorum

The following members of the board were present: Ms. Cindy Dawson, President; Dr. Emir Tas, Vice President; Dr. Celebi, Secretary; and Mr. Higgins, member. A quorum was present.

School staff and administration in attendance: Dr. Fatih, Mr. Sahin, Ms. Ward, Ms. Baroni, Mr. Abdullah, Mr. Altyyev, Ms. Brown, and Mr. Buckman

Also in attendance were legal counsels Jack Williams and Michelle Allgood.

III. Opportunity for the public to be heard and recognition of visitors.

No members of the public requested to speak.

IV. Consideration of approval of previous minutes of July 8th, 2021, meeting

Dr. Tas made a motion to approve the previous minutes of May 27th, 2021, meeting.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Higgins.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Dawson	Aye
Dr. Celebi	Aye
Mr. Higgins	Aye
Dr. Tas	Aye

V. Consideration of approval of agenda for July 22nd, 2021, meeting

Dr. Tas made a motion to approve the agenda for July 8th, 2021, meeting.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Higgins.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Dawson	Aye
Dr. Celebi	Aye
Mr. Higgins	Aye
Dr. Tas	Aye

VI. Consideration of approval of school employee COVID-19 emergency leave policy (Presenter: Necati Sahin)

Dr. Sahin presented a proposal for an emergency leave policy to offer 10 days of paid leave for COVID-19 absences of staff when they meet certain criteria. Dr. Tas asked about using the leave to incentivize staff to get vaccinated. After discussion, board members suggested considering at the next meeting an additional policy to add 5 days for fully vaccinated staff members.

Dr. Tas made a motion to approve the school employee COVID-19 emergency leave policy

The motion was seconded by Dr. Celebi

ROLL CALL

Ms. Dawson	Aye
Dr. Celebi	Aye
Mr. Higgins	Aye
Dr. Tas	Aye

VII. Consideration of approval of updated staff handbook (Presenter: Dr. Necati Sahin)

Dr. Sahin reviewed updated to the staff handbook, focusing on the major changes. Ms. Dawson clarified that the board would be voting on policy changes and that minor editing and formatting will be done after the board's approval.

Dr. Tas made a motion to approve the updated staff handbook.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Higgins.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Dawson	Aye
Dr. Celebi	Aye
Mr. Higgins	Aye
Dr. Tas	Aye

VIII. Consideration of approval of updated parent-student handbooks (Presenter: Luanne Baroni)

Ms. Baroni reviewed the major changes to the handbooks and again Ms. Dawson reminded the board that they would be voting to approve the policy changes and that editing and formatting would be done after approval.

Dr. Tas made a motion to approve the updated parent-student handbooks.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Higgins.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Dawson	Aye
Dr. Celebi	Aye
Mr. Higgins	Aye
Dr. Tas	Aye

IX. Consideration of board resolution approving financing for both LISA Foundation and LISA LLC through EFF loan (Presenters: Mikail Abdullah and Jack Williams)

Mr. Jack Williams and Ms. Michelle Allgood went over the language of the board resolution, approving the loan through EFF and indicated that it is a very good rate. Dr. Fatih pointed out that the payments on the loan will be less than is currently being paid for rent. Ms. Dawson asked about the timeline. Mr. Williams explained the plan is to execute/close by 8/5/2021. Ms. Dawson and Dr. Fatih thanked Mr. Williams and Ms. Allgood for all their hard work. Dr. Tas asked how this loan compares to previous loans. Dr. Fatih answered that this loan has much more favorable terms for the school.

Dr. Tas made a motion to approve the board resolution approving financing for both LISA Foundation and LISA LLC through EFF loan.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Celebi.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Dawson	Aye
Dr. Celebi	Aye
Mr. Higgins	Aye
Dr. Tas	Aye

X. Consideration of approval of amended and restated Tax compliance procedure (Presenters: Mikail Abdullah and Jack Williams)

Mr. Williams explained that this is just a compliance document that is required.

Dr. Tas made a motion to approve the amended and restated Tax compliance procedure.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Celebi.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Dawson	Aye
Dr. Celebi	Aye
Mr. Higgins	Aye
Dr. Tas	Aye

XI. Consideration of approval of LISA Academy Springdale and West High School building lease agreements (Presenters: Mikail Abdullah and Jack Williams)

Mr. Williams explained that this document authorizes LISA to pay rent to LISA LLC and is needed for DESE' review and approval and is a normally required document.

Dr. Tas made a motion to approve the LISA Academy Springdale and West High School building lease agreements.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Higgins.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Dawson	Aye
Dr. Celebi	Aye
Mr. Higgins	Aye
Dr. Tas	Aye

XII. Consideration of board resolution regarding COVID-19 policy (Presenter: Luanne Baroni)

Ms. Baroni presented a board resolution to allow the Superintendent to make changes to COVID-19 policy as needed due to changes in any law or guidance from state or federal entities.

Dr Tas made a motion to approve the board resolution regarding COVID-19 policy.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Celebi.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Dawson	Aye
Dr. Celebi	Aye
Mr. Higgins	Aye

XIII. Approval of tentative 2021-22 board meeting calendar (Presenter: Dr. Fatih Bogrek)

Dr. Fatih presented a recommended calendar for meetings. The new calendar moves meetings to Wednesday, instead of Thursday to accommodate the request of Dr. Celebi, who teaches a class on Thursdays. Dr. Fatih further explained that he had planned the meetings for the 3rd week of each month as much as possible to provide consistency. The changes also include only two meetings during the summer, rather than one each month.

Dr. Tas made a motion to approve the tentative 2021-22 board meeting calendar as presented.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Celebi.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Dawson	Aye
Dr. Celebi	Aye
Mr. Higgins	Aye
Dr. Tas	Aye

XIV. Election of officers

Ms. Dawson asked if Dr. Celebi was willing to continue serving as Secretary and he stated that he was willing. Dr. Tas nominated Mr. Higgins as Vice President and also Ms. Dawson as President. After some discussion, the board voted on the slate of officers:

Ms. Cindy Dawson – President
Mr. Eric Higgins – Vice President
Dr. Emre Celebi - Secretary

Dr. Tas made a motion to approve the slate of officers for the 2021-22 school year.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Celebi.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Dawson	Aye
Dr. Celebi	Aye
Mr. Higgins	Aye
Dr. Tas	Aye

XV. Financial report and current budget status (Presenters: Dr. Necati Sahin and Mikail Abdullah)

The financial report was presented by Mr. Abdullah. He indicated that they are almost finished closing out the previous year and that everything is on track, with a slight overage. Expenditures are close to 100%. Final reimbursements are expected in September. Year end balance is at \$8 million and was expected to be at \$7.4 million. The difference comes from additional receipt of federal funds due to the pandemic.

XVI. Academic reports (Presenter: Agamyrat Altyyev)

Mr. Altyyev presented the Spring 2020 ACT Aspire Summative results. He gave an overview of each grade band and said that overall scores went down from 2019. Dr. Fatih explained that this data does not yet reflect the growth scores. He assured the board that there will be a focus on the schools that are below state averages to ensure that they are improving.

XVII. Superintendent's report (Presenter: Dr. Fatih Bogrek)

Dr. Fatih indicated that contracts will begin next month. He gave an update on the progress for the Fayetteville campus and indicated that he hopes to bring an amendment request to the board in August. He reminded the board about the August 2nd FIREUP event and updated them that it will be virtual.

XV. Closing remarks and adjournment

Dr. Tas made a motion to adjourn.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Higgins.

ROLL CALL

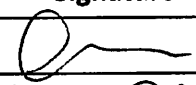
Ms. Dawson	Aye
Dr. Celebi	Aye
Mr. Higgins	Aye
Dr. Tas	Aye

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Cynthia A. Dawson

LISA Academy Board Meeting

DATE: July 22, 2021

#	Name	Position	Signature
1	Dr. Fatih Begrek	Superintendent	
2	Nichele Allgood	Attorney	Michelle Allgood
3	Jack Williams	Attorney	Jack Williams
4	Luanne Baroni	Asst. Super	Luanne Baroni
5	Necati Sahin	Asst. Superintendent	Necati Sahin
6	Mikail Abdullah	Dir. of Rec.	Mikail Abdullah
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