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LISA FOUNDATION

BOARD MEETING

Date : May 25, 2022 (Wednesday)
Time : 6:15 PM
Location : LISA Academy, District Office

AGENDA

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Attendance and quorum
3. Staff recognitions (*Presenter: Dr. Necati Sahin*)
4. Student and coach recognitions (*Presenter: Luanne Baroni*)
5. 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.

Consent Agenda

6. Consideration of approval of Preschool and School Age applications for SPED part B funds of FY 2022-23 (*Presenter: Donna Broyles*)
7. Consideration of review and approval of Jun 30, 2021 financial audit report (*Presenters: Dr. Necati Sahin and Mikail Abdullah*)
8. Consideration of approval of McKinney Vento grant application (*Presenter: Angela Ward*)
9. Consideration of signing Charter School Facility Statement of Assurance (*Presenter: Muharrem Kaya*)

Action Agenda

10. Consideration of approval of previous minutes of April 21st, 2022 meeting
11. Consideration of adoption of agenda for May 25th, 2022 meeting
12. Consideration of approval of Hybrid school satellite learning center facility use agreements and authorizing the superintendent to sign the agreements
(Presenter: Muammer Guven)
13. Consideration of approval of updated salary schedule and benefits (Presenter: Dr. Necati Sahin)
14. Consideration of approval of 2022-23 school year preliminary budget
(Presenters: Necati Sahin and Mikail Abdullah)
15. Consideration of approval of Child Nutrition food purchasing cooperative group MOUs and authorizing the superintendent to sign the MOUs (Presenter: Seth Buckman)
16. Consideration of approval of school meal price increase (Presenter: Seth Buckman)
17. Consideration of approval of school meal payment processing fees (Presenter: Seth Buckman)
18. Consideration of approval of granting Central Arkansas catering bid (Presenter: Seth Buckman)
19. Consideration of approval of attorney engagement letter and authorizing the superintendent to sign the engagement letter (Presenter: Dr. Necati Sahin)
20. Evaluation of superintendent (Presenter: Dr. Fatih Bogrek)

Information Agenda

21. Financial report and current budget status (Presenters: Dr. Necati Sahin and Mikail Abdullah)
22. COVID-19 update (Presenter: Luanne Baroni)
23. Advisory board president's report (Presenter: Ken Keplinger)
24. Superintendent's report (Presenter: Dr. Fatih Bogrek)
25. 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

May 25, 2022 (6:15 PM)

**LISA Academy District Office
10825 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 May 25, 2022, at the LISA Academy District Office Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:16 p.m. by Cindy Dawson, Board President.

II. Attendance and Quorum

The following members of the board were present: Ms. Cindy Dawson, President; Dr. Emir Tas; Dr. Emre Celebi; Mr. Eric Higgins and Dr. Erhan Ararat. A quorum was present.

School staff and administration in attendance: Dr. Fatih, Ms. Baroni, Dr. Sahin, Mr. Sazci, Ms. Broyles, Dr. Durand, Mr. Kaya, Mr. Guven, Mr. Buckman, and Mr. Abdullah.

III. Staff recognitions (Presenter: Dr. Necati Sahin)

Dr. Sahin recognized several staff members for highest number of Home Visits, and Dr. Durand as principal with highest number of classroom visits.

IV. Student and coach recognitions (Presenter: Luanne Baroni)

Ms. Baroni recognized several teams, individual students, and coaches from West Elementary, West Middle and West High School for their achievements at state and national level competitions.

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

No members of the public requested to speak.

Consent Agenda

VI. Consideration of approval of Preschool and School Age applications for SPED part B funds of FY 2022-23 (Presenter: Donna Broyles)

Ms. Broyles briefly summarized the required annual application.

VII. Consideration of review and approval of June 30, 2021, financial audit report (Presenters: Dr. Necati Sahin and Mikail Abdullah)

Dr. Sahin presented the audit report and noted that there were no findings for FY21 and that there was a cash reserve of \$8.4 million.

VIII. Consideration of approval of McKinney Vento grant application (Presenter: Angela Ward)

Ms. Ward presented a McKinney Vento grant application for \$20,000 to be spent over a three-year period.

IX. Consideration of signing Charter School Facility Statement of Assurance (Presenter: Muharrem Kaya)

Mr. Kaya explained the general cycle of facilities inspection and the required packet and statement of Assurances required by the state.

Dr. Tas made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Ararat.

ROLL CALL

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

Action Agenda

X. Consideration of approval of previous minutes of April 21st, 2022 meeting

Dr. Tas made a motion to approve previous minutes of April 21st, 2022, meeting.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Ararat.

ROLL CALL

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

XI. Consideration of adoption of agenda for May 25th, 2022, meeting

Dr. Tas made a motion to adopt the agenda for May 25th, 2022, meeting.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Ararat.

ROLL CALL

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

XII. Consideration of approval of Hybrid school satellite learning center facility use agreements and authorizing the superintendent to sign the agreements (Presenter: Muammer Guven)

Mr. Guven reviewed the facilities to be used in Jonesboro and Ft. Smith for the Hybrid School. Dr. Fatih noted that the school's attorney has reviewed the agreements and DESE has approved them.

Dr. Tas made a motion to approve the Hybrid School satellite learning center facility use agreements and authorizing the superintendent to sign the agreements.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Ararat.

ROLL CALL

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

XIII. Consideration of approval of updated salary schedule and benefits (Presenter: Dr. Necati Sahin)

Dr. Sahin shared several recommended minor changes to the salary schedule. Ms. Dawson asked about long-term disability insurance process and where it stands. Dr. Sahin explained that the choices have been narrowed and that he will move forward soon with finalizing a selection. Dr. Tas asked about the moving expense stipend and some discussion followed. Dr. Sahin clarified the questions regarding how that it calculated.

Dr. Tas made a motion to approve the updated salary schedule and benefits.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Ararat.

ROLL CALL

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

XIV. Consideration of approval of 2022-23 school year preliminary budget (Presenters: Dr. Necati Sahin and Mikail Abdullah)

Dr. Sahin presented the preliminary budget, reflecting an expected surplus of \$125,829.28. Ms. Dawson asked if the surplus amount is too small. Dr. Sahin explained that the projections are conservative, and it will likely be larger. Some discussion followed and questions were answered by Dr. Sahin and Mr. Mikail.

Dr. Tas made a motion to approve the 2022-23 school year preliminary budget.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Ararat.

ROLL CALL

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

XV. Consideration of approval of Child Nutrition food purchasing cooperative group MOUs and authorizing the superintendent to sign the MOUs (Presenter: Seth Buckman)

Mr. Buckman shared a presentation of food purchasing cooperative group MOUs, including the benefits of coop participation.

Dr. Ararat made a motion to approve the Child Nutrition food purchasing cooperative group MOUs and authorizing the superintendent to sign the MOUs.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Tas.

ROLL CALL

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

XVI. Consideration of approval of school meal price increase (Presenter: Seth Buckman)

Mr. Buckman explained the need and rationale for school meal price increases, including a decrease in meal reimbursements and free meals are no longer being provided through federal funds. There was some discussion among board members regarding which pricing plan would work best.

Dr. Ararat made a motion to approve the price increase for meals as presented in Option #1, which increases lunch prices to \$3.75.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Tas.

ROLL CALL

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

**XVII. Consideration of approval of school meal payment processing fees
(Presenter: Seth Buckman)**

Mr. Buckman shared that there is a payment processing fee associated with the online payment portal. To encourage families to use the payment portal, he recommended that LISA pay all the transaction fee or that the school pays \$2.00, and the family pays \$.60. Dr. Ararat asked if the fee is for each transaction, and Mr. Buckman said it is. A discussion followed, considering multiple options as presented.

Dr. Tas made a motion to approve school meal payment Option #1, with families paying the entire transaction fee.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Celebi.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Dawson	Aye
Dr. Ararat	Aye
Dr. Celebi	Aye
Mr. Higgins	No
Dr. Tas	No

**XIII. Consideration of approval of granting Central Arkansas catering bid
(Presenter: Seth Buckman)**

Mr. Buckman presented the catering RFP and bid. He explained the process and indicated that only one bid was received and that it was from J& F Foodservice, the current provider. The bid reflected 6% increase for breakfast cost, and an 8% increase for lunch cost. He recommended to accept the bid.

Dr. Ararat made a motion to approve the granting of Central Arkansas catering bid to J & F Foodservice.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Tas.

ROLL CALL

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

XIX. Consideration of approval of attorney engagement letter and authorizing the superintendent to sign the engagement letter (Presenter: Dr. Necati Sahin)

Dr. Sahin explained the engagement letter with Mitchell & Williams is needed to have their services available for financial transactions assistance and would be on an as needed basis. The rate is at \$350 per hour.

Dr. Ararat made a motion to approve the attorney engagement letter and authorizing the superintendent to sign the engagement letter.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Tas.

ROLL CALL

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

XX. Evaluation of superintendent (Presenter: Dr. Fatih Bogrek)

The Board went into closed executive session at 8:19 p.m. for the evaluation of the superintendent.

The public session resumed at 9:22 p.m.

Dr. Tas made a motion to recognize Dr. Fatih for his exemplary leadership and to place a letter in his personnel file regarding the board's evaluation.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Ararat

ROLL CALL

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

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

Dr. Sahin presented the financial report and current budget status. He shared an overview of revenues at \$32.6 million and expenditures at \$31.4 million, as well as an ending balance of \$9.452 million. He indicated that the budget is on track

XXII. COVID-19 update (Presenter: Luanne Baroni)

Ms. Baroni indicated that there has been a slight uptick in cases, consistent with what has been reported state-wide.

XXIII. Advisory board president's report (Presenter: Ken Keplinger)

Mr. Keplinger reported that the Advisory Board met on May 9, 2022, and gave a review of the topics discussed in that meeting. The next scheduled Advisory Board meeting is September 19, 2022. Ms. Dawson expressed her thanks to the Advisory Board for their work

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

Dr. Fatih shared that the two high school graduations were very successful, and thanked Mr. Higgins for speaking at graduation. He indicated that enrollment for next year is at 4,128 currently and that enrollment will continue throughout the summer.

He indicated the May 26th is the last scheduled school day for most campuses, and that some school have an additional day to make up due to power outage closures. He reviewed some upcoming dates including the July 14-15 Leadership Symposium, #FIREUP on August 8 at the Doubletree for Central AR staff, and at the Rogers-Bentonville campus on August 10 for NW AR staff and invited the board to participate in the events. The first day of school will be August 16, 2022.

He reminded the board that there will be no meeting in June and that the next scheduled meeting will be on July 20, 2022.

Dr. Fatih informed the board that he plans to attend the National Charter School Conference in DC this summer.

XXV. Advisory board president's report (Presenter: Ken Keplinger)

Mr. Higgins made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Dawson.

ROLL CALL

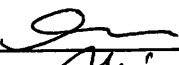
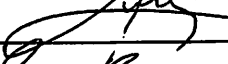
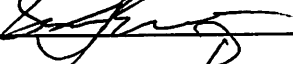
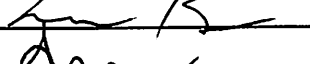
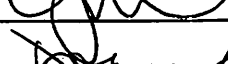
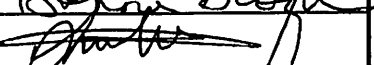
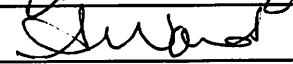
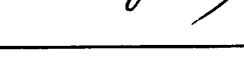
Ms. Dawson	Aye
Dr. Ararat	Aye
Dr. Tas	Aye
Dr. Celebi	Aye
Mr. Higgins	Aye

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Cynthia S. Dawson

LISA Academy Board Meeting

DATE: May 25, 2022

#	Name	Position	Signature
1	Dr. Fatih Begrele	Superintendent	
2	Dr. Necati Sahin	Asst. super.	
3	Sem Burman	Child Nutrition Dir	
4	Luanne Baroni	Asst Super	
5	Jessica Wright	Principal	
6	Donna Broyles	Dist Sped Dir	
7	Dr. Fawzi Bakisli		
8	Angela Ward	Dir Operations	
9	Mikhail Abdullah	Dir. of Acc.	
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Public Comment Period

This is the period of time set aside in our meeting when any members of the public can speak on an issue related to LISA Academy that is of concern to them. We have set aside a maximum of 5 minutes for each speaker to say what they wish to say. We ask speakers to identify themselves with their name. All speakers should know that any information they provide is being recorded and that the recordings of our meetings are public information, available to anyone in the state upon request. Therefore, if a speaker has information that they would rather keep private, this is not the venue for them to express that information.

I would now like to call on our first speaker for our public comment period, _____. Your 5 minutes to address the board of directors start now.

M._____, thank you for taking the time to express your concern. Since this is strictly a public comment period and not a forum for a hearing, and because there are legal constraints that make it inadvisable for the board to discuss matters that might later come to us for a hearing, I am therefore asking our Superintendent to provide a written response to what has been brought up in this comment period with any useful additional information, to each board member prior to our next regular meeting.

Then we can decide if any action might be needed to address the concerns raised this evening by this speaker.