



**Board of Trustees Special Meeting
North Metro Flex Academy
2350 Helen Street
North St. Paul, MN 55109**

May 28, 2020
Special Board Meeting 8:00 AM

Minutes

Our mission is to prepare a diverse community of elementary and middle school students to be successful in high school, college and in their chosen vocation through a flexible, individualized learning experience that develops analytical, compassionate, disciplined and self-directed learners.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this Board meeting is being held virtually via a GoToMeeting.

Call to Order and Roll Call –

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 AM with a quorum present.

- Board Members Present: Pam Albrecht, Mike Leary, Dave Isaacson, Ember Russell
- Board Members Absent: None
- ACCEL Team Members: Michael Smith, Natalee Long, Terri Privette, Maria Szalay, Kristen LaMay, Dena Feldman, Christopher Ryan, Rodney Bly, Ron Packard
- Public Present: Cindy Lavorato
- NEO Representative: None
- Finance Representative: None

Approval of the Agenda – there was no formal agenda but topics of discussion included, but not limited to, enrollment, balancing the budget, marketing and management agreement.

Conflict of Interest Declaration

After reviewing the topics, do any Board members have any real or perceived conflict of interest with any item.

Albrecht: None

Leary: None

Isaacson: None

Russell: None

Public Comment

Cindy Lavorato relayed to ACCEL what the board needs from them to move forward with budget planning.

Finance – None

Consent Agenda – None

Board Training Update – None

NEO Points of Business – None

ACCEL Points of Business - None

COVID-19 Discussion Topics – None

New Business

After Rodney Bly stated the purpose of the meeting, Cindy Lavorato spoke on behalf of the board. She stated that the only items that were on the table for discussion because of utmost importance was the Line of Credit Agreement and the analysis of how the Management Agreement was allocated by percentage.

After discussion by various parties on expectations and past meetings, it was determined that ACCEL was not in a position to reply to the letters that were sent on May 18th with responses due May 27th. Rodney Bly tabled the meeting at 8:27AM to confer with legal and review the letters.

This meeting ended and a closed meeting was entered into after a new virtual meeting link was established and sent out to board members and Cindy Lavorato.

A motion to go into a closed session to discuss threatened litigation against the CMO pursuant to MN Statutes, Section 13D.05, Subd. 2 was made by Pam Albrecht:

Leary: aye

Isaacson: aye

Russell: aye

Motion Passed

The Board discussed next steps and opinions on the special board meeting. It was agreed to send a follow-up letter to ACCEL with a new deadline of June 3rd to reply to the May 18th requests.

Budget – Mike shared that the budget committee met with Kyle Knudson, David Kloskin, and Charles Speiker twice to work on details for a balanced budget. The committee is working together to determine the best budget scenario for the school based on enrollment, COVID-19 ramifications, and the ACCEL Management Agreement. Until ACCEL is ready to negotiate on the management agreement, the budget will not be approved which could result in non-renewal and closure.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the closed session at 9:21 AM was made by Pam Albrecht with no need to go back into special session:

Leary: aye

Isaacson: aye

Russell: aye

Motion Passed

Next Board Meeting: June 17, 2020 at 1 PM