



**“To Live, To Love, to Learn, To Leave a Legacy”**

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## November 9, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes

**School Mission Statement: STRIDE Academy nurtures individuals while fostering leadership and empowering students to attain their highest potential in a family-centered environment.**

1. Call to Order: **5:09pm**
2. Attendance: Roll Call: **Dan Thole, Melissa Medford (Leaves at 5:52), Natalie Ringsmuth, Monica Schraut, Brian Weappa.**  
**Absent: Juanita Hechtel, Nathan Schwieters, Tammy Biery, James Morrighan**  
**Members of the public: Dale Powers, Mandy Sadlo**
3. Pledge of Allegiance (By Invitation)
4. Reading of STRIDE mission statement
5. Approval of Special Meeting Board Agenda: **Motion to approve agenda made by Schraut, seconded by Medford. Carries 5-0.**
6. Public Forum: (10 Minutes) : None
7. New Business:
  - A. Approve Letter of Intent Between STRIDE Academy ABC and A&T Investments: **Dale Powers, president of ABC is present to talk about the Letter of Intent, and the Affiliated Building Company. Powers says they are awaiting non-profit status. Letter of Intent was approved by the board of directors of the ABC.**  
**Medford makes motion to strike the word Approve under 7A, and change it to Review. Seconded by Schraut. Carries 5-0.**  
**Medford asks about the purchase price, Powers assures that it was made with research behind it. Powers is seeking further assurance that the purchase will be tax exempt in regards to the land/ property taxes.**
  - B. Approve Reimbursement resolution between STRIDE Academy Board and STRIDE Academy ABC **Powers verifies with Fechner that the board will have to approve expenditures by the ABC and it will be reimbursed from the bond. Powers said this document needs to be approved to assure the IRS that the reimbursements come from the bond. Medford makes a motion to approve the Declaration of official intent with respect to reimbursement of temporary advances made for capital expenditures to be made from subsequent borrowings, Thole Seconds. Carries 5-0.**

C. Review next steps of STRIDE Academy marketing: **Board speaks about the new charter school coming to St. Cloud. Medford asks that we reach out to our families on the waiting list, especially Kindergarten. Medford also suggests we embrace these new families right after the lottery. Ringsmuth suggests host families with new STRIDE families. Schraut suggests family nights. Ringsmuth speaks about the mission committee survey. Medford suggests inviting local leaders. Ringsmuth suggests Academics and Leadership. Fechner asks Thole is he has heard any concerns about the new charter school from Staff. He said that there is worry they will not only take students from us, but also staff. The board wants to make sure that we have our building purchased so we can work on higher salaries for our staff. There is also work to do with FOE. There is more discussion about how we can better message our school to the community.**

**Motion to ajourn at 6:02pm made by Thole, seconded by Schraut. Carries 4-0.**

STRIDE Academy Board Standing Sub Committees: **Bold denotes Chairperson**

1. Facility/Security/Emergency: **Nathan Schwieters**, Scott Dawson, Chad Salmela, Brett Fechner, Rodger Vix, Brandon Rogers, Jamie Goebel, Donna Nordstrom
2. Finance: **Monica Schraut**, Mary Swanson, Chuck Herdegen, Brian Weappa, Rodger Vix, Mandy Sadlo
4. Elections: **Juanita Hechtel**, Angela Schmitz, Caroline Ruegemer, Michelle Kockler
5. Vision: **James Morrighan**, Valerie Weyer, Laura Maiers,
6. Administration Review/Hiring: **Brian Weappa**, Dan Thole, Caroline Ruegemer, Mary Swanson, Beth McLean
7. STRIDE By-Laws: **James Morrighan, Caroline Ruegemer**
8. STRIDE Policy: **Monica Schraut, Brett Fechner, Katie Gruber, Doug Millaway,**
9. Communication: **Melissa Medford**, Rachel Lomasteymaugh, Melissa Ritter, Dawn Zimmerman, Brett Fechner, Tim Johnson, Valerie Weyer, Mandy Sadlo
10. Mission: **Tammy Biery & Natalie Ringsmuth**, Jamie Goebel, Stacy Abraham, Rebecca Hull, Callie Nolden, David Pritt

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