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**October 22, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**6:00 PM Zoom**

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

Due to the current federal and state emergency declarations, the Minnesota directive to residents to stay at home, and guidance about limiting person-to-person contact due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, this meeting of the STRIDE Academy School Board is being conducted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 13D.021— Meetings by Telephone or Other Electronic Means.

Due to the health pandemic, the school board determined that it is not feasible for at least one board member, the superintendent, or the school district’s legal counsel to be physically present at the regular meeting location and that it is not feasible for the public to attend this meeting at the regular meeting location due to the health pandemic.

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## **I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call 6:05pm**

**Board Members:** Sara Fromm, Eric Williams, Aaron Lundblad, Suzy McIntyre, Andy Lyman, Matt Chapman. Hassan Yussuf, Hannah Dornbush

**Members of the public:** Gwen Anderson, Nathan Schwieters, Mara Kramer, Kelly Rimpila,

- A. Mission Statement of STRIDE Academy
- B. Appoint Hassan Yusuf to the Board of Directors

## **II. Approval of Agenda** Motion to approve made by Lyman, seconded by McIntyre. Motion carried.

## **III. Consent Agenda** Approved

- A. Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Finance Report
- C. Treasurers Report
- D. Approve Revised Leave of Absence for Abigail Lancaster from 10-12-2020 to 9-25-2020

## IV. Public Comment **No comments from the public**

The School Board welcomes input from community members and staff.

*Each person addressing the council shall give his/her name for the record. Each person making public comment is limited to three minutes. Comments should be kept courteous and professional and directed to the board as whole. After the speaker has made his or her statement, he or she will be seated with no further comment, dialogue or debate.*

## V. Reports

### A. Executive Director

- I would like to thank Steve and his team for stepping up
- I also would like to thank Schwieters for everything he is doing with the childcare and food program distributing lunches to the students.
- Also I would like to give a shout out to Gwen in particular for leading the Professional Development
- Back to school team meets back on Tuesday with the possibility of bringing KG in school but unfortunately the county numbers keep rising so the community doesn't feel comfortable bringing those kids back until after the holiday's break.
- I would like to Thanks everyone that (17:41) Pillsbury
- Another shout out to Steve & Nate for all the work during testing

#### a. The presentation of the Financial Audit

- Brad Falteysek, speaker from ABDO, EICK & MEYERS talked about 2020 Fiscal Audit.

### B. Principal's Report

- Gave a shout out to the kids and familie, it's been wonderful being able to see some students while subbing so students can see who I am.
- We sent parents a survey and with the help of Dahir I was able to communicate with families to answer their questions.
- Staff survey was also sent out
- Our student's survey will be going out soon
- We attempt a Pep Rally last week
- We are going to do a Spirit Week in November
- Continue PLC
- Parent Night- we had a good turnout answering questions. It was really nice being able to see parents face to face.

### C. Standing Committee Report

#### a. Academics Excellence

- We reviewed our initial goal for this year and had a lot of discussion regarding attendance issues on how we can help.
- A student survey will be created.
- Had a conversation about the parent survey with some parents wanting more and others wanting less work.
- Talked about an additional Parent night via zoom.
- Next meeting Nov. 18th

#### b. Governance **No Governance Meeting**

#### c. Finance and Budget

- 498 -----we talk about the challenges with the budget, watching closely the enrollment numbers and avoiding laying off any staff. I feel comfortable that enrollment has stabilized. We will get through this.

- We are looking at a \$2.3 million dollar deficit, get educators' attention adding the working budget next month and will be able to talk about it next month.

## VI. Business

A. Accept Financial Audit for 2019-2020. Motion to approve by McIntyre, Seconded by Lyman.  
Motion carried.

## VII. Adjourn 7:23

Public Attachments:



[2020 FINAL Annual Financial Report.pdf](#)



[2020 FINAL Audit Presentation.pdf](#)



[2020 FINAL Management Communication.pdf](#)



[2020 FUND TB - FINAL.xls](#)



[2020 GOVT TB - FINAL.xls](#)



[2020 Reclassifying Journal Entries -FINAL.xls](#)



[Sept 24, 2020 Board Meeting minute.pdf](#)



[Stride FY21 September Financial Report.pdf](#)

Hassan Yussuf was sworn to his new position as a board member.