



**Urban Academy Charter School
School Board Meeting
July 18, 2011
Urban Academy – St. Paul, MN
5:00 PM**

MINUTES

Board Members Attending:

Advisory Members:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ralph Elliott	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mongsher Ly	<input type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Thaisen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Hansen	<input type="checkbox"/> Mai Saevang	<input type="checkbox"/> Pamela Young
<input type="checkbox"/> Christopher Doeden		<input type="checkbox"/> Fong Lor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art Allen		<input type="checkbox"/> Luis Brown-Pena
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Shin		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tamara Mattison		
<input type="checkbox"/> Crystal Scott		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soua Her		

Staff and Guests Attending:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelley Hickman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Meeting called to order by Chair -R. Elliott at 5:05 PM

Acceptance of Agenda

Board Motion: Approve the agenda as stated
 Board Member motioning to approving agenda: B. Shin
 Board Member seconding the motion: T. Mattison

Approval of June 27, 2011 Minutes – Unanimously approved.

Board Motion: Approve the Minutes.
 Board Member motioning to approve minutes: M. Hansen
 Board Member seconding the motion: A. Allen

Conflict of Interest

Nothing new to report

Reports

Nothing new to report

Board Chair Updates – R. Elliott

- Tamara Mattison has been appointed to Finance Chair on the Urban Academy board and the board has supported the recommendation of this appointment.

Board Motion: Approve Board Chair appointment of T. Mattison to Finance Chair.

Board Member motioning: M. Hansen

Board Member seconding the motion: A. Allen

Unanimously Approved

- Mr. Elliot discussed how he has been expanding the reach of Urban Academy's recruiting. The goal for recruiting is to get a school population of 310.

Finance Chair Report – T. Mattison

- *Balance Sheets*
Nothing new or questions on the finance sheets.
- *Check Register*
Nothing new or questions on the check register.
- *Journal Entry*
No questions regarding the Journal Entry.
- *Board Snap Shot*
No questions regarding Board "Snap Shot Report".

Principal Report – M. Vang (M. Ly – reported in absence of M. Vang)

- Summer school has ended. 50 kids participated.
- Discussion: Soua Her described how summer school students are taught, including how their progress is measured and successes she has seen.

Executive Director Report – M. Ly

- Art Allen has been recruited to disperse literature on behalf of Urban Academy. Dr. Ly discussed how all recruitment is very important.
- Dr. Ly described the difficulties with the potential additional school funding shift being debated at the capitol.
- Barbara Shin spoke on the need for a visual representation on the relationship between school funding and school performance.
- Despite the shutdown the school has been running “business as usual.”
- Dr. Ly has set up a meeting with Urban Academy’s banker to discuss contingency plans in case the government withholds 40% instead of the current 30%. Restructuring staff, especially support staff, would be required if the extra 10% of funding is shifted.
- Millage reimbursement has been increased to 55.5 cents per mile, up from 50 cents per mile. There was no vote because the board has previously given permission for the rate to increase, tied with the federal benchmark.
- Urban Academy is currently near full capacity for teachers and support staff will remain as it is, barring a change in financing from the State of Minnesota.

Committee Reports

- *Nothing new to report*

Old Business

- *Nothing new to report*

New Business

- *Nothing new to report*

Open Public Comments (Limited to 2 minutes)

- *No comments requested*

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

Next meeting will be held on August 22, 2011.