

NEW LEAF PREP ACADEMY

Public Board Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting-January 3, 2025

Present: Brianna Simoens, Natasha Vandembush, Ashley Pamperin-Sexauer, Lili Calawerts, Ben Johnson, Paige Christoff, Matthew Christoff, Michael Bennett

Brianna called the meeting to order at 4:01pm

Roll Call started at 4:02pm.

Approve agenda started at 4:04pm. A MOTION was made by Natasha to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Ashley. A vote was taken on the motion; 5-Yes; MOTION CARRIED.

Community Input started at 4:05. Jennifer G spoke.

CESA 9 / WRCCS Contract - Consulting started 4:10. This is required by the OEO and covered under the grant. A MOTION was made by Ashley. Seconded by Ben. A vote was taken on the motion; 5-Yes; MOTION CARRIED.

Resignation of Paige and Matthew Christoff started at 4:13pm. No comments given by Paige or Matthew. A MOTION was made by Ashley. Seconded by Natasha. A vote was taken on the motion; 5-Yes; MOTION CARRIED.

Resignation of Board Member (Lili Calawerts to act as Interim HOS) started at 4:18pm. Lili spoke regarding her temporary resignation of her board seat during her Interim Head of School Contract. Lili spoke to the board and understands this is a temporary resignation for the duration of her Interim Head of School contract.

Process for Interim Board Member replacement started at 4:21pm. The board agrees to consult Time with WRCCS/CESA 9 to finalize the process.

CESA 7 update started at 4:23pm. Ashley gave a recap of phone call discussions with two representatives from CESA 7 and the opportunities the school has with partnering with them. The board received proposals of opportunities with CESA 7 via email and will research further to bring to the January 14, 2025 board meeting.. Matthew stated he would work with CESA 7 limitedly in the initial set up.

Alonzo Kelly Staff Leadership Training (approval for grant budget) started at 4:36. Lili gave a recap of her experience with Alonzo and a summary of the program he would be providing our staff in February during the professional development day. Alonzo's training is covered under the grant funding. A MOTION was made by Natasha pending payment contingencies. Seconded by Brianna. A VOTE was taken on the motion; 5-YES; MOTION CARRIED.

By-Law Update Discussion started at 4:44pm. Ben gave an update on what specifically needs to be updated per the OEO letter received in December and progress the board has on updating their by-laws. The board will continue to work with Tim from WRCCS and Tony the board lawyer to ensure updated by-laws are ethical and legal.

Scheduling of the Governance Board Work Session began at 4:47pm. Board work session is scheduled for Saturday, January 18th 7am-11am.

Future Agenda items started at 4:54pm. Ashley will review past meeting minutes to add to the following future items: Board Workday Agenda, Cesa 7 Update, Enrollment, By-Law Update, Introduce Tim & Sarah if in attendance.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:56pm.