



**LOTUS**  
SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE

**LOTUS SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE BOARD MEETING  
Minutes**

Date: 04/11/2019

Time: 5:30 PM (Mountain Time)

Place: Executive Director's Office; 11001 E Alameda Ave Aurora, CO 80012

**Board Members in attendance:**

Mr. Don Knapp, President

Mr. Nursen Konuk, Vice-President

Ms. Joe Peters, Treasurer

Mrs. Angela Velez-Reyes, Secretary

***Additional attendees:***

Mr. Tim Farmer, Attorney

Mr. Bart Skidmore, CPA

***Executive Director:***

Mr. Michael Hecker

**Agenda: (Motioned by Nursen for agenda approval, seconded by Angela, Agenda adopted)**

- ✓ Call to order
- ✓ Pledge of allegiance
- ✓ Public comments: None
  
- ✓ Board comments: Nursen attended an annual Math competition where LSE competitors were involved taking 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place. That's awesome! Angela met with Mr. Hecker to discuss bringing Missoula's Children's Theater to LSE. Elementary students would be given the opportunity to perform in a musical production next fall. She also presented Mr. Hecker with the Colorado Construction Academy, *youth apprentice program*, for LSE high School students. This would provide high school students with a post-secondary pathway to CCA and hopefully assist in retaining 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students.
  
- ✓ LSE Financial Report (see attached financial memo for more detail)
  - Bart's highlights:
    - LSE's cash position is \$2,128,697 an increase of \$547.2k over the same period last year.



- LSE's goal is to submit a draft budget to APS by 4/15/19
  - The LSE 2017 PERA audit is complete and the auditor found no exceptions.
  - Track Legislative Bills on Chalk Beat
- ✓ Executive Director's Report (see attached memo for more details):
- Mr. Hecker's highlights:
    - General Topics: the new school uniform policy will need to be reviewed by the board at the next board meeting.
    - CCA concurrent enrollment contract signed.
    - Ribbon cutting ceremony for new building was on 4/11/2019 at 4:00pm
    - LSE students will travel to Washington DC to receive recognition for outstanding achievement; 3 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze Congressional Medalist. Congratulations!
    - New construction projects
    - New general fund projects
- ✓ Action Items:
- Nursen brought forth a motion to amend 3/7/19 board minutes Joe seconded, unanimously approved.
  - Angela brought forth a motion to contract Mr. Andy Franco with MEG (*at the hourly rate of \$110 / for 5 hours per month, for Executive Director training purposes*) subject to the finalization of Mr. Heckers 2019-2020 employment contract. Joe seconded, unanimously approved.
  - Joe brought forth a motion for the approval of the APS / LSE Charter School Purchased Service Selections for 2019-2020 school year. Nursen seconded, unanimously approved.
  - Joe brought forth a motion to approve the LSE Appropriating Resolution 2019-2020 Fund Expenditure Budget. Angela seconded, unanimously approved.
  - Nursen brought forth a motion to remove Mamay Worku from the LSE school board (*due to absenteeism*). Angela seconded, unanimously approved.
  - The board took a break from 6:19-6:27
- ✓ Discussion Items:
1. The next board meeting to be held on 5/2/2019 at 5:30pm



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## 2. Board Retreat update:

- possible dates June 15<sup>th</sup> or June 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Angela will contact John Brenza for board training

## ✓ Board Training:

- Tim discussed the Sunshine Laws
  1. Open Records ACT
  2. Open Meetings Law
- Don presented / discussed Charter School League Board Training Modules

The LSE Board President adjourned the meeting at 7:01 pm

**Board President:**  
**Don Knapp**

**Board Secretary:**  
**Angela Velez-Reyes**