

Directors Present: Mandi Folks, Julie Ohs, Shelbi Pool, Natalie Sjoberg, Jolene Skordahl, Rich Washington (arrived at 6:01PM)

Directors Absent: Ryan Sheak

Administration Present: Dr Kathleen Mortensen (Executive Director), Ben Broderick (Principal)

Advisors Virtual: Stephanie Olson (VOA)

Others in Attendance: WLA Parents

Meeting was live streamed for viewing and posted to the WLA website.

1. Meeting Call to Order and Roll Call

1.1 Meeting Call to Order

Ms. Pool called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

1.2 Roll Call

Ms. Schrandt took roll.

2. WLA Mission and Vision

Ms Ohs read the WLA Mission and Vision Statements.

3. Board Discussion and Business (Presenter: Kathy Mortensen, Executive Director)

3.1 Expansion

-Dr. Mortensen reminded the Board that Woodbury Leadership Academy has already been approved as a PreK-12 program as well as to have multiple sites. Another option was brought to the table to merge with Math and Science Academy. MSA came to tour our school and Dr. Mortensen mentioned the idea of merging to their Director. After discussion with both schools and administration, it was decided to bring this topic to both schools to decide if each school would like to move forward. Dr. Mortensen shared the “Comparative Organizational Overview,” for Board members to read and review.

-Board Members partnered up to read the overview, and discuss pros, cons, and questions regarding the merger.

-The Board regrouped to review pros, cons, and questions.

Ms. Folks made a motion to “continue exploring the possibility of merging with MSA.” Ms. Skordahl seconded the motion. Ms. Folks, Ms. Ohs, Ms. Pool, Ms. Sjoberg, Ms. Skordahl, Mr. Washington voted yes. There were no no’s or abstentions. Motion passed.

-Stake holder surveys will go out later this week

-There was further discussion regarding the process moving forward.

4. Housekeeping

Ms. Folks made a motion to “change the October Regular meeting to Wednesday, October 26th, 2022 at 5:30PM at WLA.” Ms. Sjoberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

WLA Annual Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 26th, 2022

Time: 5:30pm

Location: WLA, Room 117, Building A (Enter Door 2A) – 8089 Globe Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125

10. Adjournment

Ms. Sjoberg motioned “to adjourn tonight’s meeting.” Ms. Skordahl seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Minutes drafted by Casidee Schrandt, Board Clerk (non-Board member); submitted by Mandi Folks, Board Secretary.