



**Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES
Thursday, October 20th 2016
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
AXL Board Room
via: [\(712\) 775-7031](tel:7127757031)
Meeting ID: 501-975-482**

I. Welcome (N. South)

- Called to Order - 6:30 p.m.
- Roll Call/Declaration of Quorum
 - Attendees: Board - Nathan South, Warren Smith and Abby Kirkbride; Staff: Dan Cohen, Tracie Faust, Brent Reckman, Amber Malin; G&G: Jason Guerrero.
- Approval of Agenda.
 - **Motion to approve agenda made by N. South; seconded by A. Kirkbride, all voted in favor.**
- Approval of September meeting minutes.
 - **Motion to approve the September meeting minutes made by N. South; seconded by W. Smith, all voted in favor.**
- No Public Comment

II. Agenda

Action Items for Vote

Monthly Financials (J. Guerrero)

- **Discussion**
 - J. Guerrero gave a brief summary of the monthly financials.
- **Motion to approve financials made by N. South; seconded by A. Kirkbride, all voted in favor.**

Director's Report (D. Cohen)

- **Discussion**
 - There are several upcoming school events that the Board members are encouraged to attend. T. Faust will provide additional information.
 - It is anticipated that there will be a budget shortfall for 2016-2017. Staff are meeting with G&G to identify potential budget cuts.
 - Regarding the Aurora Public School bond issue to be voted on in November, the Board recommended providing information on the issue to parents, but that the school not take an official position on the measure.

Committee Reports

Governance & Nominating Committee

- **Discussion**
 - Several parents have expressed interest in joining the Board. At least two Board members will call each interested parent to discuss their possible involvement prior to the November Board meeting, at which this item will be again discussed.
 - Amber Malin, a teacher at AXL Academy, agreed to join the Board.
- **Motion to appoint A. Malin to the Board made by A. Kirkbride; seconded by N. South, all voted in favor.**

Marketing/Fundraising Committee

- **Discussion**
 - T. Faust reported that to make up for possible budget shortfalls, the Fundraising Committee has set a goal to raise \$50,000.00 this year.

Other

Building Purchase

- N. South gave a progress update on the purchase of AXL's existing building. Financing issues are preventing the purchase from moving forward at this time. The Board discussed various financing options, including seeking grant or foundation funding in a year's time.

School Report/Strategic Plan

- The Board members and staff discussed in detail the results of School Performance Framework. Board members expressed their recommendation that all efforts be made to improve academic performance while maintaining support for the school's cultural efforts. The results of this discussion are to be included as updates to the Strategic Plan.

IV. Adjournment

- **Motion to adjourn made by N. South at 8:30 p.m.; seconded by A. Malin, all voted in favor.**