

Upper Mississippi Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday March 19, 2019 @ 4:45 p.m.
Upper Mississippi Academy (UMA) Cafeteria
426 Osceola Ave. S. - St. Paul, MN 55102

Attendees

- Harry Adler (Executive Director)
- Arslan Aziz (Vice Principal)
- **Jody Delau**
- Amy Elverum (Associate Director)
- **Lesley Ernst**
- Theresa Goette (Bergen KDV)
- **Jenn Haas**
- **Joe Klancher**
- **John Orenstein**
- **Chris Svensrud**
- **Genna Thompson**
- **Dan Trockman**
- Jim Zacchini (IQS)

Conflict of Interest Declarations

- No conflicts of interest were declared.

Approvals

- Motion to approve March agenda with additions of Board Elections discussion and closed session at end of meeting for private discussion of school matters - John Orenstein
- Second - Jody Delau
- Motion approved

- Motion to approve February minutes - Genna Thompson
- Second - Jenn Haas
- Motion approved

Board Elections

- Discussion on the Board Elections process was held for open seats (one teacher, one parent, one community member).
- A suggestion was made for a May 23, 2019 Election date as there is a UMA theatre performance that night.
- The open teacher position expires 06/30/2020. It was suggested that Lesley Ernst fill that position due to plans for retirement in a few years.

- Motion for Lesley Ernst to fill open teacher position that expires 06/30/2020 - Jenn Haas
- Second - Genna Thompson
- Motion approved

Finance Committee Report

- The monthly finance report was presented.

- Facility related activities were discussed.

Staff Parking and Transit Allowance

- Staff parking and transit pass allowances were reviewed.
- Motion to allow Harry Adler and administration to pursue staff parking options of \$85/month for Metro Transit Go To passes and \$110/month for parking ramp spot - Jody Delau
- Second - Genna Thompson
- Motion approved

Policy Review/Development Update

- A process for ongoing policy review and development was discussed.
- Some policies are required by law, and some are legally advisable.
- John Orenstein consulted with Booth Law to see what policies they recommend UMA have.
- John will meet with UMA administration to clarify what policies UMA has and what policies UMA needs.

Executive Director's Report

- Enrollment, marketing, and operational updates were presented.

Lease and Relocation Updates

- Lease and Relocation updates were presented.
- The lease was reviewed and signing authority was discussed.

Public Comment

- No public attended.

Closed Meeting

- The meeting was closed as permitted by [section 13D.05, subdivision 2 \(a\)](#), to discuss termination of employment of a staff.

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn - Jody Delau
- Second - Jenn Haas
- Motion approved
- Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.