

School Name Upper Mississippi Academy		
Charter Number		
	Board Meeting	June 22, 2021
Address 19 East Exchange St. St. Paul, MN 55105		
Authorizer Innovative Quality Systems		

Call to Order

By	Chad Lauber
Time	4:45

NOTE: This meeting was called for the specific purpose of filling a Board vacancy, as authorized in the Bylaws, in order to have a sufficient number of voting members to allow further Board action and, subsequently, affirming the 2021-22 Proposed budget.

Roll Call

Board Member Names	Present	Absent
Chad Lauber (Parent)	x	
Zoe Breimhorst (Parent)	x	
David Born (Parent)	x	
Pat Maxwell (Community)	x	

Others Present	Role	Comment
Anna Walters	UMA Counsellor/Teacher	Invited guest
Amy Erickson	Admin	
Amy Elverum	Teacher	

In the Matter of	Minutes of the Prior Meeting				
In light of the purpose of this special meeting, and because a quorum was not available, the minutes of the prior, regular meeting were not reviewed					
Motion to Approve	By	2nd	By		
Vote	Absent	Yea	Nay	Abstain	
Board Member					
Chad Lauber (Parent)					
Zoe Breimhorst (Parent)					
David Born (Parent)					
Genna Thompson (Teacher)					
Ella Kearney (Teacher)					
Jean Fawver (Teacher)					
Pat Maxwell (Community)					
Cassie Rouse (Community)					

In the Matter of	Agenda for the Current Meeting				
In light of the purpose of this special meeting, and because a quorum was not available, the agenda was not reviewed or approved.					
Motion to Approve	By	2nd	By		
Vote	Absent	Yea	Nay	Abstain	
Board Member					
Chad Lauber (Parent)					
Zoe Breimhorst (Parent)					
David Born (Parent)					
Pat Maxwell (Community)					

Public Comment
Comment: None

In the Matter of	Appointment of a Board member to fill a vacancy			
Discussion led by Chad Lauber				
<p>Comment: The expiration and/or resignation of several board members has left the Board without a quorum and therefore unable to conduct official business. Although Board elections are being conducted on this date (June 22, 2021), results will not be available in time for the Board to submit the "Approved 2021-22 Budget." It is necessary and appropriate under the Bylaws for the Board to appoint a new member immediately to be able to conduct business.</p> <p>Chad Lauber introduced Anna Walters, a school counsellor (and licensed life-sciences teacher) to the Board and indicated discussions with her had confirmed her interest in serving. Walters introduced herself, providing an overview of her prior teaching experience in comparable schools elsewhere in the state and of her two years of service at UMA.</p> <p>Lauber recommended to the Board that she be appointed to fulfill the remaining two years of the position formally held by Jean Fawver, a departing teacher.</p>				
Motion to Approve Anna Walters to fill the Board position formerly held by Jean Fawver	By Maxwell	2nd	By Born	
Vote	Absent	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Board Member				
Chad Lauber (Parent)		x		
Zoe Breimhorst (Parent)		x		
David Born (Parent)		x		
Pat Maxwell (Community)		x		

In the Matter of	Executive Director's Contract
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Discussion led by CHAD LAUBER				
Comment: Lauber asked for approval to negotiate a new (continuing) contract with the Executive Director with up to a 1% salary increase.				
Motion to Authorize contract negotiations with the Executive Director	By Maxwell	2nd	By Born	
Vote	Absent	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Board Member				
Chad Lauber (Parent)		x		
Zoe Breimhorst (Parent)		x		
David Born (Parent)		x		
Pat Maxwell (Community)		x		
Anna Walters (Teacher)		x		

In the Matter of	2021-22 Budget
Discussion led by Mindy Wachter	
<p>Comment: Wachter reviewed the working budget which had been discussed previously with the Board. A deficit of \$180,513 is anticipated for the coming year. This shortfall is due primarily to two key factors. The first of these is the current lease “run-out” and the financial burdens imposed by it. The second is projected enrollment which is currently approximately 20 students fewer than needed to bring the budget to a breakeven point.</p> <p>With respect to the lease, Erickson and Elverum have been authorized to re-negotiate the existing lease to bring it more in line with the school’s financial position. The relationship with the landlord has been positive and arguments can be made that a revised lease would work to the advantage of both parties.</p> <p>With respect to enrollment, additional students are expected, but the exact number will not be known until school begins in the fall. State funding per pupil is calculated in such a way that more than one line item is impacted.</p> <p>Financial and operational impacts of the Covid Pandemic have affected the UMA budget as well as those of other schools. It is anticipated that stimulus programs, operational changes, and related disruptions will stabilize in the coming year in ways that will permit more stable forecasting.</p> <p>It is noted that depending on how these two factors, and possibly others, play out in the coming months, the deficit could be larger or smaller than projected. It was further noted that the school currently has a surplus in excess of \$200,000. We can cover the budget shortfall with this surplus.</p>	

Historical data further suggests that we can recover by the 2022-23 academic year and return to a positive cash reserve position.				
Motion to Adopt the working budget as the Approved Budget, including the plan to cover the deficit with cash reserves, to proceed with lease negotiations, and to continue student recruitment.	By Maxwell		2nd	By Breimhorst
	Absent	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Board Member				
Chad Lauber (Parent)		x		
Zoe Breimhorst (Parent)		x		
David Born (Parent)		x		
Pat Maxwell (Community)		x		
Anna Walters (Teacher)		x		

In the Matter of	Adjournment				
	Comment There being no further business, the Chair requested a motion for adjournment.				
Motion	To Approve	By	Born	2 nd	None required
Vote	By Consensus	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Action

Adjourned	
By	Chad Lauber
Time	5:40