

Escuela Éxitos
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Meeting Date: February 18, 2025

Meeting Time: 4:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: 4741 Zealand Ave. N – New Hope

<https://meet.google.com/vbw-ipyi-oww?hs=122&authuser=1>

Board Members Present: Sam, Ingris, Colleen, Carmen, Dana

Board Members Absent: N/A

School Officials Present: Luis

Others Present: Shannon Benalshaikh, Wendy Swanson-Choi, Troy Gabler. Siona Kelly

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Sam at 4:32 PM.

2. Roll Call

Sam, Ingris, Carmen, Dana, and Colleen were all in attendance at the start of the meeting.

3. Conflict of Interest Statement

The board members all declared they had no conflict of interest.

4. Approve Agenda

The motion to approve the agenda was moved by Colleen and seconded by Dana. The motion carried.

5. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

The motion to approve the minutes was moved by Dana and seconded by Colleen. The motion carried.

6. Audit Report Presentation

Troy and Siona were present to present the school's audit. The school earned an unmodified (clean) opinion for the June 30, 2024 financial statement audit. The audit and auditors reflected on increased enrollment, a positive fund balance, a reasonable ratio of admin to other staff, healthy finances regarding food services, a good working relationship between the auditors and the school, etc.

7. Approve Audit Report

The motion to approve the audit report was enthusiastically moved by Dana and enthusiastically seconded by Ingris. The motion carried.

Shannon expressed the 990s will likely be presented next month.

8. Approve Payment Register and January Financials

Shannon presented the January financials and the board reviewed the journal entries.

The motion to approve the Payment Register and January financials was moved by Dana and seconded by Ingris. The motion carried.

9. Approve Two Year Contract for Vanessa V.

Luis explained his efforts to continue to raise pay, especially for those with multiple years of service to the school.

The motion to approve the two year contract for Vanessa V. was moved by Ingris and seconded by Dana. The motion carried.

10. Approve Updated Weather Guideline

The motion to approve the updated weather guideline was moved by Dana and seconded by Colleen. The motion carried.

11. Updates (DIBELS Testing completed, ACCESS started, Fire Marshal, Gutters, Board Training)

- The 2nd DIBELS was mostly completed except a few absent students.
- ACCESS was supposed to start, but school was closed today.
- The Fire Marshal was here, but we've yet to receive the report. He pointed out some of the sprinklers will need to be replaced in five years when they are 50 years old.
- The school will soon spend between \$1,900-\$2,400 on gutters. Luis has two quotes and is currently in negotiations.
- Luis reminded the board regarding any additional trainings.

12. New Business

There was no new business.

13. Public Comments

Wendy spoke on the added requirements (70+) placed on charter schools this year. She will be speaking with a MN House Representative on the Education Policy and Finance Committees to express her concerns.

14. Close of Meeting

The motion to close the meeting was moved by Dana and seconded by Colleen. The motion carried and Sam closed the meeting at 6:12 PM.