

Lighthouse Academy of Nations Charter School

BOARD MEETING MINUTESFriday, April 26th, 2013 2:30PM

Location of Meeting: Lighthouse Academy of Nations Charter School

Call to order: The Board Chair, Abdulkadir Abdalla, called to order the meeting at 2:30 PM on Friday, April 26th, 2013.

Board Members/Director Present or Absent:

Name	Present/Absent
Abdulkadir Abdalla (Board Chair & Community Member)	P
Treacy Weldon (Secretary & Teacher)	P
Abdinator Warfah (Community Member and Parent)	P
Ahmed Elmi (Executive Director – LAON)	P
Mohamed Mohamoud	P
Abraham Gadalla	A

Guests and Community Members Present:

Name	Position/Role
Farhan Hussein	Lighthouse Academy Co-Director
Robert Procuccini	Representative of financial company.

Lighthouse Academy of Nations School Mission

Lighthouse Academy of Nations is committed to academic excellence and closing the achievement gap by establishing rigorous goals for students, parents, teachers and the school. Lighthouse Academy of Nations values cultural, religious, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity as central elements of a college preparatory education and provides a caring learning community that prepares students and staff to be responsible world citizens.

Lighthouse Academy of Nations School Vision

The vision of Lighthouse Academy of Nations is for our students to have a steadfast belief in their worth as human beings and that they will be prepared socially and academically to fulfill their aspirations in a changing, challenging world community. We aim to be widely recognized as the most effective model for closing the achievement gap and preparing students for careers in the 21st century.

Agenda and Minutes

Approval of Agenda for minutes of February 2013

Subject	Agenda for February 2013						
Motion	Move to approve the Agenda for February 2013						
Made by	Abdalla			Seconded by	Weldon		
Discussion	N/A						
Vote	4	Yea	4	Nay	0	Abstain	N/A
Decision	Agenda for February 2013 approved						

Bills and Financial:

Subject	Financial and Enrollment						
Motion	Approve bills and financial as of February and March financials						
Discussion	February and March financials review The school's cash is very well off						
Made by	Mohamed			Seconded by	Abdalla		
Vote	5	Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	N/A
Decision	Approval of bills and financial for February and March 2013						

Director's Report

Subject	MARSS update						
	Strategies to increase recruitment						
Discussion	Many people are recruiting for our school We now have 270 students We need to put more money toward recruitment in order to generate more students at the school We are using advertisements on television to help increase numbers of students						

Subject	MCA Update						
	Testing						
Discussion	We just finished MCA tests Have NWEA tests in a few weeks						

Old Business:**1. QCom**

Subject	Autism Program
Discussion	The thought of the Autism program as a separate site was brought up Meeting with 70 Somali parents who are having trouble with autistic students State special Ed

New Business

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Subject	Staff development						
Motion	Ability to attend outside conferences or continuing education for development						
Discussion	-Administrative staff to go to two conferences as a minimum for professional development -7,000 for board training -1,000 per teacher for professional development within the budget						
Made by	Abdallah			Seconded by		Mohamed	
Vote	4	Yea	4	Nay	0	Abstain	N/A
Decision	This was voted on and approved						

2. Budget revision

Motion	Approve budget revision						
Made by	Mohamed			Seconded by		Abdallah	
Discussion	-ADM to 270 in order to balance -\$3,157,000 for fiscal year 2013 -\$3,148,000- expenditures -Bottom line is\$ 84,000						
Vote	4	Yea	4	Nay	0	Abstain	N/A
Decision	Approved budget						

3. 2013-14 Budget

Motion	Approval of 2013-14 budget						
Made by	Weldon			Seconded by	Abdallah		
Discussion	Allocating 7,000 for board member staff development 250 ADM Revenue: 3,643,000 Expenses: 3,297,000 Added \$42,000 All teachers get 3% raise 2013 Revised budget: 3,157,040 2014 Proposed budget: 3,642,979						
Vote	4	Yea	4	Nay	0	Abstain	N/A
Decision	Budget approved						

4. 2013-14 Staff Update

Motion	Discussion of teachers						
Discussion	-Six teachers leaving next year -Going to TFA hiring fair tomorrow to get new teachers -Paraprofessional and technology staff to start next week						

5. Electronic Fund Transfer

Motion	Depository designation and electronic funds transfers						
Made by	Abdallah			Seconded by	Weldon		
Discussion	-Checking, savings and line of credit for Franklin Bank						
Vote	4	Yea	4	Nay	0	Abstain	N/A
	Approved						

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Adjournment of Meeting

Motion	Adjournment of meeting						
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Made by	Abdulkadir Abdalla	Seconded by	Mohamed				
Discussion	Adjournment of board meeting at 3:10 pm						
Vote	4	Yea	4	Nay	0	Abstain	N/A
Decision	Adjournment of board meeting at 3:10p.m.						

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10PM by Abdulkadir Abdalla the board chair.