

Lighthouse Academy of Nations Charter School

BOARD MEETING MINUTESFriday, May 31st, 2013 at 2:15PM to 3:00 PM.

Location of Meeting: Lighthouse Academy of Nations Charter School

Call to order: The Board Chair, Abdulkadir Abdalla, called to order the meeting at 2:15 PM on Friday, May 31st, 2013.

Board Members/Director Present or Absent:

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

Guests and Community Members Present:

Name	Position/Role
Farhan Hussein	Lighthouse Academy Co-Director
David Greenberg	Representative of Audubon, the sponsor.
Erin Anderson	Representative of Audubon, the sponsor.

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 May 2013 and minutes of April 2013

Subject	Agenda for May 2013						
Motion	Move to approve the Agenda for May 2013						
Made by	Gadalla			Seconded by	Abdalla		
Discussion	N/A						
Vote	4	Yea	4	Nay	0	Abstain	N/A
Decision	Agenda for May 2013 and minutes of April 2013 were approved.						

Bills and Financial:

Subject	Financial and Enrollment						
Motion	Approve bills and financial as of April financials						
Discussion	<p>April and May financials review</p> <p>School budget is based on 270 students ADM. There are \$600,208.49 in the saving account. Outstanding Payments is \$59,189.34 Total budgeted expenditures = \$3,148,606 All Funds – Net Income = \$8,435 There is no need to borrow money. The state is holding back 13% of the money to be received in July, 2013.</p>						
Made by	Abe gadalla			Seconded by	Abdalla		
Vote	4	Yea	4	Nay	0	Abstain	N/A
Decision	Approval of bills and financial for April and May 2013						

Director's Report

1. MARSS update

Subject	MARSS update						
	Strategies to increase recruitment						
Discussion	<p>Many people are recruiting for our school</p> <p>We now have 270 students</p> <p>More money will be spent for recruitment in order to generate more students at the school</p> <p>We are using advertisements on television to help increase numbers of students</p>						

2. Summer School

Subject	Summer School
	Starts Monday June 24 and ends Tuesday July 12, 2013
Discussion	<p>Summer school this year is about 3 weeks. Abdulkadir recommended extending the summer school to two months instead. Pros and cons of the recommendation have been discussed keeping in mind the expenses and total transportation costs, . . . etc. versus benefits to students.</p> <p>Board agreed to extend the summer school period next year to 6 weeks if budget allows.</p>

3. Student Achievements

Subject	Student Achievements.
	Based on NWEA results.
Discussion	<p>Teachers sat with every student and his/her guidance or parent in order to set a realistic goal for reading and another one for math based on NWEA results. Students and their parents signed the reports.</p>

New Business

1. Contracts

Subject	Contracts
	In order to comply with the requirements of the Minnesota Department of Education, the board agreed to renew the contracts for the following entities:
Audit	The board agreed to renew the contract to audit the budgets and expenditures.
Teachers	All teachers have their contracts renewed. School still needs to hire a science teacher.
SpEd Director	This is a part time position with \$11,000 per year.
SpEd transportations	Motion was taken to approve SpEd transportation.
Speech	Staff from the University of Minnesota for speech therapy.
Custodian	Motion to renew the contract.
Nurse	Motion to renew the contract of the visiting nurse.
Food	Renew the contract of the food delivery service.
Bus monitors	-Hiring staff to monitor students activities in the bus, thus allowing the bus

	driver to concentrate on the traffic and not to worry about the nonsense that may happen inside the bus.						
Motion Made by	Abdallah			Seconded by	Mohamed		
Vote	4	Yea	4	Nay	0	Abstain	N/A
Decision	This was voted on and approved						

2. 2013 -2014 Board Calendar

Motion	2013 – 2014 Board Meeting Calendar						
Made by	Mohamed			Seconded by	Abdallah		
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Friday, September 27th, 2013 - Friday, October, 25th, 2013 -Friday, November 29th, 2013 -Friday, January, 31st., 2014 -Friday, March 28th, 2014, - Friday, April 25th, 2014 - Friday, May 30, 2014 <p>Student's calendar for the next Academic year was discussed and approved.</p>						
Vote	4	Yea	4	Nay	0	Abstain	N/A
Decision	Approved board and student's Calendar						

3. School Goals

Motion	Briefly discussed.						
Discussion	School Goals						
Vote	David Greenberg requested to further discuss the school goals with Dr. Farhan and Mr. Elmi in a separate session between now and the next board meeting.						

4. New Busses

Motion	Discussion of leasing versus buying new busses.						
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Costs of leasing busses versus owning busses. -End of discussion is to lease two more busses. 						
Vote	4	Yea	4	Nay	0	Abstain	N/A
	Approved to lease two more busses.						

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Adjournment of Meeting

Motion	Adjournment of meeting at 3:00 p.m.						
Made by	Abdulkadir Abdalla	Seconded by	Mohamed				
Discussion	Adjournment of board meeting at 3:00 pm						
Vote	4	Yea	4	Nay	0	Abstain	N/A
Decision	Adjournment of board meeting at 3:00p.m.						

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00PM by Abdulkadir Abdalla the board chair.