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## MINUTES

### BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 15th, 2022, at 6:30 PM Liberty Tree Academy,  
8579 Eastonville Road, Falcon, CO 80831

#### 1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

#### 2.0 Roll Call and establishment of a quorum

Board meeting for the LTA Board of Directors was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Ms. Michelle Morin. The following board members were present, Mr. Michael Johnson, Mr. Bill Garrett, Mrs. Jeanie Stutts-Blucher called in, and Mr. Peterson was absent.

#### 3.0 Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

Those in attendance were welcomed and invited them to join the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 4.0 School Mission & Vision

Ms. Morin opened the meeting by reading both the Liberty Tree Mission and the school's vision.

#### 5.0 Approval of Agenda

Ms. Morin made a motion to approve tonight's agenda, with the following amendments: Assurance for Financial Accreditation, seconded by Mr. Johnson, motion carried, vote 4-0.

#### 6.0 Public Comment

No comments.

#### 7.0 Previous Meeting Minutes

Ms. Morin made a motion to approve August Meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Johnson, motion carried, vote 4-0.

#### 8.0 Principal Report

Board members received Principal's report previously by Mrs. Wilson's email. Briefing emphasis on filling open Science and English teacher positions. Focus on raising student Math scores in lower school grades by adding a full-time math interventionist that supports the student and teachers in the delivery of the curriculum. Even though writing scores are stronger than last year, believe it can be even better. The author of the writing curriculum was brought to train our teachers before school started. Will be back in October to observe and provide feedback to

teachers. LTA's NWEA test scores for last year were presented, increases in scores were noted from Winter to Spring. Started testing for this year and will perform end of year testing in March, vice May, since testing in May is difficult for students. Mrs. Wilson also pointed out that the first step in the Charter Renewal package was completed on time with the help of Board members and staff members. Drafted a schedule for D49 tours and interviews, in addition some amazing parents plan to come to the school to be interviewed. Volleyball and Cross Country has started, and Mr. Markel (AD) is doing a tremendous job working on the progress of getting LTA CHSAA certified. Ms. Morin made a motion to accept the Principal Report, seconded by Mr. Garrett, motion carried, vote 4-0.

#### **8.5 Assurance for Financial Accreditation**

Mrs. Hands presented to the Board that for 2021/22 LTA abides by all requirements for Federal and State Financial obligations. Board signatures were accomplished on applicable forms.

#### **9.0 Audit for 2021-22**

Mrs. Hands briefed that there were no major findings, and there were four minor adjustments. Changes noted were LTA's share of PERA's state unfunded liability was recognized; Building Corporations must be treated as Special Revenue Funds per the new GASB 90 rule; the increase of the required TABOR funding was recognized. Ms. Morin made a motion to accept the Audit 2021/22 as briefed, seconded by Mr. Johnson, motion carried, vote 4-0.

#### **10.0 Fund Raising Policy & Procedures**

Mrs. Hands briefed that she made some changes to the Policy and Procedures with the emphasis of making it more detailed, remove as many loopholes as possible. Mrs. Jeanie Stutts-Blucher made a comment that the corrections noted by Mrs. Hands were understandable and are seen as improvements to the overall intent of the Fund-Raising Policy and Procedures. Ms. Morin made a motion to accept the changes noted, seconded by Mrs. Stutts-Belcher, motion carried, vote 4-0.

#### **11.0 Transportation Plan**

Mrs. Hands revised the plan with D49 Attorney support. Revised plan signed by Ms. Morin will be presented to D49, Mr. Andy Franko, by Mr. Garrett for review, comments, and concurrence. Ms. Morin made a motion to move forward with the revised plan for approval, seconded by Mr. Garrett, motion carried, vote 4-0.

#### **12.0 Charter Advocacy Coalition**

Mr. Garrett briefed the Board on the Colorado Advocacy Coalition (CAC); fees help with legislative process costs. Cost is \$2K per year. This is a non-profit, parent rights advocate that will give a voice at the State Capitol. Mr. Garrett will provide additional information on the Coalition's past and current actions. Mr. Garrett highly recommends to LTA to partner with CAC and become a member.

**13.0 Executive Session as per § 24-6-402(4)(c), CRS., Security**

Ms. Morin made a motion to enter Executive Session at 6:59 PM, Mr. Johnson seconded, motion carried, vote 4-0. Ms. Morin made a motion to exit Executive Session at 7:08 PM, Mr. Garrett seconded, motion carried, vote 4-0. Ms. Morin commented the Board recognizes that the Security team, to include new member, are providing exceptional service, positive attitude, and are highly motivated.

**14.0 Executive Session as per § 24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S., Personnel Matters**

Ms. Morin made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:09 PM, Mr. Johnson seconded, motion carried, vote 4-0. Ms. Morin made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:18 PM, Mrs. Stutts Blucher seconded, motion carried, vote 4-0. Ms. Morin made a comment that continued communications with Mrs. Wilson will take place per availability.

**15.0 Place Holder for Other Business**

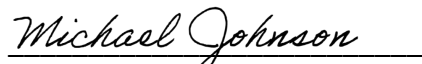
D49 Board Training in the month of October was identified. There were some registration problems and D49 would be contacted.

**16.0 Announcements**

None given.

**17.0 Adjournment**

Ms. Morin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Garrett, motion carried, vote 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

  
Michael Johnson, Secretary LTA