



**Minutes of the Board of Directors
January 30, 2023**

The meeting was convened by Bill Harris at 4:02 p.m. at Avondale Meadows Middle School. The following were present:

Board:

Kelly Braverman	Mike Mason
Bill Harris	Mike North
Sarah Lofton	Madeline Priest

Staff/Others:

Kelly Herron, Executive Director	Kandis Pearson, AMA Principal
Kristen Stratton, Director of Student Support	Mark Simon, AMMS Principal
Sean Dunlavy, Director of Development	Bilen Mulugeta, VAR-MS Principal
Janie Seivers, Director or Business Affairs	
Laura Burton, USI Business Manager	

Public Comments:

January is School Board Appreciation Month! Thank you for all you do!

Connect To Purpose:

- Introduction of Dr. Mark Simon as the new AMMS Principal.
- NWEA Growth Celebrations at each school gave students the opportunity to slime and pie staff members and celebrate in a variety of ways.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the September meeting were presented for approval.

MOTION: Approve the September minutes, as presented.

Kelly Braverman made the motion, Mike North seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of the minutes from the November meeting were presented for approval.

MOTION: Approve the November minutes, as presented.

Madeline Priest made the motion, Mike Mason seconded. Motion carried.



Finance Committee Brief:

Cash on Hand:	3,177,116	Days Cash on Hand	
Investments:	171,206	All Funds	Unrestricted
Total Funds Available:	3,348,322	(OEI)	(Bond)
Restricted:	300,079	AMA: 129	90
Unrestricted	3,048,242	VAR: 101	77
		AMMS: 87	58
		USI: 159	111
		Consolidated: 112	80
Outstanding Receivables:	955,889		
Outstanding Payables:	332,827	Debt Service Coverage projection:	
		Projected for 6/30/23:	1.50
		Required:	1.10
Net Operating Income:		Budgeted:	180,461
Avondale Meadows	306,128	Budgeted:	209,448
Vision Academy	191,034	Budgeted:	(82,092)
Avondale Meadows MS	(53,496)	Budgeted:	(61,345)
USI	8,115		
Consolidated	451,781		246,472

REVENUE:

- State Basic Support is reconciled to Sept ADM count.

EXPENSES:

- Professional Services are over budget due to tutoring expenses and music instruction.
- Staff training is over budget due to additional needs
- School Lunch is over budget due to additional needs but is offset by additional federal reimbursements
- Student transportation is over budget due to additional needs
- Extra-Curricular expense is over budget due to timing

CASH TRANSFERS:

- AMA transfer \$350K from Education Fund to Operations Fund
- AMMS transfer \$160K from Education Fund to Debt Service Fund
- AMMS transfer \$250K from Education Fund to Operations Fund
- VAR transfer \$150K from Education Fund to Debt Service Fund
- VAR transfer \$400K from Education Fund to Operations Fund

MOTION: Approve the December financials, as presented.

Mike North made the motion, Sarah Lofton seconded. Motion carried.

Governance Committee Brief:

- We are hoping to elect three new board members at the May Board meeting. Bill will invite the three candidates to the March Board meeting for formal introductions.

Development Committee:

The following is a list of contributions in FY 2023:

Development Goal: \$250,000
 Stretch Goal: \$350,000
 Total Contributions: \$284,303
 Number of Gifts: 23
 Average Gift: \$12,361
 Gift Range: \$100 to \$120,000
 Gift in Kind 1
 Gift in Kind Amount \$3,750 (Bikes for Vision Academy)

The following is a list of grant proposals that were submitted and we are waiting for a response:

Name	Donor	Requested
Counseling Program	IDOE	\$138,000 for AMA
Counseling Program	IDOE	\$138,000 for AMMS
Counseling Program	IDOE	\$138,000 for Vision Academy
Literacy Grant	United Way	\$5,000 for AMA
Literacy Grant	United Way	\$5,000 for AMMS
Literacy Grant	United Way	\$5,000 for Vision Academy
Summer Academic Camp	National Bank of Indy	\$5,000
Total Requested		\$434,000



Academic Committee:

- Academic Calendar – the only change is we added one additional e-learning day, allowing for additional professional development for our staff. The additional e-learning day keeps us within DOE requirements.

MOTION: Approve the 2023-24 School Calendar, as presented.

Kelly Braverman made the motion, Mike Mason seconded. Motion carried.

- Kelly Herron presented our mid-year NWEA data which showed progress!
 - Math proficiency data shows growth in K-8 and that we are already within 4% of our network goals.
 - 3rd and 4th grade show significant growth at both schools.
 - Reading data shows growth in grades 3 & 4. Early literacy and phonics in K-2 is our focus.
 - Middle School data is not as strong; we attribute that to new ELA teachers on each campus.
- Site Evaluations on the Avondale Campus
 - Mike Mason: The results of the evaluations were not positive, even though we are doing the same things for which we previously received high marks. The Academic committee did an extensive review of the results and have concluded that there is no need for alarm. We can definitely learn and are seeking to grow as a result of the feedback.
 - The Mayor’s office stated they could put us on notice but they have not yet fully reviewed our report. We are not clear of the implications of being on notice and will continue to pursue clarity as well as to heed the input provided from the review.

School Dashboards

<u>22-23 School Based</u>
<u>AMA</u> High: Mid-year growth data; strong start to semester; focusing on literacy and phonics in K-4 Low: Challenging behaviors have started again but we are hoping the skating trip will help curb some.
<u>AMMS</u> High: We are making progress with the challenging student behaviors, recognizing not every behavior requires a punitive consequence. Low: Consistency in being ready to meet the needs of our students.
<u>VAR-EL</u> High: Low:
<u>VAR-MS</u> High: Whole School celebrations are back!; STEM day with Purdue University; mid-year NWEA data Low: Attendance → we are continuing to work to break COVID habits.

Motion to adjourn made by Kelly Braverman, seconded Mike North.

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

ATTEST: Sarah P. Lofton 04/24/2023
 Sarah Lofton, Board Secretary Date