

**ACADEMY FOR INTEGRATED ARTS  
BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING  
MINUTES**

October 22, 2020

4:00 p.m.

7910 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Missouri

This was a virtual meeting held via Zoom.

Present: Emily Brown, Member  
Lynne Brown, Chairman  
Peter Brown, Member  
David Disney, Secretary  
Linda Edwards, Member  
Brad Epsten, Member  
Cara Newell, Treasurer  
Janice Small, Member  
Jennifer Waddell, Member (4:17)

Also Present: Tricia DeGraff, Executive Director  
Karren Colbert, Principal  
Asha Moore, Assistant Principal  
Paul Greenwood, EdOps, Financial  
Rex Rajkumar, EdOps Financial

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Lynne Brown called the meeting to order at 4:05

**II. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Cara Newell gave the finance report

**III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- Approval of the minutes from the September 24, 2020 meeting
- Approval of the warrant list (check registry and purchasing card record)
- Approval of the financial report  
Motion to approve consent agenda: Linda Edwards  
Second: Janice Small  
Vote: 8-0

**IV. ACTION ITEMS**

- Approval of the audit  
Motion: David Disney  
Second: Emily Brown  
Vote: 9-0

- Approval of part-time physical education teacher, Leonard Davis:  
     Motion: Brad Epsten  
     Second: Cara Newell  
     Vote: 9-0
- Approval of next steps in return to school plan:  
     Discussion of the plan began with an overview from task force member Brad Epsten. He stated that the task force consisting of the AFIA Leadership Team, Tricia DeGraff, Executive Director, Karren Colbert, Principal and Asha Moore, Assistant Principal, board members Brad Epsten and Cara Newell, parents and a representative from Children's Mercy Hospital. The task force meets weekly and has met four times. After considering all the available COVID data the task force came up with the following recommendation:  
         Move forward with bringing more students into the building beginning with PK/K on November 9<sup>th</sup> and moving forward with the other grades as soon as possible (in coordination with the task force);  
         During the week of November 16<sup>th</sup>, the task force will determine feasibility (human resources, etc.) to bring in first and/or second grade on November 30<sup>th</sup> (allows for three weeks of in-person time).  
         Next decision point will be in December to determine what grades to bring back in January and provide opportunity for the families who wanted to wait until December to make a decision to opt-in to onsite instruction:  
     Vote: 9-0

#### **V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Monthly Update-Review of Summary Sheet for the month-Tricia DeGraff (attachment)

#### **VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Education Committee met on October 13<sup>th</sup>. (attachment)
- Audit/Finance met on October 16<sup>th</sup>. (attachment)
- Governance Committee met on October 7<sup>th</sup>. (attachment)

#### **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn: Linda Edwards

Second: Brad Epsten

Vote: 9-0

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Next Board Meeting is on December 10, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*DAVID L. DISNEY*

David Disney  
Secretary

*Lynne Brown*

Lynne Brown  
Chairman