



Board Meeting Minutes (March 2022)

Liberty Grove Schools

March 14, 2022 6:00PM – 7:30PM ET

3750 N. Meridian Street Indianapolis, IN 46208, Suite 320

Attendance:

- *Present:* Stephen Farris, Erica McGeady (virtual), Lynda Montgomery, Andrew Crowe, Morrise Harbour, Dr. Miranda Penn, Crystal Neumann, Nnamdi Alozie (virtual)
- *Absent:* Kevin Hampton
- *Others Present:* N/A

Proceedings:

- I. Call to Order/Roll (6:16 PM)**
- II. Approval of the Minutes ([Feb 2022](#))**
 - A. Motion to approve: AC
 - B. Seconded: SF
 - C. All approved
- III. New Business**
 - A. IPS/LGS Partnership Update and Contract Process**
 1. Discussion:
 - a) AC: Consideration of taking the building AS IS
(1)MH: If structurally irreparable then IPS would repair at cost. Includes bell systems, etc. but *at will* (i.e. timing of repairs). HVAC in need of repairs but named as upcoming/public record. LM: Date of HVAC repair? MH: Slated to start after July 1 and visiting on site 3/21/22. Can view other public contracts for additional comparison (e.g. Global Prep, etc.) See section 8.5 regarding AS IS standards
 - b) MH: Section 3.4 also edited for alignment on site visitations between IPS and LGS. Essentially naming agreement between two entities to avoid disruption to school day
(1)SF: Prior timing/frequency? MH: Moved to quarterly (decreased frequency) AC: Frequent visits could be advantageous. MH: Alignment on purpose and data collection of site visit, seeking to have approved today by IPS and shared w/ board by end of week. MP: Only pushback would be if disruption to school day and learning, otherwise welcoming of visitations.



- c) MH: Name of school confirmed in agreement: Liberty Grove School at Elder Diggs School 42. Previous concerns on naming that could imply wish for expansion.
 - (1)SF: Why concerns for expansion? MH: Local landscape of rash expansions. Not applicable for LGS (i.e. not seeking to expand). Language also does not apply to expansion of *grade levels* within same school site/building. Have named consideration for growth to K-8 in revised language.
- d) MH: Held accountable to named academic goals, to be evaluated in visitations. Difficult to set goals until have access to data. Trepidation in district monitoring control and oversight as autonomous organizer
 - (1)SF: "no less frequently than monthly," additional context on what entails monthly check ins and reviews. Broad language. MH: Requirements of formal visits/evaluation has been modified (quarterly) but check-ins still to occur monthly in tandem. MP: Can objectives or desired outcomes of monthly meetings be added to language of agreement? SF: +1. MH: Need to meet constraints of voting timelines but can further evaluate broadness of language in collaboration as relevant. NA: Focus on processes of what will define strength and successes of LGS.
- e) MH: Finance - Need enough working capital to maintain fiscal sustainability. Will make monthly payment based on enrollment but to be set later based on avg daily attendance (first payment on count day, ~Oct). Projected at 300, roughly 215K per month (complexity grant).
- f) MH: Up front loans to subsidize initial costs. Zero interest to be paid back subsequently in first year. Taken directly from monthly payments.
 - (1)"Beginning on the Effective Date, through and including June 30, 2023 only (the "First Year"), IPS shall pay Operator a monthly payment ("Monthly Payment") that is equal to (i) one-twelfth of the average annual amount of state basic tuition support and complexity grant funding that IPS then receives from the State of Indiana per student"
 - (2)NA: What would give you pause on not taking loan?
 - MH: May not have enough funds to hire all necessary staff or furnishings
 - (a)SF: Estimated cost of furnishings? MH: Not yet known, quick figures 26K-29K does not



include freight/installation, high quality and long use likely close to 100K

(b)MH: Need to decide on whether to take loan before end of March

g) MH: Esser funds (provided during pandemic) (IPS ~213M provided across district based on need). Will have flexibility to determine . Current operator retained ~5.2M of Esser w/ ~3M coming in next academic year. ~204M remaining (~8M reimbursed thus far).

(1)LM: Does Ignite Esser funds remain with Elder Diggs or with operator? MH: Unknown at this time.

(2)NA: Is it known how much funds needed from IPS in order to reach success vs available funds? MH: Anticipate need of at least 200M over next 5 yrs for all factors relevant to operation of school.

(3)MH: Naming that Esser funds are limited and renewable. Not yet known when funds for LGS will be determined.

h) MH: (11.5) Additional services to be provided by IPS. Annual deadline in March to request services - food services, transportation, technology for upcoming year. Due to new operator status, May 1 2022 adjusted deadline for requesting services in AY22-23.

2. Vote

- a) Stephen Farris - Yes
- b) Kevin Hampton - Yes (EM - LM as Proxy)
- c) Erica McGeady - Yes
- d) Lynda Montgomery - Yes
- e) Andrew Crowe - Yes (EM - LM as Proxy)
- f) Nnamdi Alozie - Yes
- g) Crystal Neumann - Yes

(1) Motion to Approve: SF

(2) Seconded: CN

(3) All approved

3. Authorizing Board Chair with power toward amendments to charter agreement:

- a) Moved: SF
- b) Seconded: CN
- c) All approved

IV. Committee Updates

A. Governance: Contributions Agreement

- 1. LM: will return to this item in April meeting, slated for no later than June 1st annually to make commitments

B. Finance: No updates

V. Discussion

A. No discussion

VI. Adjournment

A. Motion Adjourn: CN



- B. Seconded: SF
- C. Adjourned: 7:35PM