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Mission: Educating all students to highest levels of academic and social standards with a focus on Hmong language and culture.

HOPE Community Academy

May 29, 2025

Conference Room – 5:30 pm

Present: Patchia Xiong Vang, Don Lorr, Mai Nhia Lor, Brian Shaw, Staci Ahrens, Kimberly Wildebuer

Staff: Maychy Vu, Micheal Reed, Katie Kruger

Other: Danielle Miller

- I. Call to Order @5:30
- II. Rules of Engagement (1 minute)
 - Be here now
 - Be a leader and a team player
 - Be a good steward
- III. Approval of Agenda (1 minute) Motion to approve: Mai Nhia Lor Second: Patchia unanimously approved
- IV. Approval of April 22, 2025, May 1, 2025, and May 20, 2025 Minutes (1 minute) Motion to approve: Staci Ahrens Second: Mai Nhia Lor
- V. Community Comments (10 minutes)
- VI. Executive Director's Report (10 minutes)
 - Building Company Board Composition
 - Sent to lawyers
 - Parent Survey Results
 - **97% of parents** believe their children are getting the academic support they need
 - **97% of families** feel HOPE is a safe, warm, and welcoming community
 - **95% of parents** feel welcomed and encouraged to participate in school activities
 - Parents consistently describe our school as feeling "like family" where teachers "truly care" and "know students by name rather than a number"
 - Executive Director's Procedure Manual Status
 - Nearly complete

Commented [1]: There was something that we excluded from the approval, or required a change on something right?



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- VII. Consent Agenda (1 minute) Motion to approve consent agenda: Staci Ahrens Second: Kimberly Wildebuer. Motion passes. 5 for, 1 against
- a. Designs for Learning
 - b. Food Service
 - c. Designation of an Identified Official with Authority for Education Identity Access Management The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), Professional Educator Licensing Standards Board (PELSB), and Office of Higher Education (OHE) require annual designation of an Identified Official with Authority (IOWA) for each local education agency that uses the Education Identity Access Management (EDIAM) system. The IOWA is responsible for authorizing, reviewing, and recertifying user access for their local education agency in accordance with the State of Minnesota Enterprise Identity and Access Management Standard, which states that all user access rights to Minnesota state systems must be reviewed and recertified at least annually. The Identified Official with Authority will authorize user access to State of Minnesota Education secure systems in accordance with the user's assigned job duties, and will revoke that user's access when it is no longer needed to perform their job duties.
 - i. Patchia Xiong Vang will be designated as IOWA until a new ED is hired
- VIII. Committee Reports (30 minutes)
- 1) Executive Committee
 - 2) Board Operations Committee
 - 3) Finance Committee
 - April 2025 Summary Report
 - o ADM 786/Budget 785
 - o 83% through the year; Revenues at 80.5%; Expenditures: 74.6%
 - o Over \$2.6 million in the bank
 - o State only owes \$8,446
 - o Federal receivables: \$165,753 – need to submit reimbursements after the money is spent
 - o Excess through April of \$1.1 million
 - o We are out performing our budget!
 - April 2025 Summary Income Statement
 - April 2025 Balance Sheet
 - April 2025 Payment Register
 - SY26 Budget
 - o Assumptions: ADM 790; \$470,000 net income
 - o Might want to look at setting a minimum net income to help keep budging on track
 - o **Need to have enrollment at 835 by 26-27 to avoid cuts in the future**



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- o 2.7% increase from state
- o Compensatory income increase of \$722,000
- o Without this increase our budget would be (\$300,000)
- o 19% increase in insurance premiums
- o New FMLA expense of \$34,000 (for ½ year)
- o Transportation – Bids from 4Mativ & JME

IX. Existing Business (15 minutes)

- i. Contingency plan Staci Mai Nhia
- ii. Severance Motion to approve formation of a working committee: _____ second:

X. New Business (0 minutes)

- a. Transition Communication

XI. Adjournment Motion to adjourn: Mai Nhia Lor Second: Patchia Xiong Vang Passed unanimously at 7:5pm

Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, June 26, 2025 5:30 pm Conference Room