



Board Meeting

5/28/25

Lux Middle School

Call to Order: 1:06 PM

**Attendance:**

Ginna Clausen, Ed Schulenberg, Britta Muhleisen, Sarah Wischhof, Dr. Kris Baack, Karli Mackley, Kaye Jesske, Dr. John Skretta, Russ Uhing, Pat Beans, Mike Tavlin, James Walbridge, Jeffery Owusu-Ansah, John Laflin, Trent Fellers, John Wirtz, Brent Comstock, Andy Martz, Sherrie Tepe, Krystal Siebrandt

**Not in Attendance:**

Alex Cassidy, Dr. J. J. Toczek, Nancy Hove-Graul, Mo Boyd, Joan Mendoza-Gorham, Dr. James Blake, Annie Mumgaard, Deb Rassmussen, Guy Trainin, Max Rodenberg

**Staff Attendance:**

Natalia Wiita, Angelina Cuning, Mary Weixelman, Lindsay Rogers

**Welcome:**

James welcomed attending board members

**Consent Agenda:**

Approval of Minutes

- James entertained a motion to approve the following items:
  - February Board Minutes\*
  - Executive Committee Minutes\*
  - Contracts Memo\*
  - Fund Agreements Memo\*
  - Jan & Feb Financials
- Kris moved, Sarah seconded. All in favor — Approved for publishing.

LPS Superintendent

- Gave overview of outgoing and incoming LPS board members, newly elected board officials and committee format.

- Shared that commencement ceremonies were conducted last week and summer school starts this week at Lincoln High with over 2,000 students and 50+ course options.
- Dr. Skretta shared the LPS dashboard with the Foundation board.
  - Discussed the impact of federal funds
  - LPS enrollment at all time high
- Scott Wieskamp is retiring in June. Transition team is in place for operations.

## Foundation Team Updates

### President Update

- Natalia thanked outgoing board member Karli for her contributions to FLPS and Lindsay for her work with Spark.
- Staffing/organizational modifications
  - Current headcount - 10
  - 2 directors instead of prior 4 - Kayla (engagement) & Angelina (operations)
  - Jame is stepping in as the site director for Spark, Allison has stepped up to help with Spark
- All staff retreat was held Friday, May 23 with emphasis on the One Team, One Mission theme
- Budget - thank you to Sherrie, Krystal and Angelina for their work on 25/27 budget
  - New events: Giving Week, Spark Expansion, TCA Event
  - Team continues to reduce postage and printing costs
  - Expense reduction in personnel

### Dashboard Presentation\*:

### Engagement

- Fund A Need has exceeded goal
- Give To Lincoln Day update
  - Trending ahead of last year
  - GTLD event at Tower Square, May 29 from 10:30-1:30
- Restricted and unrestricted fund update

## Operations

- Over 2,000 requests, distributed \$615,000 in funds
- Interviewing for 2 new positions
- 100 scholarships were awarded this year to 68 students

## Spark Program

- Enrollment and staff hiring updates:
  - 90% enrollment in Spark
  - 84% enrollment in Middle School Tech Camp
- New 4 week lead time for cancellations.
- \$13,000 in sponsorships, \$197,000+ in donations/grants
- Dr. Skretta thanked Lindsey for her collaboration with Jason at LPS.

## Marketing

- Working on refreshing FLPS mission & vision.

## Committee Updates:

### Sustainability Committee

- Committee recommendation to increase to 8% annual payout unless reserves drop below 12 month.
- Pat moved, Mike seconded. All in favor - approved.

## Finance

- Mike introduced committee and outlined RFP process.
- Mike introduced motion to approve the selection of Mercer as an investment manager for FLPS effective as soon as reasonably possible and subject to the development of written documentation between FLPS and Mercer in a form satisfactory to the President of FLPS, (2) to authorize and direct the FLPS President to execute that written documentation on behalf of FLPS and (3) to terminate the investment management relationship with D A Davidson at the earliest practicable date thereafter.
- Mike moved, Ed seconded, discussion from board.
- James called to postpone formal vote due to not having a quorum.
- James announced that a special meeting will be held to continue the vote.

**Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:38