

**Approved**  
August 25, 2005

**Minutes**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Math & Science Academy**

Thursday, August 25th, 2005, 6:30 PM  
8430 Woodbury Crossing, Woodbury, MN 55125

1. Call to order at 6:52 PM by Josh Minsley (Vice-Chair)
2. Roll Call of Members:

Carrie Bartz	Michelle Richards
Patricia Guerra - absent	Bhaskar Velamakanni
Laura Hutt	Bronwen Williams
Eric Kaluza	Grace Ezzell (Student Rep.)
Josh Minsley	Paul Simone (ex-officio)
Alan Moorhead - absent	
3. Approval of Agenda  
Change Consent Agenda to: Acceptance of \$5000.00 grant Assurant Inc., Approve Staff Contracts except BOD teachers, Extra Curricular Contracts, Contracts for Computer Consultants  
Motion: Approve agenda as amended  
Moved by: Bhaskar Velamakanni                      Second: Laura Hutt                      Vote: 7-0-0
4. Open Forum:
  - Alice Lee, parent, asked if the BOD would be interested in having the Expansion Committee meet with the architect and discuss a plan to revise our dreams to see if we can afford to buy and build on the adjacent Engstrom property. The BOD declined the offer.
  - Ken Gervais, Building Company member noted that the area available for lease may be negotiable for a different per/sq. ft. price. Maybe the Expansion Committee can come up with a preliminary design.
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes for the meeting of June 2nd, 2005.  
Motion: Approve June 2nd, 2005 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes as presented  
Moved by: Eric Kaluza                      Second: Bhaskar Velamakanni                      Vote: 6-0-1
6. Consent Agenda - Acceptance of \$5000.00 grant Assurant Inc., Approve Staff Contracts except BOD teachers, Extra Curricular Contracts, Contracts for Computer Consultants  
Motion: Approve Consent Agenda  
Moved by: Michelle Richards                      Second: Eric Kaluza                      Vote: 6-1-0
7. Financial Report – Audit August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005
8. Chair's Report: None
9. Standing Committee Reports:
  - a) Budget: Workshop discussion of 2005-2006 Budget Re-forecast
  - b) Building/Maintenance: Mediation is scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Decisions are usually made within a couple of weeks. Paul Simone, Ken Thielman and Ken Gervais will be attending the mediation session.
  - c) Enrollment: 2005-2006 enrollment update handout.
  - d) Personnel: Joyce Lawrence was selected to be the Office Assistant. She will work three hours per day, Monday through Friday.
  - e) Technology: Josh Minsley reported that there are new computers in the lab. Teachers have new computers and flat screen monitors.

- f) Parent Team: Sarah Lilja reported highlights from the August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005 Parent Team meeting. Introductions of parents, overview of how the Parent Team works, All school picnic, the first issue of School Times magazine is available, future activity brainstorming session, next meeting will be September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005.
  - g) Policy: Policy 531 – Pledge of Allegiance was reviewed
  - h) Expansion Committees: Workshop discussion Josh Minsley thanked the Expansion Committee for all of their time and efforts in getting reports to the BOD.
10. Old Business
- a) Approval of 2005-2006 Budget Re-forecast  
 Moved by: Laura Hutt                      Second: Bhaskar Velamakanni                      Vote: 7-0-0
  - b) Approve BOD teacher contracts  
 Motion: Approve contract for Bronwen Williams  
 Moved by: Eric Kaluza                      Second: Michelle Richards                      Vote: 6-0-1  
                     Bronwen Williams abstained  
 Motion: Approve contract for Michelle Richards  
 Moved by: Eric Kaluza                      Second: Bhaskar Velamakanni                      Vote: 6-0-1  
                     Michelle Richards abstained  
 Motion: Approve contract for Josh Minsley  
 Moved by: Eric Kaluza                      Second: Michelle Richards                      Vote: 6-0-1  
                     Josh Minsley abstained  
 Motion: Approve contract for Patricia Guerra  
 Moved by: Josh Minsley                      Second: Eric Kaluza                      Vote: 7-0-0  
 Motion: Approve contract for Eric Kaluza  
 Moved by: Laura Hutt                      Second: Bhaskar Velamakanni                      Vote: 6-0-1  
                     Eric Kaluza abstained
11. New Business
- a) Policy 531 – Pledge of Allegiance  
 Motion: Waive the requirement for students to recite the pledge of allegiance.  
 Moved by: Bhaskar Velamakanni                      Second: Laura Hutt                      Vote: 7-0-0
  - b) Annual By-laws review  
 First reading of 2005-2006 school year.
  - c) Expansion Motion  
 Motion: Enter into a discussion with Robert Engstrom for an additional 10,000 sq. ft. of space for an expanded MSA.  
 Moved by: Bhaskar Velamakanni                      Second: Laura Hutt                      Vote: 7-0-0  
 Motion: Appoint representation from the school administration, building company and expansion committee to enter into discussions with Robert Engstrom  
 Moved by: Laura Hutt                      Second: Michelle Richards                      Vote: 7-0-0
12. Information
- a) MN ACT scores were the highest in the nation. The average score for MN schools was 22.3. MSA's average score was 27.4.
  - b) In school year 2005-2006 students in grades 3 through 8 will take the MCEA II tests in reading, writing and another subject to be determined. These scores will be used to determine adequate yearly progress. All 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders will take the writing test. 10<sup>th</sup> graders will also take the reading test. 11<sup>th</sup> graders will take the math test.
13. Future Agenda Items
- a) Regular Board Meeting
  - b) Workshop Meeting
  - c) Policies
  - d) Extra-curricular contracts
  - e) Office staff pay scales

14. Next regular BOD meeting: October 3rd, 2005 at 6:00 PM

No workshop was scheduled

Moved by: Eric Kaluza

Second: Bhaskar Velamakanni

Vote: 7-0-0

15. Adjourn

Motion: Adjourn at 7:55 PM

Moved by: Bhaskar Velamakanni

Second: Eric Kaluza

Vote: 7-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Bartz, Secretary