

ATHLOS ACADEMY OF ST. CLOUD BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

Date: April 19, 2018 Time: 6:30 p.m. Location: 3701 S 33rd St., St. Cloud, MN, Room 133

Board Member	Present/Absent	
Jackie Hoyhtya	P	
Josh Hirschfeld	P	
Stephanie Gardner	P	
Cindy Kurilla	P	
Michaelene Lucia	P	

Athlos Academies: Jeff Gunther (via Zoom); Andrea Thomas-Reynolds (P); Abby Fereday (P)

Meeting Minutes: Amy Dierkes

Director Candidates: Richard Best, Lowell Haagenson, Randy Vetsch

Community Members: Jackie Heslop, Molly Morrison, Jennifer Johnson, Brittney Schoephoerster, Angela Schmitz, Belinda Bergren, Jodi Young, Angela Jambretz, Nancy Plante, Matt Bigler, Krista Swenson, Brenda Schwitalla, Dawn Zimmerman, Megan Searcy, Lisa Otte, Katie Jacobson, Ashleigh

Field, Aaron Schwenzfeier

The meeting	was called to	order at	6:36 pm
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Topic	Description	Who	Pg#
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve the agenda: Josh Hirschfeld 2 nd : Stephanie Gardner		
Call for Conflicts	None		
Public Comments	Brenda Schwitalla: Expressed her concern about starting with a new director		
Discussion Items			
School Leader Focus Groups	Report out from staff focus group conversations with school leader candidates	Jackie Hoyhtya	
	Matt Bigler, Lisa Otte, and Brittney Schoephoerster read a summary from their interview groups with each candidate and listed 3 positive assets of each candidate.		
2018-19 School Leader Candidates	Discussion with 2018-19 school leader candidates	Jackie Hoyhtya	
	The school board asked the following questions to each candidate:		

- 1. Describe your approach to working with a Board of Directors
- 2. As you know, student recruitment is a key factor in charter school success. What will be your approach to student recruitment be in the St Cloud area? What are your thoughts about reapproaching families who no longer attend the school? What other community engagement ideas might you have?
- 3. What have been your experiences working with a diverse student population? What strategies have you put in place to ensure success for students and staff?
- 4. How do you go about building a culture of trust and accountability in a school that has seen some turnover in the executive director position?
- 5. How do you best balance operational and instructional responsibilities as the Executive Director of a large charter school?
- 6. In your opinion and experience, what is the number one factor in a charter school's success? Why

The candidates answered each question and gave a closing statement.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, April 23, 2018

Adjournment: 7:33 pm

Motion to adjourn: Josh Hirschfeld

2nd: Cindy Kurilla Motion carries