



## Northwest Indiana Lighthouse Charter Schools

### Minutes

#### LANWI May 2017 Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Monday May 15, 2017 at 5:30 PM

**Location**

East Chicago Lighthouse Charter School, 3916 Pulaski Street, East Chicago, IN

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**Directors Present**

E. Harvey, K. Ward McDuffie, L. Heard, N. Lucas (remote), S. Green, Y. Irons-Johnson

**Directors Absent**

M. Maxwell, N. Barksdale, R. Daniels

**Guests Present**

C. Jackson, Cristal Cavitoas Parent, J. Beasley, John Johnson parent, M. Jimenez, M. Rea, Mrs. Amber Pugh parent, Nika Lucas, Shavay Jackson parent, T. Dobson

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**I. Opening Items****A. Record Attendance and Guests****B. Call the Meeting to Order**

K. Ward McDuffie called a meeting of the board of directors of Northwest Indiana Lighthouse Charter Schools to order on Monday May 15, 2017 at 5:30 PM.

**C. Approve Minutes**

Y. Irons-Johnson made a motion to approve minutes.  
E. Harvey seconded the motion.  
The motion did not carry.

## II. Finance

### A. East Chicago

Tina discusses the financial plan for LHA schools in 2017 and 2018. Increase in student activities during the 2017 school year. Improvements have been made from this year in comparison to last year.

K. Ward McDuffie made a motion to Approve East Chicago Bills And Gary Bills .

E. Harvey seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

East Chicago School improvements for 2017 will be generated by Marvin Rea. Gary School improvements include adding a new curriculum in 9th and 10th grade English. Art infusion budget increased. Increase in student textbooks for all subjects was requested by Dr. McDuffie. Lack of individual student textbooks for all grade levels and subject areas in East Chicago and Gary schools. Should Lighthouse schools incorporate a school supply list or begin establishing a book rental fee. Supplies fee vs book rental fees for scholars at LHA. More money has been added toward the curriculum . 9th and 10th grade will be adopting a new curriculum at the CPA building to improve student learning. Students at CPA are using electronic devices for textbooks rather than paperback books.

### B. Gary

K. Ward McDuffie made a motion to Accept the budget East Chicago Budget and Gary Budget.

E. Harvey seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

K. Ward McDuffie made a motion to Approve East Chicago Lighthouse Budget for 2017-2018 school year.

Y. Irons-Johnson seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

K. Ward McDuffie made a motion to Approve East Chicago Lighthouse Budget for 2017-2018 school year.

Y. Irons-Johnson seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### C. Controller Report

## III. Operations Reports

### A. Principal Reports

Gary Upper: Jackson= NWEA Testing for the Spring . Rewards for NWEA Fall to Spring Goals Evaluations are being completed for all teachers. Goal setting for teacher who need support. Next month NWEA results will be given. PITS Performance Improvement Plans

CPA: Bly= Attendance goal for the month of April . Interventions with NWEA, ECA, Pulling small groups for students who are in need of intervention. Confidence for students who are passing and graduating in June. Senior week, 8th grade promotion June 9th. Senior Class of 2017 June 11th. 10th and 11th graders who met ISTEP goals will have incentive field trips. Graduate Participation nearly at 100% . Summer School mandated for upcoming seniors. Budget seven teachers for summer school. ECA and Credit Recovery Options. Building support systems for teachers at the CPA. Openings for high school teachers in the 2017 and 2018 school year.

East Chicago:: Beasley: End of the Year Evaluations. End of the year field trips . 8th grade trip fundraising ideas for keeping parents excited about staying with East Chicago. Parent orientation meetings. Summer parent orientations. Girls on the Run celebration. 90% of the teachers will be staying at EC.

Gary Primary: Onofrio: Testing in smaller groups than ever before. Students are given a mouse to help improve motor skills and supervision during the end of the year. Mother Son Dance over 100 participants . School wide trip to Brookfield Zoo. Field Day Color T-Shirts outdoor activities for the scholars. Summer school step up to 3rd grade program. Attendance at 94 percent once percentage from the goal. Three vacancies in the primary building.

K. Ward McDuffie made a motion to School Starting for Teachers PD July 31st . Winter Break begins day before Christmas and Extends Jan 8th Wednesday half day PD for 2017/2018 School year ( Marvin Rea) School Calendar for 2017/2018 school year.

E. Harvey seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **IV. Closing Items**

##### **A. Public Comments**

John Johnson Parent: Advisory, Spending Time with the children. Teachers should remain professional at all times.

##### **B. Adjourn Meeting**

K. Ward McDuffie made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Y. Irons-Johnson seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
K. Ward McDuffie