



# Northwest Indiana Lighthouse Charter Schools

# Minutes

October 2024 Northwest Indiana Lighthouse Charter Schools Board Meeting

Date and Time Monday October 28, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Location Gary Lighthouse College Prep Campus, located at 725 Clark Road, Gary, IN 46406

**Directors Present** A. Brown Thirston, A. Nicholson, E. Little (remote), J. GEORGE, J. Parks, S. Caruthers

**Directors Absent** A. Briggs, M. Robinson

**Ex Officio Members Present** G. Adell (remote)

Non Voting Members Present G. Adell (remote)

# **Guests Present**

A. Franz, A. Ross, A. Shaw, C. Jackson, D. Jones (remote), D. McGleese, D. Sevier, M. Segrest (remote), S. Breitenbach (remote)

I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance

#### B. Call the Meeting to Order

A. Nicholson called a meeting of the board of directors of Northwest Indiana Lighthouse Charter Schools to order on Monday Oct 28, 2024 at 5:32 PM.

### C. Approve Minutes

S. Caruthers made a motion to approve the minutes from September 2024 Northwest Indiana Lighthouse Charter Schools Board Meeting on 09-23-24. J. Parks seconded the motion.

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

#### **II. Building Level Reports**

### A. Principals Reports

Campus highlights:

Principal Jackson highlighted Family Fall Fest at the Upper Campus; November 024 @ 5:30pm. All are encouraged to attend and RSVP

Principal Shaw highlighted- Family Fall Fest at East Chicago Campus, November 25 @ 5:30pm. All are welcome to attend. Pls RSVP!

Principal Shaw highlighted their Trunk or Treat/Fall Fest October 29, 2024 @ 5pm to 6:30pm. Plans to make

Principal Ross highlighted Homecoming Dance, November 11th at 63 Social in Hammond; Spirit Week, Nov 11-15th As of Saturday, 80% of 11th and 12th graders had attended a college fair.

### **III. Finance**

#### A. East Chicago

Overall review of financial reports provided by David Sevier. Pls see attached August report.

Based on this report, the EC campus is operating in a surplus.

J. Parks made a motion to Moved Financial Report for August.

S. Caruthers seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

- S. Caruthers Aye M. Robinson Absent J. Parks Aye E. Little Aye J. GEORGE Aye A. Nicholson Aye
- A. Briggs Absent

# B. Gary

Overview of Gary financial report provided by David Sevier. Pls see attached August report.

For this reporting period, Gary is operating at a deficit.

We should expect to show a deficit for next month. Additional questions surrounding budget to actual budgeting practices.

# J. Parks made a motion to accept August's financial report for audit.

S. Caruthers seconded the motion.

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

# Roll Call

| M. Robinson       | Absent |
|-------------------|--------|
| E. Little         | Aye    |
| A. Nicholson      | Aye    |
| J. Parks          | Aye    |
| S. Caruthers      | Aye    |
| A. Briggs         | Absent |
| J. GEORGE         | Aye    |
| A. Brown Thirston | Aye    |

# C. 2024-2025 Budget Amendment

Review of budget changes:

The board is being asked to approve the budget amendments for FY' 2025. Changes were made as a result of increases in student enrollment.

Please see full report attached

# **IV. Committee Reports**

A. Governance

Board member Marcus Robinson provided a letter to resign. His resignation was accepted by the board.

The board retreat was held virtually and the following was discussed:

-Roles/responsibilities of the board

-Establishing goals

-Revise bylaws with the assistance of David J.

-Consider changing November's board meeting due to September financials reports will not be available. Motion passed to move November's meeting to December 9th.
-Board members are to participate in two community activities a year and four BOT developmental trainings a year

-Participation in the Nov 13th Contract renewal meeting

# B. Academic Excellence Report

Andrea Thurman reported out:

BYO data explored for K-8

All campuses have been working on a comprehensive plan to make use of the data Math remains an area of opportunity across all campuses.

# V. NWILCS District Reports

#### A. District Level Reports

Review attached report, no questions

#### **B.** Operations Updates

Review attached report, no questions

#### **VI. Closing Items**

# A. Public Comments

Mr. Will Miller introduced himself to the board as a candidate for the office of State Senate, district 3.

# **B. Executive Session**

Moved into executive session

# C. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, J. GEORGE

#### Documents used during the meeting

- 2024-2025 GLCPC\_October\_Board Report.docx.pdf
- UPPER Board Report 24 25 September\_ October .docx (1).pdf
- September GLCS Primary Campus Board Report-September.docx (1).pdf
- EC October 24\_25 Board Report.docx (1).pdf
- NWILCS Financial Packet August 2024.pdf
- AUG 2024 Financial Summary.xlsx
- East\_Chicago\_Top\_10\_Non-Payoll\_Payment\_8-2024 .xlsx
- NWILCS Financial Packet August 2024.pdf
- AUG 2024 Financial Summary.xlsx
- Gary\_Top\_10\_Non-Payoll\_Payment\_8-2024.xlsx
- FY 2025 1st Qtr Budget Amendments.pdf
- 1st Quarter Budget Adjustments.xlsx
- October Executive Director Report 24-25.pdf
- October SY2425 Operations Board Report .docx.pdf