

LEHIGH VALLEY ACADEMY
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Minutes
April 21, 2009

Opening Business: The meeting began at 7:07pm.

1. Flag Salute and Silent Meditation

2. Roll Call

<u>EX</u>	Eva Burkhart, President	<u>X</u>	Barry Cohen, CEO
<u>X</u>	Joseph Kipp, Vice President		
<u>X</u>	Brian Bortz, Secretary		Invited Guest (s):
<u>X</u>	Dennis Capozzolo, Treasurer		
<u>EX</u>	William Parkinson	<u>X</u>	Susan Mauser, CAO, HS Principal
<u>X</u>	Donald Hoffman	<u>X</u>	Lee Merendino, Business Manager
<u>X</u>	Richard Gorton	<u>EX</u>	Terry Walter, PS/ES Principal
<u>EX</u>	Eric Ervin	<u>EX</u>	Cristal McCollum, MS Principal
<u>X</u>	Jack Toy		

Legend:

Roll Call: X – Present; EX – Excused; A – Absent

Motion/Seconded: Board Member's Initials Vote: 0-0-0 = In Favor/Oppose/Abstain

Roll Call Vote: Y – Yes; N – No; AB – Abstain

3. Agenda

Motion: To approve the Agenda.

Motion: _____ RG _____ Seconded: _____ BB _____ Vote: 6-0-0.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the March 17, 2009 regular meeting are being submitted for approval.

Motion: To approve the submitted BOT Regular Minutes from the March 17, 2009 meeting.

Motion: _____ BB _____ Seconded: _____ DC _____ Vote: 6-0-0.

5. Executive Session Report

An Executive Session was held on April 21, 2009 to discuss contractual and personnel matters.

6. President's Report

Mr. Joseph Kipp gave the President's Report in Ms. Burkhart's absence.

Volunteerism is a very important part of the LVA philosophy. With this in mind, Ms. Burkhart, as well as Mr. Kipp, wanted to acknowledge that this week is Pennsylvania Volunteer Week.

The Board Meeting in June will be held on the third Thursday of the month (June 18, 2009) to allow for a 30-day display of the 2009-2010 Budget that will be presented during the May 19 Board Meeting.

7. CEO's Report

Dr. Cohen commented on the Autism Speaks Walk (5K walk) which took place on Saturday in Little Lehigh Parkway in Allentown. Seventy eight members of the LVA community participated. Dr. Cohen gave a huge thank you to Diane Lawson and Jacqueline Moore of the PTO for organizing the walk. He also would like to thank Mrs. McCollum, MS Principal for her assistance in coordinating the walk with the PTO.

Results are coming in for the seniors' college admissions. Two students plan to attend schools out of the country. There is a very impressive roster of colleges. Dr. Cohen held a meeting with the seniors to talk about their past experiences and future hopes.

Congressman Charlie Dent will speak to the 2009 graduating class through a pre-recorded video. Dr. Hunter from Lehigh; Dr. Cohen, CEO; Mrs. Mauser, CAO/HS Principal; Ms. Burkhart, Board President; Mr. Hoffman, Board Member; and Mr. Karabin, Founder, also plan to speak at the commencement. The members of the Board are invited to attend the graduation ceremony. The graduation date is scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2009.

Administration is working with Liberty Property (Landlord) to fit out the space for the 2009-2010 school year needs. The current elementary cafeteria will become two classrooms. The shell space located in the primary school will become the new cafeteria. An adult bathroom will be added to the elementary school building.

Dr. Cohen briefly discussed the PCCS strategic planning process and future plans of the Coalition.

Dr. Cohen attended the CEO Forum held at Martin Guitar. He will follow up with the contacts made at this Forum.

Strategic Initiatives for each of the five task forces of the Strategic Plan are available on Edline.

The timeline for the crest, alma mater and the mascot are being worked on. A contest is being held for the students to design the Jaguar logo.

8. CAO's Report

All schools held their conferences at the beginning of April. This year a pilot electronic scheduling system was used to schedule the high school conferences. Parents were able to select their conference time and date online.

The sixth grade students will be building kangaroo enclosures at the Lehigh Valley Zoo as part of their community service activities.

11. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

12. Personnel Matters**12.1 Leave of Absence**

12.1.1 Motion: to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Latoyia Small, MS Administrative Assistant, from June 17, 2009 through August 13, 2009.

Motion: JT Seconded: BB Vote: 6-0-0 .

12.1.2 Motion: to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Whitney Davison, MS Teacher, starting May 4, 2009 through the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year.

Motion: RG Seconded: BB Vote: 6-0-0 .

13. Student Matters

13.1 Five LVA students graduated from a 12-week Dale Carnegie program (through Junior Achievement) - Joshua Won, Alyssa Leonard, Fatima Smith, Emilie Bortz and A.J. Piergiovanni.

Mr. Bortz commented on the program and the graduation ceremony. It was a valuable program. Our students did an excellent job. They all graduated from the course.

14. New Business

There was no new business.

15. Old Business

There was no old business.

16. Future Activities, Times, and Important Dates

April 27.....PSSA Science Week
 April 29.....General Lottery (grades 1-11) ES Cafeteria – 6:00 pm
 April 30.....PTO General Meeting, HS Cafeteria – 6:30 pm
 May 4-8Faculty/Staff Appreciation Week (National Charter Schools Week)
 May 12.....Work Session, ES Cafeteria – 7:00 pm
 May 15.....Mini Relay for Life Walk-A-Thon – Wellness Committee
 May 19.....Executive Session, ES Library – 6:00 pm
 May 19.....Annual Board Meeting, ES Cafeteria – 7:00 pm
 May 19.....Board Meeting, ES Cafeteria – directly follows annual meeting.
 May 29.....Senior Prom – Best Western

