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SERVICE LEARNING ACADEMIES DISTRICT
Tuesday, May 20, 2025
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES (APPROVED)

I. Call to Order: President Orlando Woods called the meeting to order at **5:02p.m., in person and via Zoom Video Conferencing.**

II. Roll Call

Present: Orlando Woods, Airlene Gross, Idowu Jegede, Jeanette Owens, Douglas Bartell, James Dozier, Allen Richardson

Absent: NA

III. Approval of May 20, 2025 Board Meeting Agenda.
Allen Richardson motioned to accept the Board Meeting Agenda as written. Jeanette Owens seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

IV. Approval of Proposed Board Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, April 15, 2025
Jeanette Owens motioned to approve the board meeting minutes from April 15th, as written. Allen Richardson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

V. Financials update – Janita Williams
Janita Williams reported on this month financial report. Jeanette Owens to receive the financial report. Orlando woods second the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

VI. Management Report
Chief Executive Officer - Maurice Evans
Superintendents Update – De'Angelo Alexander
Mr. Alexander shared that on May 13th and 14th, a special event with Flash 95 and Elite celebrated student creativity and achievement, featuring notable guest speakers. Upcoming events include the 8th grade Cedar Point trip, a kindergarten event on May 22nd, a picture fly-in on May 28th, the *Aladdin* concert and open house on May 29th, and promotion ceremonies on June 10th. Sports teams remain strong in flag football and track.

Human Resource Update – Kim Knight
Ms. Knight reported that the recent audit was the most efficient to date and served as a valuable learning opportunity. She highlighted strong recruitment efforts and plans to provide a detailed staffing and demographics update next month. She also discussed certification and alignment with Nebraska standards. Additionally, she announced that the Lion Rookies program will host new and returning participants at RSLA on June 9 and 12, featuring interactive sessions with Lions players.

Achievers Academy Update – Trienere McClellan
Ms. McClellan reported 141 students currently enrolled, with 7 on 504 plans and 10 under evaluation. Preparations are underway for the Creative Minds 3.0 Summer Camp, blending academics and enrichment. She also shared plans to introduce Toastmasters to support student growth in communication and leadership.

Early childhood development – Delicia Allen
Mrs. Allen reported that the Pre-K department experienced two exciting milestones this month—a successful state license renewal with no findings and a special visit on May 14th from Wayne County RESA and state early childhood representatives. The visit featured their new outdoor classroom, a themed "Under the Water" display, and a presentation of their LEGO grant initiative, which supports early STEM learning. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and the team is eager to continue showcasing their progress.

Chief of Security – Roderick Grimes
Mr. Grimes was introduced as the district's new security leader, bringing over 40 years of experience, supported by two experienced team members. The district also launched an Advanced Command Center to improve safety monitoring and plans to conduct an active shooter drill soon. Additionally, 7th grader Carter Hobie was honored for responsibly reporting a weapon near campus and was named an honorary member of the safety team.

Executive President – Leo Carr
Mr. Carr reported that his has been working closely with educators and administrators to design an extensive training program, targeting the creation of 40 to 50 training manuals by September, along with video materials developed in partnership with Fresh Nation. A summer training session at RSLA will provide new and veteran staff with key skill development. Furthermore, a retention initiative serving 1,603 students from Pre-K through 7th grade has been effectively implemented.

Compliance and Achiever's Academy Update – Dr. Ebony Walker.
Dr. Walker commended the Assessment Department and teachers for reaching almost complete student participation in testing and recognized the efforts of staff assisting subpopulations. The district successfully obtained over $900,000 in discovery grants to monitor and assess student progress via multiple programs and collaborations. The board was asked to review and approve the calendar for the upcoming school year to ensure compliance. Future plans include updates on school improvement committees, preparations for charter renewal, and the expansion of Kurdish language offerings.

VII. Comment by Authorizer – Melissa Weisberger
Ms. Weisberger announced that the DSLA charter renewal process is in progress, with key deadlines set through May 2026. She reminded board members of upcoming evaluation and training deadlines, congratulated a member on a new three-year term, and urged completion of required professional development by June 30.

VIII. Board Matters

All board members are required to use their district email accounts, if you are experiencing any issues Mr. Robinson is available to assist with the process. Additionally, the calendar for the next school year was approved. Airlene Gross motioned to accept the calendar and Jeanette Owens seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. All board members have been appointed and confirmed for the new term. Orlando Woods, President, Airlene Gross, Vice President Idowu Jegede, Treasurer, Allen Richardson, Secretary, Douglas Bartell, Member-At-Large James Dozier, Member-At-Large, Jeanette Owens, Member-At-Large

IX. Public Comment

None

X. Adjournment

Orlando Woods motions to adjourn the meeting. Airlene Gross seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 5:54pm

Jeanette Owens
Signed, Board Secretary

6.24.25
Date

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