

Solon Academy
(An Ohio Not-for-Profit Corporation)
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Solon Academy (the “School”) held a Regular Board Meeting (the “meeting”) on August 16, 2022 at 32800 Solon Road, Solon, 44139.

Board Members in Attendance

Amy Allen
Kevin Cook
Amanda Filippi
Diana Rosa
Chairman Charl Bosman

Guests in Attendance:

Anne Trakas, Callender Law Group
Mike Garcar, Callender Law Group, via Zoom
Lesley Gillen, Massa Financial Solutions, via Zoom
Wendy Copen, Regional Vice President, ACCEL Schools
Susan Scarponi, Charter School Specialists
Madison McKay, Kindergarten Teacher, Solon Academy
Barb Clayton, Office Manager, Solon Academy

1. Sign-in / A Call to order

Chairman Bosman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Members Present

Chairman Bosman requested a roll call of Board members. The Chairman noted a quorum was present.

3. Public Hearing, Peanut & Food Allergy Policy

Opportunity for Public Comment

Pursuant to ORC §3313.719 and Ohio Department of Education Requirements, the Board held a Public Hearing for public comment on the Peanut & Food Allergy Policy. This policy requires staff to be trained and emergency protocols be put in place. There was no public comment.

4. Reports and Updates

a. Head of School Report (ACCEL Schools)

Superintendent Copen gave the Head of School report. Enrollment was discussed. Enrollment was up to 28 students, and more are in the process of enrolling. There was hope enrollment may be over 30 students by next week.

Maintenance was discussed. The School has been freshly painted, cork boards and other boards will be installed, as well as keypads. Staff will have access to the front of the building for safety and so there is no interference with the daycare. The door rings to Superintendent Copen's phone and Ms. Clayton also has a camera to see who is at the door. All guests must come in through the door, which is always locked. The pool will not be opened for student use because there are no lifeguards.

Outreach was discussed. Ms. Clayton has been taking interested families on tours of the school. Open House will be held from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on 8/17/2022.

Students will eat breakfast and lunch in their classrooms.

Personnel Report

Two teachers were introduced to the staff, Madison McKay and Erica Ortiz. Erica was sick and unable to come to the meeting.

b. Management Company Report

i. Monthly Operator's Report

There was no Management Company Report.

c. Sponsor Report (Charter School Specialists)

i. At-a-Glance Report, August 2022

ii. Sponsor Connection Newsletter, August 2022

iii. Discussion, Onboarding Presentation

Ms. Scarponi gave the Sponsor Report. The goal of CSS is to support the schools and help them stay in compliance. The Sponsor Connection will be provided each month which includes a list of upcoming deadlines. It is not all-inclusive, but will provide a good overview for compliance guidelines.

Ms. Scarponi noted that teachers can have a temporary substitute license. It is difficult to find teachers to employ this year, especially Intervention Specialists. She also explained the Sponsor will handle complaints. Additionally, in the past, schools were required to screen for dyslexia. This will not be required for this school year.

d. Treasurer Report (Massa Financial Solutions, LLC)

i. July 2022 Financial Statements

Ms. Gillen gave the Treasurer Report. There was no formal report, but she noted she will have July and August financials at the next Board meeting for approval.

e. Legal Update (Callender Law Group)

Review of Resolutions on the Agenda

Mr. Garcar gave the Legal Update. The New Business items were reviewed.

f. Approval of Reports and Updates; Head of School, Management Company, Sponsor, & Treasurer Reports, and Legal Update

The Approval of Reports and Updates was brought forward for consideration by the Board. Upon Motion duly made by Member Allen to approve the Reports and Updates without amendment, seconded by Member Cook, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Board Member <i>Name/Initials</i>	AYE	NAY	OTHER <i>(Not Present, Abstain, etc.)</i>
Amy Allen	X		
Kevin Cook	X		
Amanda Filippi	X		
Diana Rosa	X		
Charl Bosman, Chairman	X		

5. Committee Reports, if submitted.

There were no Committee Reports submitted.

6. Old Business

There was no Old Business to be discussed.

7. New Business

a. Discussion, Adoption/Approval of Minutes, July 19, 2022 Board Meeting

The Minutes from the July 19, 2022 Board Meeting were brought forward for consideration by the Board. Upon Motion duly made by Member Cook to adopt the Minutes from the July 19, 2022 Board Meeting without amendment, seconded by Member Allen, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Board Member <i>Name/Initials</i>	AYE	NAY	OTHER <i>(Not Present, Abstain, etc.)</i>
Amy Allen	X		
Kevin Cook	X		
Amanda Filippi	X		
Diana Rosa	X		
Charl Bosman, Chairman	X		

b. Resolution, Adoption/Approval of Peanut and Food Allergy Policy

The Peanut and Food Allergy Policy for the 2022/2023 Academic Year was brought forward for consideration by the Board. A discussion was had during the Legal Update.

Upon Motion duly made by Member Rosa to adopt the Peanut and Food Allergy Policy for the 2022/2023 Academic Year without amendment, seconded by Member Cook, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Board Member <i>Name/Initials</i>	AYE	NAY	OTHER <i>(Not Present, Abstain, etc.)</i>
Amy Allen	X		
Kevin Cook	X		
Amanda Filippi	X		
Diana Rosa	X		
Charl Bosman, Chairman	X		

c. Resolution, Adoption/Approval of Homeless Children & Youth Policy Annual Review, 2022/2023 Academic Year

The Homeless Children & Youth Policy Annual Review for the 2022/2023 Academic Year was brought forward for consideration by the Board. A discussion was had during the Legal Update. Upon Motion duly made by Member Filippi to adopt the Homeless Children & Youth Policy Annual Review for the 2022/2023 Academic Year without amendment, seconded by Member Rosa, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Board Member <i>Name/Initials</i>	AYE	NAY	OTHER <i>(Not Present, Abstain, etc.)</i>
Amy Allen	X		
Kevin Cook	X		
Amanda Filippi	X		
Diana Rosa	X		
Charl Bosman, Chairman	X		

d. Resolution, Adoption/Approval of Substitute Teacher Requirements, 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 Academic Years

The Substitute Teacher Requirements for the 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 Academic Years was brought forward for consideration by the Board. A discussion was had. Member Allen asked about training for substitute teachers. Mr. Garcar noted that the Operator would determine training for substitute prior to entering the classroom. Ms. Copen added that the preference would be to use an instructional aide, as one instructional aide has a substitute license. Chairman Bosman asked if the Board would like to table the resolution for consideration at the next Board meeting. Upon Motion duly made by Member Cook to table the Substitute Teacher Requirements for the 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 Academic Years, seconded by Member Filippi, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Board Member <i>Name/Initials</i>	AYE	NAY	OTHER <i>(Not Present, Abstain, etc.)</i>
Amy Allen	X		
Kevin Cook	X		
Amanda Filippi	X		
Diana Rosa	X		
Charl Bosman, Chairman	X		

8. Open Discussion/Public Comment

Member Cook inquired about whether the Biden Administration will be cutting funding for charter schools. Mr. Garcar explained there would be cuts to the CSP program. These changes would make it nearly impossible to obtain CSP grants, as school districts would need to sign off on it. Charter schools will need to provide quantitative data that the district is not providing what is necessary.

9. Date/Time/Location of the Next Regular Board Meeting:

***Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at Case Preparatory Academy
107 S. Arlington St., Akron, 44306.***

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon Motion duly made by Member Cook to adjourn the August 16, 2022, Board Meeting of Strongsville Academy, seconded by Member Allen, the Motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous affirmative vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.




Board Member <i>Name/Initials</i>	AYE	NAY	OTHER <i>(Not Present, Abstain, etc.)</i>
Amy Allen	X		
Kevin Cook	X		
Amanda Filippi	X		
Diana Rosa	X		
Charl Bosman, Chairman	X		

APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion to approve and adopt minutes of the August 16, 2022 Regular Board meeting

of Solon Academy, with/without amendments,

made by MEMBER ROSA, seconded by MEMBER ALLEN.

Roll Call Board Member Name/Initials	AYE	NAY	Other (Abstain, not present, etc.)
Amy Allen	/		
Kevin Cook	/		
Amanda Filippi			<u>Not present</u>
Diana Rosa	/		
Charl Bosman, Chairman	/		CB

Executed and adopted by a vote of the Board on this 20th day of SEPTEMBER, 2022.



*Charl Bosman, Chairman
Solon Academy*