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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Date	October 1st, 2026
Time	6:00 PM
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MINUTES
All items on this agenda are open for discussion and possible action, including reports and action items.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT
In compliance with the regulations outlined in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Sunshine Act, this meeting has been appropriately publicized, and notification has been provided to all relevant parties. Furthermore, the notice of this meeting was prominently displayed on both the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review and the official school website.

A. CALL TO ORDER
Dr. Kenz called for order at pm 7:48PM

B. ROLL CALL

Name	Position	Attendance
Dr. Adam Kenz	Member/President	✅
Aubrey Wilson Tucker	Member/Secretary	✅
Dr. Christina Lewis	Member	X
Rayuana Gray	Member	✅
Christina Silva	Member	✅
Mehmet Gurakar	Member	✅
Dr. Sembem Unlu	Member	✅

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C. UPDATE

CEO Report

Construction and Facilities Updates

The administration provided updates regarding the school's construction and facility improvements. Board members were previously given the opportunity to tour the newly remodeled building, including the gymnasium, cafeteria, and STEAM laboratory.

School Goals for 2026–2027

The administration reviewed the school's goals for the 2026–2027 academic year:

- Math proficiency goal: 35%.
- English proficiency goal: 35%.
- Average Daily Attendance goal: 92%.
- Strengthen Tier I implementation under PBIS and continue developing systems for state Advanced Tiers recognition.
- Improve Advanced Study Teams, athletic programs, and school band.
- Continue developing the Professional Learning Community (PLC) framework toward Model PLC at Work School recognition.

3. Academic Updates

The administration provided updates regarding academic programming and assessment.

LinkIt Benchmark Assessment

- September assessments were administered as part of the transition from i-Ready to LinkIt.
- Winter and spring assessments will be used to monitor student progress and inform instruction.
- The platform is aligned with grade-level state standards and PSSAs.
- Previous PSSA and i-Ready data have been uploaded.
- Infinite Campus integration is currently in progress, including grades, attendance, and discipline data.

Professional Learning Communities

- Staff training has continued from the previous school year.
- Essential standards have been identified and mapped within the curriculum.
- Assessment development is underway.

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- Intervention and enrichment opportunities will be guided through the PLC process.

Curriculum

- New ELA and Science curricula have been purchased.
- Staff training and support are ongoing.
- The school has transitioned to SuccessMaker for ELA and Math from i-Ready.

4. After-School and Enrichment Programs

The administration reported that 115 scholars, representing approximately 30% of enrollment, are actively participating in the after-school enrichment program, supported by 23 staff members.

Returning community partners include:

- Adagio Health
- Pittsburgh Cultural Trust
- Devereux

Enrichment opportunities include Robotics, Crafty Dragons, Introduction to Sports, D.R.A.G.O.N.S. (Social-Emotional Learning), and Dungeons & Dragons.

5. Staffing and Enrollment

Staffing

The administration introduced Destiny Makhanda, who joined YSGA as a first-year school social worker serving grades 4–8. Her educational background includes Slippery Rock University and Carlow University, with previous experience working with children, adolescents, and families.

Enrollment

The school reported current enrollment of **431 scholars**, with three active offer letters.

Enrollment by grade:

- Kindergarten: 64
- First Grade: 58
- Second Grade: 54
- Third Grade: 44
- Fourth Grade: 46
- Fifth Grade: 46
- Sixth Grade: 44

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- Seventh Grade: 47
- Eighth Grade: 29

6. Attendance and School Activities

The administration provided an attendance update and reviewed recent school activities.

Recent events included:

- Foundations After-School Club kickoff.
- September 11 Patriotic Day remembrance.
- Grandparents' Celebration.
- Operation Warm winter coat distribution.
- K–3 Dragon Assembly and first-quarter parent-teacher conferences.

The K–3 Dragon Assembly recognized scholars demonstrating positive behavior and PBIS expectations. The school also recognized 45 scholars for perfect attendance and introduced the Dragon Pals mentorship program, pairing older scholars with younger scholars.

7. Upcoming Events

The administration reviewed upcoming school activities:

- October 2 – Professional Development Day (No School).
- October 12 – Indigenous Peoples Day (No School).
- October 16 – 12:00 PM dismissal and staff professional development.
- October 20 – Moonshot Museum.
- October 22 – Laurel Caverns field trip for sixth grade.
- October 23 – Trunk or Treat.
- October 29 – Fort Ligonier field trip for fourth and eighth grades.
- October 30 – Last day of the first quarter.
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Business Manager

- Financial Statements Overview
- Vendor Expenditure

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D. CALL TO THE PUBLIC / OPEN DISCUSSION

E. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Agenda for October 1st, 2026

Ms. Silva motioned, and Dr. Adam seconded, to approve for Agenda for October 1st, 2026
Roll Call: Unanimous.
Resolved: The motion is approved.

b. Exhibit I: Minutes from September 3rd, 2026

Ms. Tucker motioned, and Dr. Adam seconded, to approve the Exhibit I: Minutes from September 3rd, 2026
Roll Call: Unanimous.
Resolved: The motion is approved.

c. Exhibit II: Financial Statements and Expense Report as of September 30th, 2026.

Mr. Gurakar motioned, and Ms. Silva seconded, to approve the Exhibit II: Financial Statements and Expense Report as of September 30th, 2026.
Roll Call: Unanimous.
Resolved: The motion is approved.

d. Exhibit III: HR Updates

Dr. Adam motioned, and Ms.Tucker seconded, to approve the Exhibit III: HR Updates
Roll Call: Unanimous.
Resolved: The motion is approved.

e. Exhibit IV: Access Control and Camera System Purchases

Dr. Adam motioned, and Ms.Silva seconded, to approve the Exhibit IV: Access Control and Camera System Purchases
Roll Call: Unanimous.
Resolved: The motion is approved.

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F. OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

None

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to adjourn to Executive Session in accordance with the Sunshine Law, 65 Pa.C.S.A. § 708, to discuss personnel matters, attorney-client privilege matters, pending litigation, negotiations, and other related topics.

Roll call:

Resolved that the motion is unanimously _____.

Please be aware that the details of the matters discussed will be made public once the circumstances necessitating confidentiality cease to exist. However, the specific timeline for the conclusion of these circumstances is presently unknown.

H. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

I. SUGGESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

J. ADJOURNMENT

a. **The Board President adjourned the meeting.**

It is adjourned 8:23pm