



Lotus School for Excellence

Mission: Lotus School for Excellence provides a safe learning environment and a rigorous college preparatory curriculum supported by a diverse, dedicated community.

Vision: Our vision is to create well-rounded and global-minded citizens who are prepared for a college education in order to pursue careers in S.T.E.A.M. fields and become contributing members of the community.

[Zoom Link](#)

Location: Lotus New Building / Maker Space

Board Meeting Agenda 09.10.2026 6:00pm

1. Preliminary

Agenda Item	Action	Who	Materials/Documents for Review	Time
1.1 Welcome and Call Meeting to Order	-	Board President	Nalcaci, Kara, Durmas, Underwood, Kavi, Reyes (remove), Mangliyev (remote), Ermek, Bart, Nasir	1 min
1.2 Pledge of Allegiance	-	Board President	Completed	1 min
1.3 Roll Call (Establish Quorum)	-	Board Secretary	In person - Arslan, Kavi Virtual -Amngliyev, Reyes and Alibayli virtual	1 min
1.4 Edits to Agenda	-	Any Member	None	2 min
1.5 Adopt Agenda	Vote	Any Member	Arslan motion Kavi seconded. 4 yeses	3-5 min
1.6 Approval of Minutes 08.13.2026 Board Meeting Minutes	Vote	Any Member Motion - Arslan Mangliyev seconded	<u>LSE Board Meeting Agenda - 08.13.2026 minutes.docx</u>	3-5 min



		3 yeses Kavi abstained. Approved		
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2. Public Comment – The Board is desirous to hear the comments of the community. We invite you to address the Board concerning relevant, school-related issues. Public comment is not designed to be a two-way conversation, and members of the board will generally not respond to comments or questions. However, follow-up will take place as deemed appropriate. No charges or complaints against individuals shall be made. Such concerns are better handled through the school’s grievance process. Defamatory or abusive remarks or profanity shall be considered out of order and shall not be tolerated. If a large group of participants wish to give the same opinion or speak to the same topic, the board may ask that a representative be appointed to share said opinion. The school board may choose to limit the Public Comment to 20 minutes for sake of time. Thank you for participating in our Public Comment.

Name	Comment
Student	Food Delivery for Seniors (2-3 min) Petition as senior class made in regards to food delivery diagnosed and assessed and senior class wants. Off Campus lunch being off limits then where the board and students can meet in the middle is by allowing food delivery (Door Dash) and could be used as an incentive to improve attendance. Students want to feel free to step into adulthood. They don’t have freedom to eat what they want. It would not contrast with existing phone policy. These can be scheduled early. The student could be called to the office to pick up the items. (Arslan will pass off to Mr. Nalcaci and we will get back with you all). 48 signatures in the petition. (56 seniors currently). Reyes: Who would be making sure the deliveries are received and who would be making the calls to the students? Student: Plan would be the front office of High School be able to do that. (Office assistants). We have A lunch or B lunch. Main office would hold the food until the senior would come up there to pick it up. Arslan: We will discuss with the team.



	Reyes: We understand you are seniors and out in the real world when it comes to freedom and lunch, employees don't always have access to deliveries.
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3. Consent Agenda

Agenda Item	Action	Who	Materials/Documents for Review	Time
N/A	Vote	-	-	1 min

4. Reports

Agenda Item	Action	Who	Materials/Documents for Review	Time
4.1 Financial Report	-	B. Skidmore	The budget looks solid. Expenditures through August are at 6% of budget compared to 11% in the prior year. Revenues through August were at 19.38% of budget compared to 13% the prior year. It is a little bit higher due to tech spend. It was deferred and currently we are recognizing that. Surplus \$2.3M We have a lot of needs. 44% increase. Change in Fund Balance: It would come in at \$7M if we stay on track with that. Labor \$10.4M over \$9.3M year before. This upcoming year it is projected to be at \$12M with new staff. Balance Sheet: In terms of Cash Position at the	15 min

			end of August increased \$727K compared to last year. Current Assets \$625k due to grants receivable. 600k CSP and others. Current Liabilities increased by \$867k to over a million. Financial Reporting: Audit is underway. We need to share with the district the audit and data file by 9/15. 9/25 we will need the final audit and data file delivered and posted in ReportWell.. Covenant Compliance over \$67k per day on spend rate. In the attachment to this report the detailed financial statements show the bills paid in the month of August equals 2M. Overall Cash: Need \$4M at the end of this fiscal year. We have \$6.1M in cash that includes \$60k of restricted cash. It gives us a margin of \$2M dollars. Still have a solid margin. DSCR: Spent a lot on capital items, remodeling, etc so we get to add that back. 2.96times Still in great shape. Reyes: How is the audit going so far? Bart: It is going well. Some questions in reference to transfers. (Building Corporation/Foundation)	
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4.2 School Report	-	M. Nalcaci	Secondary started on time 17th of Aug and Elementary 24th of August. Couldn't start pre-k yet but we will soon for 60 students. (We have over 90 students on the waitlist). PreK license inspection tomorrow. Enrollment is in pretty good shape. Currently the number of students 1323. (30 students over the 1294 projected). The registration team is working very hard to increase that number for October count. It starts and runs for 2 weeks. 1390 with Prek. This year is a very challenging year and we added over 400 new students to our student population and 35 new staff members. 35% increase. This year is our charter renewal year. New Campus Project: Year zero. Working on charter renewal package and will submit that application by the end of next week. (18th of September is the due date). School Performance Framework results were released last week and it comes with great, highest score, success in the last 10 years. Our principals will give a presentation on the framework and results. We are working with Philanthropic Support Colorado school fund and other organizations. They toured our schools and they will propose to	20 min
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			their board to support our school. Charter Growth Fund scale team-will visit tomorrow as well. Ribbon cutting ceremony will be on the 22nd of September 9-10:30am. Mayor Coffman confirmed that he would be present. Superintendent Giles. Charter League president, confirmed he will be here. Rep Carter confirmed. Colorado State Education Commissioner Miss Susan Cordova will be present. Colorado School Education Board Chair confirmed she will be present. So many. We are excited to host them and after give them a brief tour and our school system. Athletic Department Started VBall, Cross Country, Soccer, Speech and Debate, Basketball will start soon. Looking for an experienced coach for wrestling as well. Recently got a \$10k donation from Dick's. Last year they donated \$30k. Their support is ongoing to our school system and we are happy with their support.	
4.3 SPF and CMAS growth presentation, Areas of focus MS Conversion, HS SAT/AP, esp. ELA, AP Designations	-	Mr.Durmus Mr. Ermek Mr. Underwood	Durmus: Academic Growth 2025-2026 Data Story of growth. Lotus is specially recognized at the district meetings.	30 min
4.4 School Board Reports	-	Any member	none	5 min

5. Discussion Items

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5.1 New SLM platform presentation	-	Ermek Bakyt	Need update	15 min
5.1 LSE Board membership status/renewals	Discuss	Arslan	Arslan, Kavi, Reyes and Alibayli Term renewal for sitting board members Arslan, Reyes, Kavi and Alibayli opened up the floor for Board chair nomination and membership renewals. Reyes nominated Arslan for the chair position. Arslan accepted the nomination. The board voted unanimously for Arslan. Reyes and Kavi confirmed they would continue in the board as treasurer and board secretary, respectively. Alibayli lost connection - no response. Arslan said would contact Alibayli for confirmation.	10 min
5.2	Discuss	-	-	10 min
5.3	Discuss	-	-	10 min
5.4	-	-	-	5 min

6. Action Items

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Agenda Item	Action	Who	Materials/Documents for Review	Time
6.1	Vote	-	-	5 min
6.2	Vote	-	-	5 min



6.3	Vote	-	-	5 min
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Public session ended at 7:31 pm. Arslan motioned to move to closed/executive session.
Kavi seconded. Vote - 4 yeses

7. Discussion/ Closed Session

Agenda Item	Action	Who	Materials/Documents for Review	Time
7.1 HR Related items	Discuss	7:51pm Arslan motioned to start a closed/executive session. Reyes seconded. Vote - 4 yeses	Marleene Buttice of Hrengegamentanalytics provided results of an employee performance survey to the board.	20 min
7.2	Discuss	-	-	15 min
7.3	Discuss	-	-	15min

Arslan motioned to exit the executive session and enter the public session. 8:50 pm.
Kavi seconded. Vote 5 yeses

8. Next Steps

Agenda Item	Action	Who	Materials/Documents for Review	Time
8.1 Scheduling next board meeting	-	Board President	Next board meeting on October 8, 2026. In person and virtual.	2 min
8.2 Requests for agenda at the next board meeting	-	Board President	-	5 min

9. Adjourn the meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting - Arslan
Second Angela Reyes. 5 yeses
The meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.