

**Early Light Academy
Electronic Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 20, 2026**

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82726946823?from=addon>

Meeting ID: 827 2694 6823

Mobile: (669) 900-9128



In Attendance: Jenn Lund, Brett Crockett, Candice Mitchell, Ann Khong, Ashley Leishman,

Excused: Penny Ramirez,

Others in Attendance: Stephanie Schmidt, Erin Winterton, Heidi Bauerle, Dawn Kawaguchi,

SCHOOL MISSION: THE MISSION OF THE EARLY LIGHT ACADEMY IS TO DELIVER A HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION WITH A DEEP, RICH AND ENGAGING CURRICULUM UTILIZING EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES AND EMPHASIZING HISTORY, TAKING OUR STUDENTS FROM THE STONE AGE TO THE SPACE AGE, THE INFORMATION AGE AND BEYOND.

SCHOOL VISION: UNDERSTANDING HISTORY SHEDS LIGHT ON OUR FUTURE. OUR ACTIONS TODAY WILL IMPACT OUR TOMORROW.

MINUTES

10:37 AM – INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

- Welcome & Roll Call – Jenn Lund

There was no PUBLIC COMMENT.

CONSENT ITEMS

- January 21, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes – There was no further discussion. **Jenn Lund made a motion to approve the consent items. Brett Crockett seconded the motion. The roll call votes were as follows:**
 - Jenn Lund – Aye**
 - Brett Crockett – Aye**
 - Candice Mitchell– Aye**
 - Ann Khong – Aye**
 - Ashley Leishman – Aye****Motion passed unanimously.**

VOTING ITEMS

- Amend PA System Project – Stephanie Schmidt explained that the PA system project, originally approved for \$180,000, needed to be amended to a total of \$240,000 to cover upgrades across the school, including new speakers in the gym and dance room. This project was part of a larger approval of \$465,000 safety grant purchase that needs to be spent by June 30th.
- Amend Sound Panels Project [Gym and Cafeteria] – Stephanie Schmidt discussed the recent gym sound panels purchase that was approved last month but is now asking the

board to consider a \$5,000 increase for the sound panels project to add sound mitigation in the cafeteria. The increase in panels for the cafeteria would bring the total to \$55,000

Jenn Lund made a motion to approve the following items.

- ✓ **Approve the amended PA System Project not to exceed \$240,000; and**
- ✓ **Approve the amended Gym Sound Panels Project not to exceed \$55,000.**

Ashley Leishman seconded the motion. The roll call votes were as follows:

**Jenn Lund – Aye
Brett Crockett – Aye
Candice Mitchell– Aye
Ann Khong – Aye
Ashley Leishman – Aye**

Motion passed unanimously.

Ashley Leishman requested an update on the ballistic glass. Stephanie Schmidt explained that there have been issues with the company providing ballistic glass, including problems with installation and attempts to push for lower-rated glass. She also added that they are still trying to get the downpayment refunded. If the refund is not successful, they plan to proceed with the current work while planning to use a different company for the ballistic glass in the future. Director Schmidt will give a broader update at the board meeting next month.

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

- Calendaring
 - ✓ Next PreBoard Meeting – March 4th @ 10:30 a.m.
 - ✓ Next Board Meeting – March 18th
 - ✓ NCSC26 New Orleans, LA June 24-26 (Wed-Fri)

10:49 AM – Jenn Lund made a motion to ADJOURN. Brett Crockett seconded the motion. The roll call votes were as follows:

**Jenn Lund – Aye
Brett Crockett – Aye
Candice Mitchell– Aye
Ann Khong – Aye
Ashley Leishman – Aye**

Motion passed unanimously.