



"DELIVERING THE EXTRAORDINARY"

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
East Shore Leadership Academy
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
1403 7th Street
Port Huron, MI 48060
Monday, October 14, 2019 (11:45 p.m.)

Mission

"East Shore Leadership Academy, in pursuit of excellence, will develop future leaders through a strong academic foundation and the development of high moral character."

Call to Order

12:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

12:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Martin Doorn - President - Present
Christopher Gearhart - Vice President/Treasurer - Absent
Sharla Conlan - Secretary - Present
Michelle Fisher - Director - Absent
Margaret Swegles - Director - Present

Other

Neil Hartman - Northern Michigan University - Present
Nancy Gardner - Bold Education Connections - Present
Deanna Keller - East Shore Leadership Academy - Present
John Weier - The Romine Group - Absent
John Romine - The Romine Group - Present

Opening remarks by the Board Chair

None at this time.

Motion to Approve or amend the Agenda

Motion to approve the October 14, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Agenda, by Conlan, supported by Swegles.
Approved 3 - 0

Call to the Public

The meeting is a meeting of the Board of Directors in public for the purpose of conducting the Academy's business and is not considered a public meeting. Those that may wish to address the

Board on agenda items only may do so at this time by being recognized by the Board President. There will be a second Call to the Public near the end of the agenda where interested parties may address the Board on any items of their choice. Those that request to address the Board have a maximum of three minutes in which to speak.
No public comments were made.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the September 9, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes, by Conlan, supported by Swegles.
Approved 3 – 0

MONTHLY REPORTS

Financial Report: Nancy Gardner presented the August 2019 financial reports. Everything is on track as expected.

Budget Amendments: Nancy Gardner presented the General Appropriation Resolution and the School Service Fund Appropriation Resolution.

Marketing Report: Nancy Gardner discussed marketing initiatives related to enrollment efforts, which includes group presentations, media, FB, fundraiser event, launch of new website, neighborhood outreach efforts and a change in the Fun Fest event which will be in August 2019.

Enrollment/Retention Report: Deanna Keller discussed the present student numbers. There are currently 182 students enrolled in ESLA. The current student count is 18 students below the number in which the original budget was based on. The management company revised the budget, so it is in alignment with current enrollment.

School-wide Goals Report: Deanna Keller discussed the WIG (no. 3) that addresses climate and culture. The new initiative includes small group discussions with students, implementing OK2SAY, and the Panorama survey that will be administered to stakeholders in the near future.

Academic/Intervention Plan: In addition, Deanna Keller reported on the academic intervention plan and impact it has on student growth. Danielle Spradlin also talked in detail about her role as a reading interventionist and coach for teachers and how that impacts student learning. She also addressed the Third Grade Reading Law and best practices.

Building and Grounds Report: Nancy Gardner reported on areas that have been completed and what is on the “Wish List” for further projects. John Romine will lead the parking lot project.

NMU Representative Report: Neil Hartman discussed the board workshop that has been changed to April 19-20, 2020. Neil also talked about the “Fairness First” resolution. The MAPSA conference is December 11 – 12, 2019 and NMU is paying for two staff per school. The check for the NMU Math Award has been mailed.

OLD BUSINESS

Emergency Operations Plan: Nancy Gardner will be developing the EOP in cooperation with Deanna Keller. The updated plan will be presented at the November board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

2018/19 Financial Audit and Management Letter: The report was presented by Patrick Sweeney from Croskey, Lanni, PC. Patrick Sweeney reported that the school financially is doing very well. It was noted that the school ended this past year with a 19.2% fund balance.

NMU Monitoring Visit: NMU's monitoring team will be visiting ESLA on January 9, 2020.
Leader in Me: One of the middle school students presented an overview of the 7 Habits.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

State Aid Update: The board discussed correspondence related to the governor slashing additional state aid funding for charter schools only. They also discussed the "Fairness First" initiative that addresses equal funding.

Announcements and Recognition

Jennifer Whorf was recognized for painting all the leadership quotes in the building.

The next Board of Director's Regular Board Meeting will be held at 11:45 a.m. on November 11, 2019 at 1403 7th Street, Port Huron, MI 48060.

Final call to the public

Interested parties may address the Board on any items of their choice. Those that wish to address the Board have a maximum of three minutes in which to speak.
No comments at this time.

Action Items

Motion to receive the September 2019 Financial Report for review as presented, by Swegles, supported by Conlan.
Approved 3 – 0

Motion to receive the General Appropriation Resolution and School Fund Appropriation Resolution by Swegles, supported by Conlan.
Approved 3 – 0

Motion to accept the Financial Audit and Management Letter with minor change in wording under the opinion area, by Conlan, supported by Swegles.
Approved 3 – 0

Motion to approve the "Fairness First" resolution to oppose the governor's budget cut by Swegles, supported by Conlan.
Approved 3 – 0

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

These meetings of the Board of Directors are in public for the purpose of conducting the school's business and are not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during each meeting as indicated in the agenda.

Upon request to the academy office, the academy shall make reasonable accommodations for a person with a disability to be able to participate in this meeting.

Certification:

East Shore Leadership Academy Board of Directors duly adopted the above minutes at a properly noticed open meeting held on November 11, 2019 at which a quorum was present.

Board Secretary/Board Designee: Sharon Conley Approved, November 11, 2019.