



“DELIVERING THE EXTRAORDINARY”

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
East Shore Leadership Academy
Regular Board Meeting Minutes – In Person
1403 7th Street
Port Huron, MI 48060
Monday, April 18, 2022 (11:30 a.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

11:50 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

11:50 a.m.

Roll Call of Board Members

Martin Doorn – President, present

Michelle Fisher – Secretary, present

Margaret Swegles – Treasurer, present

Patrick Patterson – Director, present

Recognition of other attendees

Nancy Gardner, Bold Education Connections

Deanna Keller, East Shore Leadership Academy

John Romine

Opening remarks by the Board Chair

None currently

Motion to Approve or Amend the Agenda

Motion to approve the April, 18, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Agenda, by Swegles supported by Fisher.

Doorn – Yes

Patterson – Yes

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

Motion to approve the March 21, 2022, Regular Board Meeting minutes, by Patterson supported by Swegles.

Doom – Yes

Fisher – Yes

Monthly Reports

Financial Report: Peggy Swegles reported the ESSER III fund items have begun to be purchased from our budget, but reimbursement from the state has not yet occurred. Both iReady and Leader in Me (close to \$200,000.00) has been purchased. Nancy Gardner and Deanna Keller are waiting on the state's proposed teacher bonuses to move forward with planning the 2022-23 budget.

Marketing Report: Nancy Gardner reported that the marketing plan is consistently adhered to. The school marketing flyers are in the process of being refreshed and updated with current information about the school. In addition, progress is being made toward the marketing efforts in the new strategic plan.

Enrollment/Retention Report: Deanna Keller reported enrollment of 153 students. Retention is 67%. There are three new students enrolling presently.

School-wide Goals Report: Deanna Keller reported that the goal is the same as last year.

Academic/Intervention: Deanna Keller reported the M-Step testing is taking place now. Once this is completed, they will begin NWEA testing. Deanna Keller reported members from the Michigan State University Extension (Health and Nutrition) have formed a pilot program with ESLA middle school students called the "student wellness group". The group was developed to raise awareness surrounding healthy nutrition. The students will promote:

- Active recess (what that looks like)
- Cafeteria posters that encourage healthy eating
- Planting a garden on school grounds
- Implementation of healthy tips as part of morning announcements for students

This is one example of how she is implementing the focus being on increased investment in teacher and classroom resources.

East Shore Leadership Academy COVID-19 Probable/Confirmed Cases: Deanna Keller communicated that there were 0 cases of COVID-19 in March.

Building and Grounds Report: Nancy Gardner communicated the need for all old windows to be replaced with new blinds to address heating and cooling efficiency. John Romine will get bids for replacement windows. Once the windows are installed, we will get an updated quote to install blinds to fit the new windows.

NMU Representative Report: Neil Hartman was absent. The NMU Board Workshop is this Sunday, April 24-25, 2022, at Soaring Eagle Resort. Activities begin at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, April 24, 2022, and end at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

ESSER II and III – Nancy Gardner reported on ESSER III status. No new additions currently.

Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) – Deanna Keller reported there is a lot to think about regarding the GSRP program. It would be a 9–12 month process. We would be required to spend money to set up a designated room and hire a designated teacher to run the program. Approximate cost of these things could be up to \$100,000.00. All of this would need to be in place ahead of the program starting. If the board would like to do this, Deanna recommended we begin the process ASAP. This topic will be revisited at the May meeting.

SchoolWorks Strategic Plan – Nancy Gardner communicated the recommendations from the plan are being implemented.

- 1) Parent Engagement – Deanna Keller is working on developing and forming the parent and staff team.
- 2) After School Program – Nancy Gardner presented the organization Athletic Factory’s proposal to implement a robust after school program. The proposal includes everything needed and would cost approximately \$55,000.00 per year. It would include a variety of activities, some being sports, and arts and crafts. The board voted in support of this action (see action items). The YMCA may be used to fill in.
- 3) Enrollment Person – Nancy Gardner plans to hire an *Enrollment Specialist* of her choice. The funds to pay for this position were previously approved to come out of ESSER Funds. The enrollment person is being hired on a part time basis. Nancy Gardner will be meeting with him to develop a plan of action going forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Student Presentation – Two 8th grade students communicated about their experiences in using the science lab in the school. The 7th & 8th graders invited the 6th graders to join them in experimenting with electricity in the science lab.

Board Survey – These were completed by the current board members and turned in to Nancy Gardner.

Bold Education Connections Management Company – The board members were asked to preview the document, and the evaluation will take place at the May board meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Recognition and Announcements

Recognition:

First Presbyterian Church – donation of snacks

Announcements:

Charter Day at the Capitol – May 11, 2022

The next Board of Director’s Regular Board Meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, May 16, 2022.

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 currently

Action Items

Motion to receive the March 2022 Financial Reports for review by Swegles, supported by Patterson.

Doorn – Yes Fisher – Yes

Motion to approve The Athletic Factory proposal for the after-school program for 2022-23 school year, by Patterson, supported by Swegles.

Doorn – Yes Fisher – Yes

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Michelle Fisher, Secretary

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 May 16, 2022, at which a quorum was present.

Board Secretary/Board Designee: Michelle Fisher Approved, May 16, 2022.