



“DELIVERING THE EXTRAORDINARY”

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
East Shore Leadership Academy
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
1403 7th Street, Port Huron, MI 48060
Monday, February 13, 2023 (11:30 a.m.)

“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

11:36 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

11:36 a.m.

Roll Call of Board Members

Martin Doorn, President- Absent
Margaret Swegles, Vice President/Treasurer- Present
Michelle Fisher, Secretary- Present
Patrick Patterson, Director - Present
Howard Powell, Director - Present

Recognition of other attendees

Nancy Gardner, Bold Education Connections
Deanna Hall, East Shore Leadership Academy
Neil Hartman, Northern Michigan University
Brian O’Reilly, The Romine Group

Opening remarks by the Board Chair

Peggy Swegles introduced Harold Powell as East Shore Leadership Academy’s new Director.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Agenda, by Swegles, supported by Fisher.
Patterson – Yes Powell-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 community 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.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the January 16, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes by, Fisher, supported by Swegles.
Patterson– Yes Powell- Yes

MONTHLY REPORTS

Financial Report – Brian O’Reilly reported no changes, everything looks good for this time of year. General Fund balance is as expected.

Budget Amendments – Brian O’Reilly presented amendments to the budget We voted on the amended budget.

Marketing Report – Nancy Gardner communicated backpacks are being assembled with ESLA brochures and information to hand out to the pre-schools in the community. New billboards are up with open enrollment and kindergarten round-up dates.

Enrollment/Retention/Student Transferring and Incoming reports – Deanna Hall reported there are 183 students. Retention is 86%.

School-wide Goals – Deanna Hall addressed the NMU/ESLA goals.

Academics/Intervention – Deanna Hall shared the February 2023 mid-year goal progress set by NMU. The NMU expectations align with the framework. Further assessments will begin in the spring, from April to June.

The Behavior Interventionist will continue to assist with social emotional learning in the classrooms. One of the building subs is providing additional assistance in 1st grade.

The re-enrollment window was January- February 13. The responses have been very favorable. Open enrollment is March 6-20, 2023, for next school year and Reading Night will take place March 14, 2023, at 3:45 p.m.

Building Report – Nancy Gardner reported the new HVAC systems are not functioning well for the capacity needed in the rooms during single digit temps. Most likely another roof unit will be needed. Once the HVAC system is repaired then the electrical needs will be addressed. The board also discussed the need for clarification on the lease.

NMU Representative Report –
He reminded the board:

- Attend the provided webinars to receive a bonus for the school. Michelle Fisher will join the February 28, 2023, webinar at 6:00p.m. and Peggy Swegles will join the April 19, 2023, webinar. April is the last webinar.
- NMU’s Young Wild Cat Scholars will take place for 6th grade students on May 17, 18, 19, 2023.
- NMU Board Workshop is April 23, 24, 2023 at Soaring Eagle. Remember to register.
- Watch for an engagement letter concerning the upcoming audit.
- Board re-appointments are Patrick Patterson and Marty Doorn.
- Board member Michelle Fisher is resigning this year.
- The 3rd Grade Retention law will most likely be removed for this year.
- A book club is being offered by NMU.

OLD BUSINESS

ESSER III- Nancy Gardner reported there are no changes however she did mention the change in The Athletic Factory quote for next year and possibly moving a couple of positions from this grant to 31A. There will be further discussion on these before it is brought back to the board. The board voted to approve, as it stands. (See “Action Items.”)

LEA Plan of Use (ARP) – Nancy Gardner stated there are no changes at this time.

Public Comments – No public comments currently.

Strategic Enrollment Plan – Nancy Gardner and Deanna Hall reported:

- Staff/Parent Engagement Team – The Family Night Event in January was a huge success with 83 people equaling 27 families attending.
- Now working on planning Reading Night and the selling of Valentine Grams.
- The parent team will be present on Kindergarten Round-Up Night as the parent face of ESLA.
- 20% increase in enrollment means 2023-2024 goal of 200 students.

98c Funds – Nancy Gardner communicated The Michigan Department of Education grant for local education agencies (LEA) is coming soon. This 98c fund is to address learning loss. The amount per pupil is not known at this time however the school is eligible.

Board Policies and Procedures – Policy changes were approved. (See “Action Items.”)

NMU Workshop – Addressed above under NMU Representative Report.

NEW BUSINESS

97c Grant- This grant is \$20,907.00 and is to be used for safety and security in the building. Deanna Hall and Nancy Gardner will meet to discuss needs. The grant funds need to be spent by September 30, 2023.

BEC/ESLA Addendum to Contract- Voted and approved addendums. (See “Action Items.”)

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Recognition

None currently.

Announcements:

The next Board of Director’s Regular Board Meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, March 20, 2023, 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 request the Board have a maximum of three minutes in which to speak. No comments currently.

Action Items

Motion to receive the January 2023 Financial Reports for review as presented by, Swegles, supported by Patterson.

Fisher – Yes

Powell- Yes

Motion to receive the budget amendments by, Swegles, supported by Fisher.

Patterson-Yes

Powell- Yes

Motion to accept the ESSER III Funds report as it stands by, Swegles, supported by Fisher.
Patterson– Yes Powell-Yes

Motion to approve Policy and Procedure updates by, Fisher, supported by Patterson.
Swegles- Yes Powell - Yes

Motion to approve the addendum to the BEC/ESLA contract by Swegles, supported by Fisher.
Patterson -Yes Powell - Yes

Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 1:36 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 March 20, 2023, at which a quorum was present.

Board Secretary/Board Designee: _____ Approved, March 20, 2023