



**“DELIVERING THE EXTRAORDINARY”**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
East Shore Leadership Academy  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
1403 7th Street, Port Huron, MI 48060  
Monday, April 17, 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**

11:30 a.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

11:30 a.m.

**Roll Call of Board Members**

Martin Doorn, President- Present  
Margaret Swegles, Vice President/Treasurer- Absent  
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  
John Romine, The Romine Group

**Opening remarks by the Board Chair**

None currently

**Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Agenda, with the change of removing the ESLA Board Evaluation off the agenda, by Fisher, supported by Patterson.

Doorn – 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 March 20, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes by, Fisher, supported by Patterson.

Doorn – Yes

Powell – Yes

### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

*Financial Report* – Nancy Gardner read the report from Brian O'Reilly. They are reviewing the amounts that are in the 61–90-day columns. A majority of these are PO's that were either backordered/canceled with the vendor or reordered on a separate PO from a different vendor. They are working to remove these prior to the next financial statement date. The report also stated they will be leaving most of the Federal dollar funds received to be drawn down at year end to assist funding the new school year startup costs. ESSER III funds will be distributed by September of 2024.

*Marketing Report* – Nancy Gardner communicated ESLA flyers will be included in 24th Street Little Caesars Pizza boxes, once they are re-opened. Yard signs have been made for school property and families to put in their yards. Nancy was interviewed by Thumbcoast.tv about the school and The Athletic Factory program.

*Enrollment/Retention/Student Transferring and Incoming reports* – Deanna Hall reported there are 180 students. Retention is 86%. Most students will be returning for the 2023-2024 school year.

*School-wide Goals* – Deanna Hall reported these goals have not changed. The goals will be revisited once testing ends in June.

*Academics/Intervention* – Deanna Hall communicated testing will be done end of June 2023. The new Behavior Interventionist started mid-March to assist with social emotional learning in and outside of the classroom. The Leader in Me Student Lighthouse Team is inviting K-5 students to help over the next few months to gain some experience working with SLHT responsibilities. A trip to a Detroit Tigers game is being planned to attend in May for grades 2nd-8th students.

*Building Report* – John Romine will be meeting with the HVAC systems people to determine how to have the unit's function for the capacity needed in the rooms. Three additional units and a replacement roof unit have been installed. Once the HVAC system is addressed, then the electrical work will be discussed further. The electrical work upgrade will most likely be a summer project.

*NMU Representative Report* – Neil Hartman reminded the board:

- Once ESLA board members attend every webinar, a bonus will be awarded to the school.
- The Young Wildcat Scholars at NMU for 6th graders is on May 17, 18, 19, 2023.
- NMU Board/Administration Workshop is April 23, 24, 2023 at Soaring Eagle.
- Board re-appointments are Patrick Patterson and Marty Doorn.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

*ESSER III*- After considerable discussion the board voted to approve the minor changes management proposed. (See “Action Items.”)

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

*Public Comments* – No public comments currently.

*Strategic Enrollment Plan* – Nancy Gardner reported:

- The Strategic Plan is targeting a 10% increase in enrollment which means a goal of 190 students for the 2023-2024 school year.
- A more comprehensive report will be ready by May’s board meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Wellness Plan*- Nancy Gardner pointed out the changes to the existing Wellness Plan and the board voted to approve the changes. (See “Action Items.”)

## **COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

*Recognition:*

A Big Thank you to Nancy Gardner who is teaching Special Education. This assists ESLA to remain in compliance.

*Announcements:*

The next Board of Director’s Regular Board Meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, May 15, 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 address the Board have a maximum of three minutes in which to speak. No comments currently.

## **Action Items**

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

Doorn – Yes                      Powell- Yes

Motion to accept the ESSER III Funds/ARP reported changes as presented by, Fisher, supported by Powell.

Doorn – Yes                      Patterson – Yes

Motion to approve the Wellness Plan changes as presented by Fisher, supported by Patterson.  
Doorn – Yes                      Powell – Yes

**Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 12:54 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 May 15, 2023, at which a quorum was present.

Board Secretary/Board Designee: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved, May 15, 2023.