



**“DELIVERING THE EXTRAORDINARY”**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
East Shore Leadership Academy  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
1403 7th Street, Port Huron, MI 48060  
Monday, November 20, 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**

11:35 a.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

11:35 a.m.

**Roll Call of Board Members**

Martin Doorn, President- Present  
Margaret Swegles, Vice President/Treasurer- Present  
Patrick Patterson, Secretary- Present  
Patricia Moore, Director - Present  
Howard Powell, Director – Present (12:00)

**Recognition of other attendees**

Nancy Gardner, Bold Education Connections  
Neil Hartman, NMU  
Betty LaPointe, NMU (Zoom)  
Deanna Hall, East Shore Leadership Academy  
Megan Noel, East Shore Leadership Academy  
John Romine, The Romine Group  
Travis Gostinger, Summit Management Consulting  
Debby Wilton, Landmark Academy

**Opening remarks by the Board Chair**

None currently

**Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Agenda by, Swegles, supported by Patterson.  
Doorn – Yes                      Moore – 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.

None currently

### **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the October 2023, Regular Board Meeting minutes by, Swegles, supported by Patterson.

Doorn – Yes

Moore – Yes

### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

*Financial Report* – Peggy Swegles reported on the October 2023 financials. Everything is on track currently. We are seeking clarification on building maintenance line item. Expecting budget amendments in December.

*Enrollment/Retention/Student Transferring and Incoming reports* – Deanna Hall reported there are 165 students. Retention rate from last year is 86%.

*School-wide Goals* – Deanna Hall reported that the goals will remain the same for the 2023-24 school year.

*Academics/Intervention* – Deanna Hall communicated that there are some vacancies in intervention that have been posted. Megan Noel reported on parent/staff engagement and gave a thorough update on the behavior intervention program.

*NMU Representative Report* – Neil Hartman reminded everyone that the MAPSA conference is coming up and to let us know if anyone wants to attend from the board. He also mentioned that the Airwin board member webinars coming up. Patrick Patterson will be attending the Jan. 16, 2024, webinar. Betty LaPointe reported on NWEA, M-STEP results, and the Performance Framework. The student's area of growth has been "amazing". Continue to keep focusing on growth and meeting the needs of the whole child.

*Building Report* – Nancy Gardner reported that nothing new has been added. There will be no big projects this year.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

*Summit Management Consulting* – Travis Gostinger presented the BEC/Summit Management transition plan and what may occur between now and the end of the school year. This will be an ongoing process.

*ESSER III* – Nancy Gardner reported:

- Currently there are no tasks to discuss under the grant.
- *LEA Plan of Use (ARP)* – Nancy Gardner stated there are no changes. (See "Action Items.")
- *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 by winter 2024.
- A more comprehensive report will be presented in January 2024 that will include status on present goals and possible future targets.

*Reauthorization Process* – Nancy Gardner discussed the Reauthorization Document that will be submitted today upon the board’s approval (See “Action Items.”)

*Ten Year Anniversary* – A committee has been formed on the school level to work on plans. Add retirement event for Nancy Gardner at the school level.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*31aa* – Nancy Gardner reported on available funds for areas of school safety and/or mental health needs. A safety assessment will be scheduled that will drive use of funds. This may be up to \$40,000.00.

## **COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

*Recognitions and Announcements:*

*Recognitions:* Appreciation to those who donated Thanksgiving items to school families in need.

*Announcements:* The next Board of Director’s Regular Board Meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, December 18, 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 public comments currently

## **Action Items**

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

Doorn – Yes                      Moore --Yes

Motion to approve the ARP/LEA Plan as presented with no changes by Swegles, supported by Patterson.

Doorn – Yes                      Moore – Yes                      Powell – Yes

Motion to receive the ESLA/NMU Reauthorization Document as presented by Swegles, supported by Patterson.

Doorn – Yes                      Moore – Yes                      Powell – Yes

## **Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 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 December 18, 2023, at which a quorum was present.

Board Secretary/Board Designee:  Approved December 18, 2023.

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