



“DELIVERING THE EXTRAORDINARY”

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
East Shore Leadership Academy
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
1403 7th Street, Port Huron, MI 48060
Monday, January 15, 2024, 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

Recognition of other attendees

Nancy Gardner, Bold Education Connections
Neil Hartman, Northern Michigan University
Debby Wilton, Summit Management Consulting

Opening remarks by the Board Chair

None currently

Approval of the Agenda

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

None currently

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the December 2023, Regular Board Meeting minutes by, Moore, supported by Swegles.

Doorn – Yes

Patterson – Yes

Powell – Yes

MONTHLY REPORTS

Financial Report – Peggy Swegles presented the December 2023. The budget column in the report has been updated to reflect the amended budget adopted at the December meeting. The Net position of the Academy is improved from this point of the year as compared to prior year as reflected in the Cash to Payables comparison. Cash is similar while Accounts Payables are down approximately \$165,000. The operations of the Academy to date are following expectations both in collection of Revenues and Expenditures. There were not any unexpected or unplanned outflows during December and the bulk of the expenditures relate to people and building costs. (See “Action Items”).

Enrollment/Retention/Student Transferring and Incoming reports – Nancy Gardner reported there are 167 students. Retention rate from last year is 86%.

School-wide Goals – Nancy Gardner reported on the updated goals.

Academics/Intervention – Two teacher openings remain in intervention and grade 5. NWEA has begun.

Building Report – Nancy Gardner reported that nothing new has been added. There will not be any substantial projects this school year.

NMU Representative Report – Neil Hartman reported the following.

- Board webinar January 16, 2024. Patrick Patterson will attend.
- NMU/Administration Workshop will be April 28 and 29, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS

Summit Management Consulting – Debby Wilton reported that she and Travis Gostinger met with the school staff to explain the transition. The meeting went well.

Correction – Nancy Gardner reported the staff issue discussed last month was not accurate. (See “Action Items”)

Ten-Year Anniversary – School staff will incorporate activities during the remainder of the school year including a time for students and families to celebrate. The board would like to have a luncheon at the end of the year to wrap up the Ten-Year Anniversary year and present staff

with a commemorative gift. The board also discussed June 6, 2024 as Nancy Gardner's retirement event.

ESSER III and 31aa – Nancy Gardner reported:

- Behavior personnel was the last task to add to ESSER III. The grant is done.
- *LEA Plan of Use (ARP)* – Nancy Gardner stated there are no changes. (See "Action Items")
- 31aa – Once funds are available, safety grant items will be ordered, and mental health training will be scheduled.
- *Public Comments* – No public comments currently

Strategic Enrollment Plan – Nancy Gardner gave a comprehensive update on the strategic plan that was developed a couple of years ago. Increasing enrollment and retaining students will continue to be the focal point moving forward.

Reauthorization Process – All necessary contracts are being reviewed by the parties involved so they can be forwarded to the attorneys toward the end of January. Meetings about the lease began last week and Peggy Swegles has reached out to Academic Facilities to begin negotiations. Nancy Gardner will give an update next month concerning the NMU conference call this week.

NEW BUSINESS

31a – The school intends to purchase several new Smart Boards (over the threshold) for some classrooms therefore a BID announcement is in the newspaper. RFP's will be sent to those interested.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Recognitions and Announcements:

Recognitions: Cliff Thomason from the Athletic Factory partnered with Cawood Auto to provide Christmas gift to families in need. Cliff made sure East Shore families in need had priority. The board congratulates Cliff and is thankful for his commitment to the school.

Announcements: The next Board of Director's Regular Board Meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, February 12, 2024, 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 December 2023 Financial Report as presented, by Swegles supported by Moore.

Doorn – Yes

Patterson – Yes

Powell – Yes

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

Doorn – Yes

Patterson – Yes

Powell – Yes

Motion to rescind the action that was approved at the last board meeting concerning a staff person by Swegles, supported by Moore.

Doorn – Yes

Patterson – Yes

Powell – Yes

Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 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 February 12, 2024, at which a quorum was present.

Board Secretary/Board Designee: _____ Approved
February 12, 2024.