



**Minutes
East Shore Leadership Academy
Regular Board Meeting
March 17, 2025**

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of East Shore Leadership Academy was called to order at 11:30 a.m., by Peggy Swegles. Copies of the agenda were emailed to the Board members and posted at East Shore Leadership Academy for other interested parties in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call:

Directors Present	Directors Absent
Peggy Swegles – President	
Patrick Patterson - VP/Treasurer	
Patricia Moore - Secretary	
Martin Doorn - Director	

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Regular Business

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion Patrick Patterson Second Martin Doorn.

Ayes: 4 Opposed: 0

Public Comment: None

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Visitors: NMU Representative, Neil Hartman and Summit Management Representatives, Lori LaMontagne, Brandy Pavlik, Debby Wilton and Travis Gostinger.

Correspondence: Travis Gostinger shared the letter from St. Clair County RESA regarding the Pupil Accounting Audit. Diana Turner did an exemplary job with this.

Approval of the January 13, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes with correction, and Approval of the February 10, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Patricia Moore Second: Patrick Patterson
Ayes: 4 Opposed: 0

Discussion of Financial Reports

Lori LaMontagne presented the February Financial Report. Patricia asked if there is an update on the water heater and HVAC. Lori said that everything is in good condition. We will have Superior out in the Spring to evaluate the HVAC's. Brandy mentioned that the hot water heater has been repaired. Deanna will let us know if there are further concerns. Neil inquired about the filtered water drinking stations. Lori will follow up on this.

Motion by Patrick to approve the February Financial Reports.

Motion: Patrick Patterson Second: Patricia Moore
Ayes: 4 Opposed: 0

4. Executive Leadership Update

Deanna Hall was serving lunch with Danielle today and unable to attend. Travis shared her principal report with the board. On February 4th, Port Huron High School Staff came to visit 8th graders and their families. March 3rd-17th is Open Enrollment and we have Kindergarten Round Up on March 4th. We also have our Parent Teacher Conferences, Scholastic Book Fair and Ameila Bedelia Fashion Show in March. The month of April is also busy with State Testing, Science Fair and Landmark Academy Staff are visiting our 8th, Graders. Our current enrollment is at 158 and retention is trending in a positive direction.

Patricia asked Neil when we could expect a report from NMU on our progress. Further discussion commenced.

Neil Hartman gave the Authorizer Report. May 4-5 is the NMU Spring Workshop at the Soaring Eagle. Registration materials have gone out for you to get registered. The Young Wildcat Scholars is on for the 14, 15 and 16 of May. We're looking forward to 6th graders visiting the NMU. April 1st is the next webinar with Angie Erwin. Marty inquired about an absenteeism report for ESLA. Debby Wilton said we would connect with Diana for that. Lori thanked Neil for

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advocating for the check we received for the after-school program. Further discussion commenced.

Travis gave the Management Report. The morning of May 4, we will meet to work on Strategic Planning. We have had some discussions with Academic Facilities to see if they are interested in selling the building. We have also met with Illinois Facility Funding. They have attractive rates for funding charter schools. We will also review a financial analysis at the Strategic Planning meeting. RECON Management came and did their review. It went very quick. We went through the Safety Plan, and they said the ESLA was in a great spot.

Debby Wilton shared that she and Travis met with Deanna to do her Mid-Year Review. The Michigan State Law requires an annual review for teachers. We are working with Deanna on a new evaluation tool to use with teachers and walking through that process together. Deanna met with Becky to express that she is interested in having a GSRP Program at ESLA. She is working on the licensing process which can take some time. There is a grant opportunity for start-up costs.

5. Board Strategy & Planning

Patrick inquired about enrollment and if it is a concern. Travis mentioned that there is a healthy concern and one way we are working on this is by working towards having a GSRP Program. Further discussion commenced.

Motion by Patricia to move the May 19th meeting to May 12th.

Motion: Patricia Moore Second: Patrick Patterson
Ayes: 4 Opposed: 0

6. Adjournment

Motion by Patrick to adjourn at 12:20 p.m.

Motion: Patrick Patterson Second: Patricia Moore
Ayes: 4 Opposed: 0

Next meeting: Monday, April 21, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.

Board Secretary Signature Signed by: Patricia Moore
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Date 4/23/2025

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