



“DELIVERING THE EXTRAORDINARY”

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
East Shore Leadership Academy
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

1403 7th Street

Port Huron, MI 48060

Monday, September 9, 2019 (11:45 p.m.)

Mission

“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

12:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

12:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Martin Doorn - President - Present
Christopher Gearhart - Vice President/Treasurer - Present
Sharla Conlan - Secretary - Present
Michelle Fisher - Director – Present
Margaret Swegles - Director - Present

Other

Neil Hartman - Northern Michigan University – Present
Nancy Gardner - Bold Education Connections - Present
Deanna Keller - East Shore Leadership Academy - Present
Diana Turner – East Shore Leadership Academy - Absent
John Weier – The Romine Group - Present

Opening remarks by the Board Chair

None at this time.

Motion to Approve or amend the Agenda

Motion to approve the September 9, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Agenda, by Conlan, supported by Fisher.

Approved 5 – 0

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 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.

No public comments were made.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the August 12, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes, by Conlan, supported by Fisher.
Approved 5 – 0

MONTHLY REPORTS

Financial Report: John Weier presented the August 2019 financial reports. Everything is on track as expected.

Marketing Report: Nancy Gardner discussed marketing initiatives related to summer enrollment, which includes group presentations, media, FB, billboard, events, mailer information, website, and neighborhood outreach efforts.

Enrollment/Retention Report: Deanna Keller discussed the present student numbers and enrollment efforts. There are currently 181 students enrolled in ESLA with a retention rate of 69%. The current student count is 20 students below the number the budget was based on. The management company will revise the budget in time for the October board meeting and bring it in alignment with the current enrollment.

School-wide Goals Report: Deanna Keller presented the 3 Wildly Important Goals (WIG's) for the school year. There are two academic goals addressing reading and math and the third that addresses school culture and climate.

Academic/Intervention Plan: Deanna Keller discussed 2018-19 M-STEP data. In some grades the sub-groups were not large enough to report percentages of students proficient etc. In comparison to local schools ESLA students are progressing. In addition, Deanna Keller reported on the academic intervention plan and impact it has on student growth. She also shared a success story from Michelle Gardner about a student who received math intervention using Math Recovery and the amount of personal growth the student made.

Building and Grounds Report: Nancy Gardner reported on what has been accomplished during the summer, what is in the works, and what is needed in the near future. The major projects completed include; gym ceiling, paint upstairs between north and south wing, and leadership quotes painted throughout the school.

NMU Representative Report: Neil Hartman discussed the board workshop for April 9 - 10, 2020. The concern was raised that that Friday is Good Friday. In addition, Neil Hartman reported that the feedback on the administrator workshop was very positive.

OLD BUSINESS

East Shore Leadership Academy Bylaws – no further questions regarding reinstated Bylaws.

NMU Monitoring Report was discussed briefly and questions were answered. It is a good document on how NMU evaluates ESLA's educational program.

Emergency Operations Plan – no further questions regarding EOP.

Draft Policies and Procedures – no further questions regarding proposed policies.

NEW BUSINESS

NMU Administrator Workshop: Deanna Keller discussed highlight of the August 2019 workshop. NMU charter schools are receiving a \$20,000 math award to enhance their math program.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

The Port Huron Times Herald contacted the board chair for possible comments in relation to M-STEP.

“About Michigan Charter Schools” is a link added so board members can access information about charter schools.

Announcements and Recognition

Several people were recognized:

Paul Jacobs from Chippewa Laundromat – volunteered to wash all donated clothing for families in need.

Staff volunteers who helped during “Family Night”

Michelle Fisher and Peggy Swegles for neighborhood outreach efforts

The next Board of Director’s Regular Board Meeting will be held at 11:45 a.m. on October 14, 2019 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 at this time.

Action Items

Motion to receive the August 2019 Financial Report for review as presented, by Gearhart, supported by Fisher.

Approved 5 – 0

Motion to approve the Restated ESLA By-Laws by Conlan, supported by Gearhart.

Approved 5 – 0

Motion to approve the ESLA Emergency Operations Plan by Fisher, supported by Conlan.

Approved 5 – 0

Motion to approve the draft Policies and Procedures by Conlan, supported by Swegles.

Approved 5 – 0

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 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 October 14, 2019 at which a quorum was present.

Board Secretary/Board Designee: _____ Approved, October 14, 2019.