



"DELIVERING THE EXTRAORDINARY"

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
East Shore Leadership Academy
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
1403 7th Street
Port Huron, MI 48060
Monday, January 13, 2020 (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

12:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

12:02 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Other

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

Opening remarks by the Board Chair

None at this time.

Motion to Approve or amend the Agenda

Motion to approve the January 13, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Agenda, by Conlan, supported by Gearhart.
Approved 3 - 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 December 9, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes, by Conlan, supported by Gearhart.
Approved 3 – 0

MONTHLY REPORTS

Financial Report: John Weier presented the December 2019 financial reports. Everything is on track as expected. With the reinstatement of the additional \$204.00 per student state aid from the State of Michigan, the board will need to approve amendments at the February board meeting.

Marketing Report: Nancy Gardner discussed marketing initiatives related to enrollment efforts. The team continues to work the plan, which includes group presentations, media, FB, enrollment and branding webinars, preparing for open enrollment, and the “Family Feature” and Teacher Feature” on FB. We are also evaluating and tweaking the summer marketing efforts, which will be presented to the board later this school year.

Enrollment/Retention Report: Deanna Keller discussed present student numbers. There are currently 172 students enrolled in ESLA. Four students could be enrolled this week from area schools. This year’s retention rate is set at 70% and enrollment for next year for a minimum of 178 and a stretch goal of 188.

School-wide Goals Report: Deanna Keller will be starting NWEA testing this week. Results will be discussed with the board once released and address the WIG’s.

Academic/Intervention Plan: Deanna Keller reported that the academic intervention plan is in place and working as planned. Alexis Jex, math intervention teacher, presented at the board meeting and talked about her journey at ESLA since the beginning and the importance of meeting the needs of students in the area of math.

Building and Grounds Report: Nancy Gardner reported on areas that have been completed, what is in the works, and what is on the “Wish List” for further projects.

NMU Representative Report: Neil Hartman reported that the NMU board workshop will be April 19th and 20th. Angie Irwin is presenting online for all NMU board members on January 15, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed Policy and Procedures: The ESLA board members took the month of December 2019 to review and evaluate draft policies and procedures. There were no questions or comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Revised Board Meeting Dates – Nancy Gardner presented the new dates for the remainder of the school year. Dates changed but the start time remains the same.

RECON Safety Audit – Deanna Keller discussed how well the school did during the audit. One aspect discussed was additional monitoring devices and alarm system. The Michigan State Police

are offering a grant opportunity that may help with increasing security. The grant will be available after January 31, 2020.

Northern Michigan University Monitoring Visit – Deanna Keller discussed the results of the NMU program monitoring visit. Some of the comments are; school staff love working at ESLA and feel like a family and supported by administration, great job enhancing the Science curriculum and the additional time for both Science and Social Studies, mentor program is great, and the Lucy Calkins writing program. Offer additional training for staff that addresses student behavior-based trauma.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

State Aid Update: The governor is reinstating the additional per pupil funding (\$240.00) and it being retroactive to the start of school year. This should reflect in January State Aid payment.

Announcements and Recognition

The “Winter Wonderland” event was a great success with over 400 people from the community attending.

The board extends their appreciation to John Romine, B.W. Community Action Agency, and Sue Hutchins for the donations toward the “Winter Wonderland” event.

The Student Lighthouse Team presented and talked about Leader in Me.

A letter was shared from the V.A. thanking ESLA for the Christmas cards.

“School Board Appreciation Month” – students and staff thanked the board for the many hours spent on ensuring that ESLA is providing a solid education and safe place for students, families, and staff.

The next Board of Director’s Regular Board Meeting will be held at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday February 20, 2020 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 December 2019 Financial Report for review as presented, by Gearhart, supported by Conlan.

Approved 3 – 0

Motion to approve the ESLA proposed draft policies and procedures, by Conlan, supported by Gearhart.

Approved 3 – 0

Motion to approve the ESLA proposed board meeting date changes by Conlan, supported by Gearhart.

Approved 3 – 0

February 20, 2020 at 11:45 a.m.

March 19, 2029 at 11:45 a.m.

April 16, 2020 at 11:45 a.m.

May 21, 2020 at 11:45 a.m.

June 18, 2020 (Budget Hearing at 12:00 p.m. and Organizational Meeting at 12:30 p.m.)

Adjournment

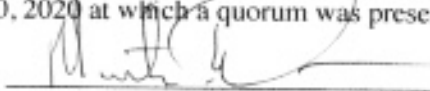
The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

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 20, 2020 at which a quorum was present.

Board Secretary/Board Designee:  Approved, February 20, 2020.