



“DELIVERING THE EXTRAORDINARY”

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
East Shore Leadership Academy
Regular Board Meeting Minutes – Virtual Meeting
1403 7th Street
Port Huron, MI 48060
Monday, August 10, 2020 (2:30 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

2:36p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

2:36 p.m.

Roll Call

Martin Doorn - President - Present
Sharla Conlan - Vice President - Present
Michelle Fisher - Secretary - Present
Margaret Swegles - Treasurer – Present
Patrick Patterson - Director – Present

Recognition of other attendees

Neil Hartman - Northern Michigan University – Present
Betty LaPointe- 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
John Romine – The Romine Group – Present

Opening remarks by the Board Chair

“During this time of uncertainty, we are doing the best we can to meet within the spirit of the law and the Open Meetings Act”

Patrick Patterson was introduced and sworn in as a new board member

Motion to Approve or amend the Agenda

Motion to approve the August 10, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Agenda, by Fisher, supported by Conlan.

Doorn – Yes

Fisher – Yes

Conlan – Yes

Swegles – Yes

Patterson – 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 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

Motion to approve the June 2020 Budget Hearing Minutes and Annual Organizational Meeting Minutes, by Fisher, supported by Conlan.

Doorn – Yes

Fisher – Yes

Gearhart – Yes

Swegles – Yes

Conlan – Yes

MONTHLY REPORTS

Financial Report: John Weier presented the July 2020 financial report. The June 2020 financial report will be forthcoming once we have final revenue numbers. The final loan payment has been paid off. Everything is on track as expected and the school is in a good financial position.

A large amount of the CARES/ESSR funds are being spent on technology needs for students and student spacing devices.

Marketing Report: Nancy Gardner discussed marketing initiatives related to branding and enrollment efforts especially during the summer months. Correspondence has been ongoing between the school and families especially in the area of what option parents are choosing for their child/ren once school begins. Advertising efforts have been consistent with the summer marketing plan.

Enrollment/Retention Report: Deanna Keller discussed the student enrollment number which is 161. Communication continues to take place regarding fall options/choices. Further discussion will be addressed within the ESLA Safe School Preparedness Plan presentation under "New Business".

School-wide Goals Report: Nothing new to report at this time.

Academic/Intervention Plan: Information normally covered under this area will be addressed in the ESLA Safe School Preparedness Plan presentation under “New Business”.

Building and Grounds Report: Nancy Gardner reported on two primary concerns which are parking lot and boiler needs. John Romine presented information from several vendors regarding the boiler replacement and the possibility of putting in heat and air conditioning as well as a sterile air add on. A quote came in at approximately \$193,000 that would replace both boilers. Stephenson Electric will submit a quote for the electrical work. The primary responsibility to replace the boiler with heat only is up to Academic Facilities, PH who leases the building to ESLA. The board discussed the possibility of financially assisting Academic Facilities, PH should they both decide on the option of air conditioning. A possible percentage will be explored. Final numbers will be forth coming that may initiate a special board meeting. It was communicated also that the State requires that the school facility boilers be certified this year and the boiler decision could impact that certification.

NMU Representative Report: Neil Hartman reported that K.C. Holder will be addressing schools via a virtual “Welcome Back” later in August 2020 that will address challenges schools are experiencing during the COVID-19 pandemic. There may be a virtual back to school workshop for administration and the board in late September 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

Michigan State Police School Safety Grant – Deanna Keller reported that the grant is on hold due to the State budget issues. The grant would have provided funds for additional school safety measures.

NEW BUSINESS

East Shore Leadership Academy Safe School Preparedness Plan – Deanna Keller gave a report on all aspects of the plan with specific emphasis on Phase 4 and what that would actually entail should ESLA begin school in that particular phase. The plan will be posted on the school website by August 17, 2020. School will begin on September 8, 2020 with all restrictions in place.

The three options offered to families are:

- In person model
- Hybrid model
- 100% online model

Bold Education Connections Workplace Safety Plan – Nancy Gardner gave a report on the expectations focusing more on the Medium Risk section of the plan. The plan covers workplace cleanliness, spacing markers, and measures to be taken upon exposure and return, to FFCR, Unemployment, FMLA and guiding principles.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Corona Virus Updates – Web link presented for updates.

Michigan Association of Public-School Academies – Web link presented for updates.

Great Lakes Education Project – Web link presented for updates.

Announcements and Recognition

Announcements

None at this time.

Recognition

None at this time.

The next Board of Director's Regular Board Meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Monday September 14, 2020. ESLA will post any necessary changes depending on the governor's directive as to whether the meeting will take place in person or through a virtual format.

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 July 2020 Financial Report for review as presented, by Swegles, supported by Conlan.

Doorn – Yes

Fisher – Yes

Patterson – Yes

Swegles – Yes

Conlan – Yes

Motion to approve the East Shore Leadership Academy Safe School Preparedness Plan, as presented, by Swegles, supported by Patterson.

Doorn – Yes

Fisher – Yes

Patterson – Yes

Swegles – Yes

Conlan – Yes

Motion to approve the Bold Education Connections Workplace Safety Plan as presented, by Patterson, supported by Swegles.

Doorn – Yes

Fisher – Yes

Patterson – Yes

Swegles – Yes

Conlan – Yes

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 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 September 14, 2020 at which a quorum was present.

Board Secretary/Board Designee: _____ Approved,
September 14, 2020.