



“DELIVERING THE EXTRAORDINARY”

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
East Shore Leadership Academy
Regular Board Meeting Minutes – In Person
1403 7th Street
Port Huron, MI 48060
Monday, August 9, 2021 (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

2:38 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

2:38 p.m.

Roll Call

Martin Doorn - Present

Sharla Conlan - Present

Michelle Fisher - Present

Margaret Swegles – Present

Patrick Patterson – Present

Recognition of other attendees

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

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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”

Motion to Approve or Amend the Agenda

Motion to approve the August 9, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Agenda, by Conlan, supported by Swegles.

Doorn – Yes

Fisher – 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 14, 2021, Budget Hearing and Annual Organizational Meeting minutes, by Fisher supported by Conlan.

Doorn – Yes Swegles – Yes Patterson – Yes

Monthly Reports

Financial Report: John Weier reported we are on track of what was anticipated. Budget will need to be amended in September. It was discussed, starting in October the possibility of moving meetings to the third week of the month in efforts to receive the financial reports in a timelier manner. Also discussed ESSER II and III funds and the importance of the guidelines and developing a plan.

Marketing Report: Nancy Gardner reported billboards will continue through September. She has talked to enrollment consultants, but it's not really the area of expertise we need. A parent letter was mailed out in July with a packet going out mid-August. They have worked diligently to communicate with parents asking they inform them of their child returning or not to the school for this year.

Enrollment/Retention Report: Deanna Keller reported enrollment being 153-157 students. Retention rate remains at 81% from last year. Count day is October 5, 2021.

School-wide Goals Report: Deanna Keller reported these remain the same but may change for the 2021-22 school year. Students were administered the NWEA in 2020-21 and those results will be presented at the September board meeting.

Academic/Intervention:

Deanna Keller reported that the two intervention teachers will continue to work with the at-risk students in the areas of Math and Reading. Administration is in the process of securing a Behavior Support person to serve students that meet the state's 31A criteria. Administration is in the process of hiring Teacher Assistant's to support academics. Teachers are also receiving specific training using ESSER Funds to better support the students.

East Shore Leadership Academy Safe School Preparedness Plan: Deanna Keller communicated there have been no changes since June's meeting. She also communicated that the requirement for the Plan has been rescinded at this time however it was still in effect for June 2021.

Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Reconfirmation: Deanna Keller presented updates in the following areas for the month of June 2021. The requirement for the Learning Plan reconfirmation has now been rescinded.

1) Reconfirm Mode/Delivery of Instruction:

Deanna Keller reported the school was open for in-person learning. Students/families at East Shore Leadership Academy continued to have a choice of one of the three modes of instruction through June:

In Person – 100% in person

Hybrid – in person on Mondays for support and rest of week virtual

Virtual – 100%

2) Weekly Two-Way Interaction Rates:

6/2-6/8 was 81.60% for all school average, 6/9-6/15 was 81.60% and 6/16-6/22 was 83.30%

3) County Update on COVID-19:

St. Clair County Health Department reported, as of August 3, 2021, 4.5 new and 5.0% positive cases.

4) ESLA COVID-19 Cases/Probable Cases:

Zero reported at ESLA for the month of June and July 2021

5) Public Comments:

There were no public comments

Building and Grounds Report: Nancy Gardner reported on the building enhancements. The west side of building has been painted, tile work has begun, stack has been removed, parking lot sealed, blinds are being ordered for north side of building, fence around boiler area is forthcoming, HVAC air purifiers are forthcoming, have the go-ahead to order windows (nobody submitted a formal bid) from PH Glass, and the planter plans will be re-evaluated.

Bold Education Connections Workplace Safety Plan update: Nancy Gardner reported that the plan previously approved by the board continued in June and July but will be revised for the new school year.

NMU Representative Report: Neil Hartman reported the following.

1) NMU will hold their administrator workshop October 7 and 8, 2021.

2) NMU will hold their board workshop April 24 and 25, 2022.

3) Book study will begin for board members

4) ESSER II and III guidelines are available to board members via link in email from NMU. Highly suggested for all board members to view.

OLD BUSINESS

ESLA Guiding Principles Board Goal: The board chose a goal at the end of the 2020-21 school. “Acting on the aspirations and needs of local communities will require **fresh thinking and action**, inclusive of and beyond typical charter schooling and authorizing practices.”

NEW BUSINESS

Board Policies and Procedures: The board was presented with several policy updates. The policies will be presented at the September board meeting for approval.

Plans for COVID-19 Related Protocols for the 2021-22 School Year: Administration discussed the importance of students and staff having choice.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Corona Virus Updates – <https://www.michigan.gov/Coronavirus>

Michigan Association of Public-School Academies – <https://charterschools.org/ed/covid-19-charter-school-faqs>

Announcements and Recognition

Announcements:

The next Board of Director’s Regular Board meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Monday September 13, 2021, at the school.

Recognition:

The school library is almost complete.

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 2021 Financial Reports for review as presented, by Swegles, supported by Conlan.

Doorn-yes Patterson-yes Fisher-yes

Motion to receive the ESLA Safe School Preparedness Plan update as presented, by Conlan, supported by Swegles.

Doorn-yes Patterson-yes Fisher-yes

Motion to receive and reaffirm the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan for June 2021 that includes the Mode of Delivery and Instruction, Two-Way Interaction Rates, County Update on COVID-19, ESLA COVID-19 Cases, and Public Comments as presented, by Swegles, supported by Patterson.

Doorn-yes Fisher-yes Conlan-yes

Motion to approve the COVID-19 Protocol; masks will be optional for students and staff, staff will continue “best practices” in classrooms, students and staff will be quarantined using the guidance from the SCC Health Department, and that the protocol may be amended at any time, as presented, by Conlan, supported by Patterson.

Doorn-yes Fisher-yes Swegles-yes

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Michelle Fisher, Secretary

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 13, 2021, at which a quorum was present.

Board Secretary/Board Designee: _____ Approved,
September 13, 2021