



“DELIVERING THE EXTRAORDINARY”

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**East Shore Leadership Academy**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes – In Person**  
**1403 7<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Port Huron, MI 48060**  
Monday, February 21, 2022 (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**

2:35 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

2:35 p.m.

**Roll Call of Board Members**

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

**Recognition of other attendees**

Neil Hartman, Northern Michigan University  
Nancy Gardner, Bold Education Connections

**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 February 21, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Agenda, by Patterson supported by Swegles.

Doorn – Yes

Fisher – 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 January 17, 2022, Regular Board Meeting minutes, by Fisher supported by Patterson.

Doorn – Yes

Swegles – Yes

### **Monthly Reports**

*Financial Report:* Peggy Swegles reported that her and Nancy Gardner met with Brian O'Reilly. Projected spending and income with current enrollment will leave approximately \$485,00.00 in the fund balance, which is approximately 20% of projected budget. In addition, it was decided that to add Peggy Swegles as a second check signer along with Marty Doorn.

*Marketing Report:* Nancy Gardner reported that the marketing plan is consistently adhered to. K-Roundup is March 9, 2022, 5-6 p.m. Open Enrollment runs February 28- March 14, 2022.

*Enrollment/Retention Report:* Nancy Gardner reported enrollment of 154 students. Retention is 67%.

*School-wide Goals Report:* Nancy Gardner reported that the goal would be the same as the NMU goal developed for 2020-21.

*Academic/Intervention:* Nancy Gardner reported ESLA now has 4 paraprofessionals, one in each grade, Kindergarten - 3rd grade. They are learning to work with IReady data to better meet the needs of the children. Tutoring funds have been approved.

*East Shore Leadership Academy COVID-19 Probable/Confirmed Cases:* Nancy Gardner communicated that there were 0 cases of COVID-19 in January.

*Building and Grounds Report:* Nancy Gardner communicated the order of items she would like to see get done on the building and grounds. Once it is clear what can be spent out of the budget, they can move forward.

*NMU Representative Report:* Neil Hartman reported there will be an NMU/board workshop on April 24, 25, 2022 at Soaring Eagle Resort. Activities begin at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, April 24, 2022, and end at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 2022.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

*ESSER II and III* – Nancy Gardner reported on ESSER II funds. The requests for funds have all been approved by MDE and the board and submitted for purchase. ESSER III required a report on how the funds will be spent, evidence of board oversight, etc. She has submitted this report and is waiting for approval.

*SchoolWorks Consulting* – Nancy Gardner reported from SchoolWorks initial snapshot, areas of strengths and areas for growth. She presented a very thorough, well laid out plan to address the areas for growth and continue in the areas of strength.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*ESLA 2022-23 Annual Calendar* – Nancy Gardner presented the new calendar.

*ESLA Board Meeting Schedule* – Meetings will remain on the third Monday of every month, but will change from 2:30 p.m. to 11:30 a.m.

*Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)* – Nancy Gardner reported she and Deanna Keller will be meeting with them on March 14, 2022, to discuss.

## **COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

### **Announcements and Recognition**

Recognition:

None currently

Announcements:

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer unveiled her \$18.4 billion education budget plan.

Highlights of the plan include:

Boosting annual per-pupil funding from \$8,700 to \$9,135, a 5% increase

Spend an additional \$222 million on low-income students

Proposed raising the per-pupil dollars providers receive from the state for the Great Start Readiness Program

The next Board of Director's Regular Board meeting will be held at 11:30 p.m. on Monday March 21, 2022, at the school.

### **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 currently.

### **Action Items**

Motion to add Peggy Swegles as a check signer on the East Shore Leadership Academy bank account by Patterson, supported by Fisher.

Doorn – Yes                      Swegles – Yes

Motion to receive the January 2022 Financial Reports for review by Swegles, supported by Patterson.

Doorn – Yes                      Fisher – Yes

Motion to approve the ESLA 2022-23 Annual Calendar, as presented, by Patterson, supported by Swegles.

Doorn – Yes                      Fisher – Yes

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 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 March 21, 2022, at which a quorum was present.

Board Secretary/Board Designee: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved, March 21, 2022

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