



“DELIVERING THE EXTRAORDINARY”

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
East Shore Leadership Academy
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
1403 7th Street, Port Huron, MI 48060
Monday, August 15, 2022 (11:30 a.m.) In-person

“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

11:45 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

11:45 a.m.

Roll Call of Board Members

Martin Doorn, President- Present
Michelle Fisher, Secretary- Present
Margaret Swegles, Treasurer- Present
Patrick Patterson, Director - Absent

Recognition of other attendees

Neil Hartman, Northern Michigan University
Nancy Gardner, Bold Education Connections
Deanna Hall, East Shore Leadership Academy
John Romine, The Romine Group

Opening remarks by the Board Chair

None currently

Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Agenda, by Fisher, supported by Swegles.
Doorn-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 community 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.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the June 13, 2022, Budget Hearing and Annual Organizational Meeting Minutes by, Fisher, supported by Swegles.

Doorn – Yes

MONTHLY REPORTS

Financial Report- Peggy Swegles reported they are keeping an eye on the Fund balance as ESSER Fund expenditures continue to clear. Brian O'Reilly will have final June numbers at the September board meeting.

Marketing Report – Nancy Gardner communicated the “OT Family Night” was a success. Over 300 water bottles were handed out. She has been hitting Facebook hard with posts including the addition of “The Athletic Factory” serving the students this coming year in an after-school program. “The Keel” wrote a positive article about the partnership.

Enrollment/Retention/Student Transferring and Incoming reports – Deanna Hall reported there are 176 students enrolled at this time. starts Tuesday, September 6.

School-wide Goals – Deanna Hall said a new goal will be set in October at the NMU workshop. In the meantime, the school will continue to use the current goals from 2021/2022.

Academics/Intervention – Deanna Hall communicated they are giving special attention to grades 1-3, as they realize these children are the ones who are struggling the most after the last two years.

- Megan Noel (Behavior Support) – there will be lessons in etiquette ranging from how to send a proper email for (3-8th grades), how to set a table correctly, and manners at the table for all ages. These lessons will conclude at the beginning of May with a Tea Party with Moms for Mother's Day.
- School Highlights – There will be two summer mailings to all families with the necessary school information, “Getting to Know ESLA with Mrs. Hall” on August 25, 2022, for new families, and an Open House on September 15, 2022, for all families. The Athletic Factory and the St. Clair County Library will also be at the Open House along with Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Building Report – Nancy Gardner reported the sound proofing in the upstairs north end rooms and hallway has been completed. The outside of the building painting project is complete. All but 7 windows have been replaced on south end of the building and east gym. The 3M on the windows was being completed on August 15, 2022.

NMU Representative Report – Neil Hartman presented:

- Series of webinars NMU will be offering
- October 16-17 – School Leaders Workshop
- Young Wildcat Scholars program to be re-implemented in May 2023
- Governor Whitmer signed per student state aid agreement at \$9,100.00 per student
- Recommended connecting with local police to re-visit the school’s safety plan

OLD BUSINESS

ESSER III- Nancy Gardner reported a couple of changes:

- Reading Support Teacher was moved to 31A funds, which frees up \$50,000.00 in the ESSER III fund. Already discussed with various stakeholders.
- Custodial Hours were added. Already discussed with various stakeholders.
- The board discussed and voted to approve the changes. (See Action Items below)
- *LEA Plan of Use (ARP)* – Nancy Gardner presented the present plan. No suggested changes needed to be made at this time. There will be another stakeholder survey that will be administered this fall that will allow input and feedback regarding ESSER III funds.
- *Public Comments* – No public comments currently.

Michigan State Police Grant Status – Deanna Hall reported everything is ordered, but the radios are on back order.

Strategic Enrollment Plan

Nancy Gardner reported:

- The new parent engagement team (PET) will begin in September. This team consists of 3 parents that will meet on a regular basis without Deanna and Nancy to brainstorm about ideas to bring more parents and families into the building.
- The new staff engagement team (SET) will begin in September.
- She and Neil from SchoolWorks have been in contact regarding progress toward the goals.
- A Strategic Planning Committee chaired by Nancy Gardner that will be formed that will meet approximately every 3 months that will include a board member, principal and one or two staff. The purpose of the team is not only to keep the plan alive but to ensure there is communication and accountability among all staff. The team will begin meeting in October. Board member Michelle Fisher volunteered to serve on this committee.
- Quentin Bishop’s summer campaign.
- After school Activity Schedule agreed upon with “The Athletic Factory.”

NEW BUSINESS

Lease – Marty Doorn reminded the board to begin looking over the lease as both that and the agreement with NMU will be coming up for renewal in the next couple of years.

NMU/School Improvement Grant – The grant is \$25,000.00 to be spent on improving the school. Improving safety, and safety training were a couple of things discussed.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Recognition:

MDE completed the 2020-2021 Title audit. Nine areas were reviewed with NO exceptions. Great job.

Announcements:

The next Board of Director's Regular Board Meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, September 19, 2022.

Final call to the public

Interested parties may address the Board on any items of their choice. Those that wish to request the Board have a maximum of three minutes in which to speak. No comments currently.

Action Items

Motion to receive the June and July 2022 Financial Reports for review as presented by, Swegles, supported by Fisher.

Doorn – Yes

Motion to accept the changes to ESSER III Funds disbursement by, Swegles, supported by Fisher.

Doorn – Yes

Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Michelle Fisher, Secretary

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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 19, 2022, at which a quorum was present.

Board Secretary/Board Designee: _____ Approved,
September 19, 2022