



“DELIVERING THE EXTRAORDINARY”

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
East Shore Leadership Academy
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
1403 7th Street, Port Huron, MI 48060
Monday, November 21, 2022 (11:30 a.m.)

“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

11:38 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

11:38 a.m.

Roll Call of Board Members

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

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
Brian O’Reilly, The Romine Group
Patrick Sweeney, Croskey-Lanni, PC
Cliff Thomason, The Athletic Factory

Opening remarks by the Board Chair

None currently

Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Agenda, by Swegles, supported by Patterson.
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.

No comments

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the October 12, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes by Swegles, supported by Patterson.

Doorn – Yes

MONTHLY REPORTS

Financial Report – Brian O'Reilly reported that the numbers are right where they should be in all projections. He will be updating the budget based on student head count and prepare amendments accordingly for December or January.

East Shore Leadership Academy Annual Audit – Patrick Sweeney reported on the annual audit. He explained that it is a public monies representation. The Find Balance (FB) as of 2021-22 was \$522,000.00. Fifty-two percent was spent in the classroom. This is excellent. The FB will decrease once the once the federal funds go away (ESSER, etc.). Uniform budget and accounting are compliant.

Marketing Report – Nancy Gardner communicated she has been posting a lot of the school activities and community resources on Facebook. The target now is geared toward children under 5 years of age and open enrollment. Continue to advertise the after-school program.

Enrollment/Retention/Student Transferring and Incoming reports – Deanna Hall reported there are 184 students with a retention rate of 86% from last year.

School-wide Goals – Deanna Hall presented the updated student goals developed at the October NMU workshop for 2022-23.

Academics/Intervention – Deanna Hall communicated,

- NWEA/MAP Median Status and Growth Percentile Trends were discussed in both reading and math. There is great progress being made.
- ESLA M-STEP ELA Compared to Similar School and the State of Michigan were discussed. There was significant growth from 2021 to 2022 in ELA.
- ESLA M-STEP Math Compared to Similar School and the State of Michigan were discussed. There was significant growth from 2021 to 2022 in Math.
- The Nations Report Card in Student Performance Across Subjects was discussed in reading and math grades 4 and 8 and showed decrease from last assessment year nationally.
- The ESLA School Goals and Plan for 2022-23 was presented.

- The school had a Halloween Parade and Veteran's Day program. Michelle Gardner was the head of the Veteran's Day assembly.
- NMU conducted their program monitor visit, and it went very well. They will follow up with a formal report.
- The Rock Star program, students that are eligible, will go bowling this month.
- The Holiday Performance is December 15, 2022.

Building Report – Nancy Gardner reported that the smaller windows above the newly replaced windows in gym is an additional \$8,875.00. We also received information from Straightline Electric regarding needed outlets etc., in the building. We will wait for the local fire inspector's report.

NMU Representative Report – Neil Hartman mentioned the MAPSA conference in December. Three people will be attending from ESLA. He also mentioned a service that NMU does that reaches out to alumni letting them know of board vacancies in the area.

OLD BUSINESS

ESSER III – Deanna Hall explained in detail a couple of additions that have been previously discussed with staff. These were,

- TPT (Teacher Pay Teacher) -Teacher support
- Jumping 2 Math Bundle grades K-8
- Acadience Reading K-6 Essential Workshops
- After-school snacks for The Athletic Factory
- Sub pay addition
- MathSeeds
- The board, after questions were answered and discussed, voted to approve the additions. LEA Plan of Use (ARP) – Nancy Gardner reminded the board that minor changes were made in October and that it has been submitted to MDE. The Board accepted the plan “as is”.

Public Comments – No public comments currently

Strategic Enrollment Plan

Nancy Gardner reported briefly on the plan.

98(c) Funds

Nancy Gardner discussed submitting the plan for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

The Athletic Factory – Cliff Thomason gave an update on the after-school program that he operates for East Shore Leadership Academy. The program started with about 130 students and averages now around 75. The program added acoustical guitar and gaming components to their next 8-week session. All with the end-in-mind of preparing students for HS and life in general. He is also looking into swimming lessons at the YMCA and woodworking for 5th-8th grade with a local group. It was mentioned by the board to keep growth at the forefront for next year and alternative places to meet should it be needed.

Emergency Operations Plan – The Port Huron Police Department reviewed ESLA’s present EOY. They made some minor changes with one being they are working on a reunification process for the county which will include all the schools. The board accepted the updates.

Restricted Funds (ESSER/GEER) Audit – Patrick Sweeney explained that a single audit is triggered once a school receives \$750,000 in federal funds. The audit went well.

NMU Monitoring Visit – Deanna Hall reported on the visit under the previous section *Academics and Interventions*.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Recognition:

None currently

Announcements:

Holiday Performance December 15, 2022

The next Board of Director’s Regular Board Meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, December 19, 2022, 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 request the Board have a maximum of three minutes in which to speak. No comments currently.

Action Items

Motion to receive the October 2022 Financial Reports for review as presented by, Swegles, supported by Patterson.

Doorn – Yes

Motion to receive the 2021-22 ESLA Annual Audit for review as presented by, Swegles, supported by Patterson.

Doorn – Yes

Motion to accept the additions to ESSER III Funds disbursement by Swegles, supported by Patterson.

Doorn – Yes

Motion to accept the LEA Plan of Use (ARP) “as is” as presented by Swegles, supported by Patterson.

Doorn – Yes

Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 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 January 16, 2023, at which a quorum was present.

Board Secretary/Board Designee:  Approved,
January 16, 2023.

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