



**“DELIVERING THE EXTRAORDINARY”**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
East Shore Leadership Academy  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
1403 7th Street, Port Huron, MI 48060  
Monday, March 20, 2023 (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**

11:45 a.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

11:45 a.m.

**Roll Call of Board Members**

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

**Recognition of other attendees**

Nancy Gardner, Bold Education Connections  
Deanna Hall, East Shore Leadership Academy  
Neil Hartman, Northern Michigan University  
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 Patterson supported by Swegles.  
Doorn – Yes                      Fisher – Yes                      Powell – 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 February 13, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes by, Fisher, supported by Swegles.

Doorn – Yes                      Patterson – Yes                      Powell – Yes

### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

*Financial Report* – Peggy Swegles reported no changes, everything looks good for this time of year.

*Marketing Report* – Nancy Gardner communicated daycare packets/bookbags were made up and distributed locally. Yard signs have been made for school property and families to put in their yards.

*Enrollment/Retention/Student Transferring and Incoming reports* – Deanna Hall reported there are 181 students. Retention is 86%.

*School-wide Goals* – Deanna Hall reported these goals have not changed.

*Academics/Intervention* – Deanna Hall communicated testing will be done end of June 2023. The students are excited about the reward of meeting their personal growth goals will be a gaming truck. The school has hired a second Behavior Interventionist to assist with social emotional learning in and outside of the classroom. The Leader in Me Student Lighthouse Team is meeting regularly. The school is looking to secure a second math interventionist for next school year. A trip to a Detroit Tigers game is being organized for the end of May 2023.

*Building Report* – Nancy Gardner reported the new HVAC systems are not functioning for the capacity needed in the rooms. A plan moving forward is essential. Three additional heating units and a replacement roof unit have been ordered. Once the HVAC system is addressed, then the electrical work will be discussed further.

*NMU Representative Report* – Neil Hartman reminded the board:

- If one of the ESLA board members attend each webinar a bonus will be awarded to the school. Michelle Fisher joined the February 28th webinar, Peggy Swegles will attend the April 19, 2023 (final).
- The Young Wildcat Scholars will take place at NMU for 6th graders on May 17, 18, 19, 2023.
- NMU Board/Administration Workshop is April 23, 24, 2023 at Soaring Eagle.
- Board re-appointments are Patrick Patterson and Marty Doorn.
- Board member Michelle Fisher turned in resignation letter with her last board meeting in May.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

*ESSER III-* Nancy Gardner reported that the ESSER III spring parent survey showed the No.1 most important thing for our parents is to provide a summer program for students. She also reported that by moving some tasks out of ESSER III into 31a funds it would allow for staff retention bonuses and other needed things discussed on the survey. The Athletic Factory cost of providing after school services will increase to \$68,000. ESSER III balance left to expend is approximately \$64,600. The board voted to approve the changes.

(See “Action Items.”)

*LEA Plan of Use (ARP)* – Nancy Gardner stated there are no changes.

*Public Comments* – No public comments currently.

*Strategic Enrollment Plan* – Deanna Hall reported:

- Reading Night had a smaller turnout than expected but was a lot of fun.
- 11 students signed up during kindergarten round up.
- The Strategic Plan is targeting a 10% increase in enrollment which means a goal of 190 students for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Quentin Bishop’s report was discussed.

*The Athletic Factory* – Cliff Thomason reported on the after-school activities being offered, including the addition of “The Essentials of Woodwork”. He also reported on the average attendance during sessions 1=84, 2=51, 3=55 students. There will be an increase in cost to \$68,000.00 for the services being provided for the 2023-2024 school year. Voted and approved. (See “Action Items.”)

*NMU Board Workshop with Angie Irwin* – Addressed in above NMU report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*ESLA/Academic Facilities Lease Amendment* – The board discussed amendment and approved. (See “Action Items.”)

*NMU Board/Administration Workshop* – Addressed in above NMU report.

## **COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

*Recognition:*

- Thanks to Michelle Fisher for attending the Family Night and representing the St. Clair County Library System.

*Announcements:*

- The next Board of Director’s Regular Board Meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, April 17, 2023, 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 February 2023 Financial Reports for review as presented by, Swegles, supported by Patterson.

Doorn – Yes                  Fisher – Yes                  Powell- Yes

Motion to accept the ESSER III Funds reported changes and ARP report as presented by, Swegles, supported by Patterson.

Doorn – Yes                  Fisher – Yes                  Powell – Yes

Motion to approve the lease amendment between ESLA and Academic Facilities by Swegles, supported by Fisher.

Doorn – Yes                  Patterson – Yes                  Powell – Yes

**Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.