

**“DELIVERING THE EXTRAORDINARY”**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
East Shore Leadership Academy  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
1403 7th Street, Port Huron, MI 48060  
Monday, August 21, 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**

11:40 a.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

11:40 a.m.

**Roll Call of Board Members**

Martin Doorn, President- Present  
Margaret Swegles, Vice President/Treasurer- Present  
Patrick Patterson, Secretary- Present  
Patricia Moore, 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

**Opening remarks by the Board Chair**

New board member Patricia Moore was sworn in.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Agenda by, Patterson, supported by Swegles.  
Doorn – Yes                      Moore – 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 June 12, 2023, Budget Hearing and Annual Organizational Meeting minutes by, Swegles, supported by Patterson.

Doorn – Yes

Moore – Yes

Powell – Yes

### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

*Financial Report* – Peggy Swegles reported the June 2023 report is near reconciliations for the audit and final draws for year-end, therefore there will be some minor movements of certain expenditures and the final revenue amounts. For July 2023, it is a very slow month therefore no major expenditures or other items to report. Cashflow is generally like other months. The school is at a 17% fund balance.

*Marketing Report* – Nancy Gardner communicated digital billboards will continue to advertise enrollment opportunities from July through September, community events were attended, families were contacted and new flyers created.

*Enrollment/Retention/Student Transferring and Incoming reports* – Deanna Hall reported there are 178 students. Retention will be reported after count day. Most students will be returning for the 2023-2024 school year.

*School-wide Goals* – Deanna Hall reported these goals have not changed but will be revisited at the NMU/School workshop in October 2023.

*Academics/Intervention* – Deanna Hall communicated that there are some vacancies in intervention that have been posted.

*Building Report* – Nancy Gardner reported that several projects were completed over the summer with the HVAC and roof repairs being done at end of this month. Added to the projects is the gym floor for next summer.

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

- The Young Wildcat Scholars at NMU for 6th graders is this week, May 15, 16, 17, 2023.
- NMU's Betty LaPointe will be attending a board meeting this fall to review academic data and the NMU Framework.
- AirWin board member webinars will begin September 30, 2023. NMU will award the school a \$2,000 stipend if 100% board attendance. Peggy Swegles will attend the first one.
- NMU Board/Administration Workshop will be April 28 and 29, 2024 at Soaring Eagle Resort.
- NMU School Improvement Grant application in the amount of \$25,000 is due this month.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

*ESSER III* – Nancy Gardner reported:

- Currently there are no tasks to discuss under the grant.
- *LEA Plan of Use (ARP)* – Nancy Gardner stated there are no changes. (See "Action Items.")
- *Public Comments* – No public comments currently

*Strategic Enrollment Plan* – Nancy Gardner reported:

- The Strategic Plan is targeting a 10% increase in enrollment which means a goal of 190 students for the 2023-2024 school year by winter 2024.
- A more comprehensive report will be presented in the future.

97c Safety Grant – Nancy Gardner communicated this grant of \$20,907.00 is being used to update the security system which will be complete by the end of the month.

98c Grant – The grant amount of \$7849.00 will be designated for support staff.

Policies and Procedures – Approved as presented in June, by Peggy Swegles and Patrick Patterson. (See “Action Items.”)

**NEW BUSINESS**

Reauthorization Process – The school will be going through the 5-year reauthorization process this school year which includes all contract renewals, leases, and the ESLA/BEC Educational Service Provider agreement. With Nancy Gardner retiring June 2024, the board approved that negotiations proceed with Summit Management Consulting, LLC. (See “Action Items.”)

BEC Addendum to Contract- Approved by the board. (See “Action Items”)

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

Recognitions and Announcements:

Recognitions: None currently

Announcements: The next Board of Director’s Regular Board Meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, September 18, 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 public comments currently

**Action Items**

Motion to receive the June and July 2023 Financial Reports for review as presented by, Swegles, supported by Patterson.

Doorn – Yes                      Moore –Yes                      Powell –Yes

Motion to approve proceeding with negotiations with Summit Management Consulting, LLC to become East Shore Leadership Academy’s new educational service provider next school year, by Swegles, supported by Patterson.

Doorn - Yes                      Moore- Yes                      Powell- Yes

Motion to approve the ARP/LEA Plan as presented with no changes by Swegles, supported by Patterson.

Doorn – Yes                      Moore- Yes                      Powell – Yes

Motion to approve the new and updated policies and procedures that were presented in June 2023, by Swegles, supported by Patterson.

Doorn – Yes                      Moore- Yes                      Powell – Yes

Motion to approve Bold Education Connections addendum to the contract for continued special education services, by Swegles, supported by Patterson.

Doorn – Yes                      Moore- Yes                      Powell – Yes

**Adjourned**

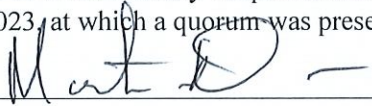
Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

*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 September 18, 2023, at which a quorum was present.

Board Secretary/Board Designee:  Approved, September 18, 2023.

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