

**Blended Learning Academies
1754 E Clark Rd.
Lansing MI 48906**

Approved
~~Proposed~~ Regular Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2021
6:00 pm

Mission:

Blended Learning Academies supports the emotional and academic strengths of 9-12 grade students in an educational environment that encourages all students to meet or exceed their intellectual and personal potential.

Vision:

Blended Learning Academies will cultivate a supportive learning environment that exposes students, through innovative teaching and learning practices, to events, opportunities, and environments that will help them become successful and productive citizens in college, work, and life.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

II. Marcus Kirkpatrick called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Present: Marcus Kirkpatrick – Ingham County, Lansing MI, Megan Tressel Clinton County, DeWitt MI, Meagan Mahoney Delta Township/Eaton County, Lansing MI, Bill Jaconette Clinton County, DeWitt MI and Ann Rossi Ingham County, Lansing MI, Elizabeth Schorfhaar DeWitt MI, Clinton County, Sheylene Hall Lansing MI, Ingham County

Absent: None

Others Present: Raelynn Johns, Tim Brannan, Greg Morris, Angie Irwin, Sue Wakefield, Sharon Hopper and Kate Travis

II. Public Comment* (limited to agenda items only)

None

III. Approval of Agenda

Bill Jaconette moved to approve the agenda. Supported by Ann Rossi. Unanimously carried by those present.

IV. Consent Calendar

a. Approval of proposed Regular February 9, 2021 meeting minutes

Bill Jaconette moved to approve the minutes as presented. Supported by Sheylene Hall. Unanimously carried by those present.

V. Correspondence

a. FSU Board Communication

Sue Wakefield provided an overview of the FSU Communications and an update from the Spring briefing:

- April Board Meetings to be held in person
- At this time State assessments are still required. MDE has requested waivers for the US Dept of Education. If Michigan does not receive a waiver the Charter Schools Office requests schools to administer the tests as best they can and keep documentation for students unable to test. FSU will not hold school accountable for testing this year.
- FSU provided a letter of approval for the expansion of one-site to the proposed Livonia location.

VI. Treasurer's Report

a. Financial Statements

- Raelynn Johns provided an overview of the financial packets provided.
- During the April meeting more information will be provided regarding supplemental funding being allocated to school due to COVID19. Information is still being released regarding the funds.
- Capital Project Fund will likely continue to grow. The management company will look to create an ongoing, more detailed Capital Projects plan to include expansion needs and facility improvements. The Board may create a committee to work with the management team for planning purposes.

VII. New Business

None

VIII. Old Business

a. Extended COVID -19 Learning Plan

Marcus Kirkpatrick allowed for student and family public comment: None

Greg Morris provided an overview of day to day operations, expanding the hybrid ½ day 5 days a week. Additional details and information was provided in the written report in the board packet including 100% two-way interaction logs for the month.
Discussion was held.

Bill Jaconette moved to continue the Extended Learning Plan as presented during the March 9, 2021 meeting, and to reevaluate again at the April 13, 2021 Board Meeting. Supported by Sheylene Hall. Unanimously carried by those present.

IX. Business/Management Report

1. Strategic Plan and School Leader/Special Ed Director Update
 - Greg Morris provided updated on the following:
 - Increased enrollments after February count. Student winter mental health screening.
 - Staff has participated in 6 of a series of 10 trainings on trauma and self care.
 - All staff are fully vaccinated.
 - Participation in Virtual Job fair with MI Works to provide potential option to those under 19 still needing High School diploma.
2. Management Company Update

Tim Brannan provided an overview of current management company projects including, Livonia, upcoming teacher job fairs for additional staffing needs, Capital improvements and budgeting.

XI. Extended Public Comment (non-agenda items only)*
None

XII. Comments from the Board
None

XIII. Reconfirmation of Next Meeting Date: April 13, 2021

XIV. Adjournment

Megan Tressel moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 pm. Supported by Sheylene Hall. Unanimously carried by those present.

Prepared by: Kate Travis 3-9-2021

Approved by: 

