

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

*Approved*

**~~Proposed~~ Regular Meeting Minutes  
June 13, 2023  
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**

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

Present: Marcus Kirkpatrick, Bill Jaconette, Phil McKinney and Darin Southworth. Louis Schiavone present at 6:05 pm.

Absent: Amy Hovey and Meagan Mahoney

Others present: Tim Brannan, Susan Wakefield, Raelynn Johns, Christine Bennett 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 Darin Southworth. Unanimously carried by those present.

**IV. Consent Calendar**

- a. Approval of proposed Regular Minutes April 11, 2023

Bill Jaconette moved to approve the regular minutes as presented. Supported by Phil McKinney. Unanimously carried by those present.

**V. Correspondence**

- a. FSU Board Communication

Susan Wakefield provided an overview of the FSU June Board Communication. Blended Academies received a Level 1 in Good Standing/Compliance after Spring Personnel QPR audit.

## **VI. Treasurer's Report**

### **a. Financial Statements**

Raelynn Johns presented the April and May 2023 financial statements. Discussion was held. Louis Schiavone moved to approve the financial statements as presented. Supported by Bill Jaconette. Unanimously carried by those present.

### **b. CP Transfer**

Darin Southworth moved to approve up to 20% of the foundation general fund to Capitol Projects for the 2022-23 fiscal year. Supported by Bill Jaconette. Unanimously carried by those present.

### **c. 2022-23 Budget Revision**

Raelynn Johns presented the 2022-23 Budget Revision II. Discussion was held.

Louis Schiavone moved to approve the 2022-23 Budget Revision II. Supported by Darin Southworth. Unanimously carried by those present.

## **VII. New Business**

### **a. Motion to suspend rules for public hearing**

Moved by Louis Schiavone supported by Darin Southworth, and unanimously carried by those present, to suspend rules for public hearing at 6:11 p.m.

1. The purpose of this portion of the meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to review and comment on the 2023-2024 budget.
  2. Open floor to public comment regarding 2023-2024 budget.
- None

### **b. Motion to End Public Hearing and Resume Meeting of Board of Directors**

Moved by Bill Jaconette, supported by Phil McKinney, and unanimously carried by those present, to resume the meeting of the board of directors at 6:12 p.m.

### **c. Approval of 2023-2024 Operating Budget**

Moved by Louis Schiavone, supported by Bill Jaconette, and unanimously carried by those present, to approve the 2023-2024 Operating Budget

### **d. Board Calendar – 2023-24**

Darin Southworth moved to approve the 2023-24 Board Calendar, the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm, excluding July 2023. Supported by Phil McKinney. Unanimously carried by those present.

### **e. School Calendar – 2023-24**

Darin Southworth moved to approve the 2023-24 School Calendar as presented. Supported by Phil McKinney. Unanimously carried by those present.

### **f. Capitol Projects Committee**

Roof, PA System, Floors, Livonia Stall, Girls Bathroom

- The Capitol Projects Committee presented on 5 projects included. Discussion was held around the roof project, covering a portion of the cost instead of looking at raising rates in the rental agreement. The need for a PA system for security reasons. The repair of the student damage in

the bathroom. Finally, the need for the school to replace carpets in areas after continued wear and tear, with an easily cleanable surface.

- Bill Jaconette moved to approve the roof project as presented by the Capitol Projects Committee up to \$27,500. Supported by Darin Southworth. Unanimously carried by those present.
- Bill Jaconette moved to approve the PA System as presented by the Capitol Projects Committee up to \$19,028.59. Supported by Louis Schiavone. Unanimously carried by those present.
- Bill Jaconette moved to approve the PA System Install as presented by the Capitol Projects Committee up to \$6650.00. Supported by Darin Southworth. Unanimously carried by those present.
- Bill Jaconette moved to approve the Girl's Bathroom Sink as presented by the Capitol Projects Committee up to \$3400.00. Supported by Darin Southworth. Unanimously carried by those present.
- Bill Jaconette moved to approve the Classroom Floor Project as presented by the Capitol Projects Committee up to \$24,000. Supported by Louis Schiavone. Unanimously carried by those present.

#### **VIII. Old Business**

#### **IX. Business/Management Report**

##### **a. School Leader/Curriculum Director Update – C. Bennett**

- Successful School Year
- Summer School begins June 19, 2023
- Greg Morris will review Academic Monitoring plan at the August meeting

##### **b. Management Company Update**

Tim Brannan provided an overview of the following:

- June 9, 2023 Graduation – 25 Graduates  
Discussion was held. Is there a possibility of an evening event, small reception and/or slideshow.
- 2023-24 Reauthorization Year
- ITS Education Management Group – managing partner plan created and included in operating agreement, if ever necessary.

#### **X. Ferris State University**

FSU is in the process of beginning interviews for a new Director of the Charter Schools Office. Dr. Ron Rizzo will continue as Director of Charter Schools, delaying his retirement until a replacement is found.

#### **XI. Extended Public Comment (non-agenda items only)\***

None

#### **XII. Comments from the Board**

- Marcus Kirkpatrick requested the ITS Education Management Group plan for 10-year celebration of Blended Academies during the 2023-24 school year.

- Louis Schiavone would like to look at forming marketing committee.
- Darin Southworth presented of the Board Governance PD provided by Angie Irwin in March of 2023.


**XIII. Reconfirmation of Next Meeting Date: August 8, 2023**

**XIV. Adjournment**

Louis Schiavone moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm. Supported by Bill Jaconette.  
Unanimously carried by those present.

Prepared by: Kate Travis June 21, 2023

Approved by:

 9/12/23