

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

*Approved*

**~~Proposed~~ Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 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, Amy Hovey, Darin Southworth and Louis Schiavone.

Absent: Meagan Mahoney

Others Present: Tim Brannan, Greg Morris, Raelynn Johns, Susan Wakefield, Kate Travis and Ryan Freeman(6:02pm)

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

None

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Louis Schiavone moved to approve the agenda with the addition of new business item d. 2022 -23 Fiscal Audit. Supported by Amy Hovey. Unanimously carried by those present.

**IV. Consent Calendar**

a. Approval of proposed Regular Minutes June 13, 2023

Amy Hovey moved to approve the minutes as presented. Supported by Darin Southworth. Unanimously carried by those present.

**V. Correspondence**

a. FSU Board Communication

**VI. Treasurer's Report**

a. Financial Statements

Darin Southworth moved to approve the June, July and August financials as presented. Supported by Phil McKinney. Unanimously carried by those present.

## **VII. New Business**

### **a. AirWin Education Proposal**

Louis Schiavone moved to approve AirWin Services proposal. Supported by Darin Southworth. Unanimously carried by those present.

### **b. Spring 2023 Board Policies**

Bill Jaconette moved to approve the Spring Board Policy Updates. Supported by Louis Schiavone. Unanimously carried by those present.

### **c. Academy Internal Review – Reauthorization**

Greg Morris presented on the Internal Academy Review.

- Opportunities for Growth
- Academic Progress
- Curriculum Instruction
- Fiscal Solvency
- Operations

Discussion was held. The Board President will sign the Internal Academy Review after the meeting adjourns.

### **d. 2022-23 Audit Presentation Maner**

- Ryan Freeman provided the 2022-23 Maner Audit Presentation.
- Non-modified opinion – best level of assurance received.
- Net position increased in 2022-23: \$213,577
- Fund Balance ending at 27% and State average is 20%.
- Overall fund balance increased by \$89,188
- No significant deficits noted.

Louis Schiavone moved to accept the audit as presented. Supported by Bill Jaconette. Unanimously carried by those present.

## **VIII. Old Business**

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

#### **a. School Leader/Curriculum Director Update**

Greg Morris provided a brief overview on the success of start of school. Positive staffing adjustments and retention of staff.

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

October 4, 2023 Count day and kick off 10<sup>th</sup> year of operation celebration.

## **X. Ferris State University**

Safety measures have continued to improve. Much better this year than first year visits.

No update on new CSO Director.

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

None

**XII. Comments from the Board**

Darin Southworth endorses Matt Merony as a great resource for the community and Blended Academies.

**XIII. Reconfirmation of Next Meeting Date: October 10, 2023**

**XIV. Adjournment**

Louis Schiavone moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm. Supported by Bill Jaconette.  
Unanimously carried by those present.

*Prepared by: Kate Travis*

*Date: 9/21/2023*

*Approved by: Mayor Kelly*

*Date: 10/12/2023*

