

Blended Learning Academies
1754 E Clark Rd.
Lansing MI 48906

APPROVED

~~Proposed~~ Regular Meeting Minutes
December 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 6:09 pm.

Present: Phillip McKinney, Meagan Mahoney, Marcus Kirkpatrick, Bill Jaconette and Darin Southworth

Absent: Louis Schiavone, Amy Hovey

Others Present: Raelynn Johns, David Stibich, Tim Brannan, Greg Morris, Sue Wakefield 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 November 14, 2023
Phillip McKinney moved to approve the regular minutes as presented. Supported by Meagan Mahoney. Unanimously carried by those present.

V. Correspondence

- a. FSU Board Communication
Sue Wakefield provided an overview of the December Board Communication.

VI. Treasurer's Report

a. Financial Statements

David Stibich provided an overview of the monthly financial statements.

VII. New Business

a. ITS Education Management Group – Management Services Agreement

- Discussion was held on the ITS EMG service agreement.
- Dr. Rizzo's November 14, 2023 non-disapproval letter was acknowledged.
- Tim Brannan and Kate Travis provided details and rationale regarding the 3% increase in the management fee from prior contracts.

Bill Jaconette moved to approve the ITS Education Management - Service Agreement as presented. Supported by Darin Southworth. Unanimously carried by those present.

b. Brandino Properties Lease

Discussion was held on the Brandino Properties Lease.

- Noted changes include a cap on total monthly payment and an increased percentage for maintenance and utilities due to the increase in square footage Blended Academies occupies.
- Additional discussion was held around the event of a building(s) sale (assuming it occurs during an active BLA contract with Ferris) what protections from disruption or displacement does BLA have within proposed agreement? What about a foreclosure? In the event of a Blended host site being sold, can Blended dictate/compel the leasing company to include language in a sale contract, that forces a new owner to honor an established lease term?

Marcus Kirkpatrick moved to create an ad-hock committee lead by Darin Southworth. Supported by Bill Jaconette. Unanimously carried by those present. Darin Southworth and Kate Travis will contact Blended Academies' legal counsel to further discuss the lease and report out on January 9, 2024.

c. FSU and Blended Educational Goals

Greg Morris provided a three-page overview of Blended's Bottom-Line Target Goals. Reviewed baseline data, strategies, timelines, measurements of success and a 2022-23 review of student enrollment/drop/add data.

VIII. Old Business

None

IX. Business/Management Report

a. School Leader/Curriculum Director Update

Greg Morris provided an update on day-to-day operations at Blended Academies, including a student story and an email from a new staff member to

all staff highlighting their appreciation of Blended and on-going positive culture.
School Index scores were provided as well as definitions of school index components.

- b. Management Company Update
None

X. Ferris State University

Sue Wakefield provided an update on

- Director of FSU Charter School's search.
- Sue will be unable to attend the January meeting. Another FSU colleague will attend on Sue's behalf.

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

None

XII. Comments from the Board

None

XIII. Reconfirmation of Next Meeting Date: January 9, 2024

Reminder for the Special Board meeting scheduled for January 9, 2024 at 4:45pm.

XIV. Adjournment


Darin Southworth moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm. Supported by Bill Jaconette.
Unanimously carried by those present.

Prepared by: Kate Travis

Date: 12/21/23

Approved by:

Date:


1/9/24

