

Blended Learning Academies
1754 E Clark Rd.
Lansing MI 48906

Approved

~~Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes~~
January 9, 2024
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, Amy Hovey, Darin Southworth, Phillip McKinney

Absent: Meagan Mahoney, Louis Schiavone

Others Present: Dr. Michele Siderman (virtual), Tim Brannan, David Stibich, 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 Amy Hovey. Unanimously carried by those present.

IV. Consent Calendar

a. Approval of proposed Regular Minutes December 12, 2023

Darin Southworth moved to approve the minutes. Supported by Bill Jaconette. Amy Hovey abstained. Carried by all other trustees present.

V. Correspondence

a. FSU Board Communication

Dr. Siderman provided the following update:

- Reviewed the FSU Board Communication.
- Thanked the Board for their service to Blended Academies and the Ferris State Charter Schools Office. Noted an appreciation gift was sent from the CSO.
- Sue Wakfield – doing well.

VI. Treasurer's Report

a. Financial Statements

David provided an overview of the financial packet presented.

Amy Hovey moved to approve the financials. Supported by Darin Southworth. Unanimously carried by those present.

VII. New Business

a. Brandino Properties Lease

- Marcus Kirkpatrick noted the record should reflect a signed letter of engagement with Joe Urban, Clark Hill.
- Darin Southworth provided an update on the committee's work with Attorney Joe Urban, Clark Hill.
- Darin reviewed proposed language changes to the lease agreement. Discussion was held. Specifically, around language in section 10 of the agreement and other rental space rules and regulations.
- Darin Southworth and Kate Travis will work with Joe Urban to answer additional Board questions and amend language in section 10 of the proposed lease and provide an updated draft prior to the February meeting.

b. 2023 Fall Board Policy updates

Bill Jaconette moved to approve the Fall Board Policy updates as presented. Discussion was held. Supported by Phillip McKinney. Unanimously carried by those present.

VIII. Old Business

IX. Business/Management Report

a. School Leader/Curriculum Director Update

Christine Bennett noted return from break attendance has been solid.

b. Management Company Update

Tim Brannan announced upcoming fieldtrip to the Holocaust Museum in Farmington Hills on February 9, 2024

X. Ferris State University

None

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

None

XII. Comments from the Board

None

XIII. Reconfirmation of Next Meeting Date: February 13, 2024

The Board will reschedule the January 9, 2024 strategic planning session with Angie Irwin to February 13, 2024 at 4:45 pm. Bill Jaconette will be unable to attend the special meeting and regular meeting.

XIV. Adjournment

Bill Jaconette moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:42pm. Supported by Darin Southworth. Unanimously carried by those present.

Prepared By: Kate Travis

Date: 1/19/2024

Approved By:

Date:

Angie Irwin
2/13/2024

