

Blended Learning Academies  
1754 E Clark Rd.  
Lansing MI 48906

APPROVED

~~Proposed~~ Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 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**

Darin Southworth called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Present: Darin Southworth, Amy Hovey, Philip McKinney, Louis Schiavone and Meagan Mahoney

Absent: Marcus Kirkpatrick, Bill Jaconette

Others Present: Tim Brannan, Greg Morris, Christine Bennett, Raelynn Johns, David Stibich and Kate Travis

Virtual: Susan Wakefield

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

None

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Louis Schiavone moved to approve the agenda as presented. Supported by Philip McKinney. Unanimously carried by those present.

**IV. Consent Calendar**

- a. Approval of proposed Regular Minutes January 9, 2024

Amy Hovey moved to approve the agenda as presented. Supported by Meagan Mahoney. Unanimously carried by those present.

**V. Correspondence**

- a. FSU Board Communication
- Sue Wakefield reviewed the monthly FSU Board Communication.
  - FSU will be doing a site visit to introduce new FASU Charter School's Director
  - Reminder to review the board's PD credits.

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

- a. Financial Statements  
David Stibich provided an overview of the monthly financials.
- b. 2023-24 Budget Revision I  
Raelynn Johns provided an overview of the 2023-24 Budget Revision I. Three large areas of one-time categoricals including Special Education, Mental Health and ESSER III.

Discussion was held.

Louis Schiavone moved to approve the Budget Revision I as presented. Supported by Amy Hovey. Unanimously carried by those present.

## **VII. New Business**

- a. Woodland Properties Lease- Extension  
Amy Hovey moved to approve the Woodland Properties Lease Extension. Supported by Philip McKinney. Unanimously carried by those present.
- b. 2024-25 School Calendar  
Amy Hovey moved to approve the 2024-25 School Calendar as presented. Supported by Meagan Mahoney. Unanimously carried by those present.

## **VIII. Old Business**

- a. Brandino Properties Lease  
Darin Southworth provided an update on the Brandino Lease. A revised version was presented with highlighted areas of updates. Discussion was held around the updates including an annual "not to exceed" amount.

Amy Hovey moved to approve the Brandino Properties Lease Agreement as presented with the inclusion of "not to exceed \$180,000" in section 4. RENT. Supported by Louis Schiavone. Unanimously carried by those present.

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

- a. School Leader/Curriculum Director Update
  - Holocaust Museum – successful trip. Positive response from museum staff and speaker based on student behavior and thoughtful questions.
  - Enrollments – continue to have weekly inquiries
  - MI Works Partnership and marketing letter
  - Wilson Talent Center – student updates
  - Student essay example – identifying student life and school at Blended. Positive changes.
- b. Management Company Update
  - MI Adventure May 22, 2024
  - Graduation Ceremony – June 24, 2024

**X. Ferris State University**

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

**XII. Comments from the Board**

Darin Southworth reminded attendees of tragic shooting at Michigan State University one year ago.

**XIII. Reconfirmation of Next Meeting Date: March 12, 2024**

**XIV. Adjournment**

Louis Schiavone moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:48pm. Supported by Philip McKinney. Unanimously carried by those present.

*Prepared by: Kate Travis*  
2/22/24

*Approved by:*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized name.

3/12/24

