

Blended Learning Academies  
1754 E Clark Rd.  
Lansing MI 48906

Approved

~~Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes~~  
March 12, 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 6:01 pm.

Present: Marcus Kirkpatrick, Darin Southworth, Amy Hovey, and Meagan Mahoney

Absent: Philip McKinney, Louis Schiavone and Bill Jaconette

Others Present: Tim Brannan, Susan Wakefield, Christine Bennett, David Stibich and Kate Travis

Virtual: Greg Morris

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

**III. Approval of Agenda**

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

**IV. Consent Calendar**

a. Approval of proposed Minutes February 13, 2024

Darin Southworth moved to approve the regular and special meeting 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 FSU March Board Communication. Discussion was held around Emergency Plans and the FSU Charter Contract. Electronic and hard copied of the updated contracts will be sent by Sharon Hopper.

**VI. Treasurer's Report**

a. Financial Statements

David Stibich provided an overview of the monthly financials.

Meagan Mahoney moved to accept the Board Financial Packet as presented. Supported by Darin Southworth. Unanimously carried by those present.

b. 20 % Transfer to Capitol Projects

Darin Southworth moved to approve up to 20% of the foundation general fund to Capitol Projects for the 2023-24 fiscal year. Supported by Meagan Mahoney. Unanimously carried by those present.

c. ESSER III

Kate Travis provided an overview of the ESSER III funds and ongoing Continuity of Learning Plan. Opportunity for public discussion.

**VII. New Business**

a. Strategic Planning – Next Steps

Discussion was held around strategic planning and next steps. Darin Southworth and Amy Hovey will head an ad hoc committee and request one additional Board member join. The committee will report out at the April Board Meeting with updates.

b. Tech Services Agreement – Instructional Technology Services

Tim Brannan provided an overview of the Tech Services Agreement in the board packet. Discussion was held.

Amy Hovey moved to accept the Technology Services Agreement as presented. Supported by Meagan Mahoney. Unanimously carried by those present.

**VIII. Old Business**

**IX. Business/Management Report**

a. School Leader/Curriculum Director Update

Christine Bennett provided an update on the Team 5704 AutoGoats – Blended Academies Robotics Team.

b. Management Company Update

Kate Travis provided an update on:

- Spring Break
- Upcoming State Testing
- June 14, 2024, 2:00 – Blended Academies' Graduation Ceremony

**X. Ferris State University**

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

**XII. Comments from the Board**

Darin Southworth requested an update regarding the School Resource Officer Grant (SROG). Discussion was held around DeWitt Township Staffing limitations and the positive relationship with Chief Matt Merony. Tim Brannan will connect with Chief and provide a formal update at the April 2024 meeting.

**XIII. Reconfirmation of Next Meeting Date: April 9, 2024**

**XIV. Adjournment**

Darin Southworth moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:41pm. Supported by Amy Hovey.  
Unanimously carried by those present.

Prepared by: Kate Travis

Date: 3/20/24

Approved by:

Date:

