

Blended Learning Academies
1754 E Clark Rd.
Lansing MI 48906

Approved

~~Proposed~~ Regular Meeting Minutes
September 10, 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 an informational meeting only at 6:00pm.

Marcus Kirkpatrick called the meeting to order with a quorum at 6:05pm.

Present: Marcus Kirkpatrick, Darin Southworth, Amy Hovey, Bill Jaconette (6:02pm)

Absent: Louis Schiavone

Others Present: Tim Brannan, Sue Wakefield, Raelynn Johns, David Stibich, Ryan Freemire (CPA, Maner) and Kate Travis

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

None.

III. Approval of Agenda

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm

Amy Hovey moved to approve the agenda as presented. Supported by Darin Southworth.

Unanimously carried by those present.

IV. Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of proposed Regular and Organizational Minutes August 13, 2024
Bill Jaconette moved to approve the regular and organizational minutes. Supported by Darin Southworth. Unanimously carried by those present.

V. Correspondence

- a. FSU Board Communication
Informational Only: Sue Wakefield provided an overview of the Board Communication. Noted the FSU competitive grant and Board PD opportunities.

VI. Treasurer's Report

- a. Financial Statements

David Stibich provided an overview of the August Board financials. SRO/MSP Grant was discussed. Marcus Kirkpatrick to meet with Chief Merony at DeWitt Township regarding on-going support.

VII. New Business

a. 2023-24 Audit Presentation

Ryan Freemire presented the 2023-24 Audited Financial Statements and Audit Presentation. No findings or materials weakness. Academy has good leadership in place.

Amy Hovey moved to approve the financial statements as presented. Supported by Bill Jaconette. Unanimously carried by those present.

b. FSU Academic Indicators for School Support- Alternative Education Academies

Sue Wakefield and Kate Travis provided an overview of the new FSU Academic Indictors for Blended Learning Academies. Discussion was held.

VIII. Old Business

a. Strategic Planning

Darin Southworth and Amy Hovey presented a final draft of the Blended Academies Strategic Plan. Discussion was held.

Amy Hovey moved to approve the September 2024 Strategic Plan with an amendment to item 3a. as follows: "Prepare staff, faculty and facilities for continued attendance and growth through the contract term." Supported by Bill Jaconette. Unanimously carried by those present.

IX. Business/Management Report

a. School Leader/Curriculum Director Update

b. Management Company Update

Kate Travis combined reports a. and b. and provided updates on the following:

- School year start up
- Student enrollment
- Staffing changes
 - 4 new employees
 - Role and responsibility changes for 2 of the 2023-24 school year staff

Tim Brannan provided an update regarding organizational modifications to ITS Education Management Group and Blended Academies with Kate Travis being named as a Director of ITS Education Management Group.

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: October 8, 2024

XIV. Adjournment

Darin Southworth moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm. Supported by Bill Jaconette.
Unanimously carried by those present.

Prepared by: Kate Travis
Date: 9/17/2024

Approved by: 
Date: 11/12/2024

