

Blended Learning Academies
1754 E Clark Rd.
Lansing MI 48906

Approved

Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2025
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: Bill Jaconette, Elizabeth Curry, Marcus Kirkpatrick, Darin Southworth, Melissa Leigh

Absent: Amy Hovey and Louis Schiavone

Others Present: David Stibich, Susan Wakefield, Alexx Delzer and Kate Travis

II. Oath of Office

None

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

None

IV. Approval of Agenda

Darin Southworth moved to approve the agenda with an amendment to, IX. New Business to include a. 31aa Funding. Supported by Bill Jaconette. Unanimously carried by those present.

V. Staff Presentation

a. FSU Visit Postponed until November

Alexx Delzer provided an overview of the FSU on campus admission visit with students as well as the online presentation for students who were unable to attend.

b. Beaver Island Summer Professional Development

Alexx Delzer provided an overview of a weeklong summer PD experience through Central Michigan University.

VI. Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of proposed Regular Minutes October 14, 2025

Bill Jaconette moved to approve the minutes as presented. Supported by Darin Southworth. Unanimously carried by those present.

VII. Correspondence

- a. FSU Board Communication

Susan Wakefield provided an overview of the FSU November Board Communication including new Associate Director Kelly Buckmaster

VIII. Treasurer's Report

- a. Financial Statements

David Stibich provided an overview of the October 2025 Financials.

IX. New Business

- a. 31aa Funding

Kate Travis provided an overview of the 31aa funding, including previous award amounts, carryover funds, and concerns regarding statutory conditions around opt-in to receive the funds.

Discussion was held.

Darin Southworth moved that the Blended Academies' Board of Education declines to apply for or accept Section 31aa funds for school safety or related purposes, solely due to the statutory condition requiring a waiver of legal privilege under section 31aa (9) of the State School Aid Act. The Board affirms that this condition presents an unacceptable risk to the district's legal protections and confidentiality obligations. Supported by Melissa Leigh. Unanimously carried by those present.

X. Old Business

XI. Business/Management Report

- a. School Leader/Curriculum Director Update
- b. Management Company Update

Kate Travis provided an update on the following:

- o Count: 182.15, potential 25e (transfer funds)
- o Budget Revision I
- o FSU Grant - Robotics
- o Holocaust Museum Field Trip
- o Dance – November 15, 2025
- o Staff PD – 2 attendees – 3D Printers
- o Dual Enrollment – 2-3 potential dual enrollments for Spring 2026
- o School Support meeting with FSU's Beth Taylor
- o HR/Personnel Matter

XII. Ferris State University

Susan Wakefield provided an overview of the FSU Contract Performance Report.

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

None

XIV. Comments from the Board

None

XV. Reconfirmation of Next Meeting Date: December 9, 2025

XVI. Adjournment


Bill Jaconette moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 pm. Supported by Melissa Leigh. Unanimously carried by those present.

Prepared by: Kate Travis

Date: 11/19/25

Approved by:

Date:



12/9/25