

Blended Learning Academies  
1754 E Clark Rd.  
Lansing MI 48906

*Approved*

~~Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes~~  
November 14, 2023  
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 6:04pm. Informational meeting only, until a quorum was present 6:18pm.

Present: Louis Schiavone, Phillip McKinney, Marcus Kirkpatrick and Darin Southworth (6:18pm)

Absent: Amy Hovey, Meagan Mahoney and Bill Jaconette

Others present: Tim Brannan, Greg Morris, Christine Bennett, Sue Wakefield (virtual), Raelynn Johns, David Stibich and Kate Travis

Informational meeting only until 6:18pm

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

None

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Louis Schiavone moved to approve the agenda at 6:18pm. Supported by Darin Southworth. Unanimously carried by those present.

**IV. Consent Calendar**

a. Approval of proposed Regular Minutes October 10, 2023  
Phil McKinney moved to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented. Supported by Louis Schiavone. Unanimously carried by those present.

**V. Correspondence**

a. FSU Board Communication  
Susan Wakefield reviewed the following:  
• December FSU Board Communication

- Board Meeting Checklist
- Classroom Visitation Form

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

### **a. Financial Statements**

Raelynn Johns introduced David Stibich from Ingham ISD.

- Raelynn provided an overview of the monthly financial statements.
- Raelynn Johns and Kate Travis provided an update on the 31AA grant, funding for school safety and mental health. Discussion was held around potential budget line items in the grant application including, window covering/film, Securly software products
- Kate Travis provided an update on ESSER III and status COLP. Continuing with curriculum development, social emotional learning and mental health. Discussion was held.

## **VII. New Business**

### **a. Ferris State University Contract Performance Report**

Greg Morris and Sue Wakefield reviewed/presented the FSU Contract Performance Report. Discussion was held around FSU and Blended Academies' goals in addition to bottom line targets. Sue Wakefield will discuss bottom line targets and goals in more detail at the December meeting.

### **b. Visitation Report RESPONSE - Reauthorization Review**

Greg Morris presented the FSU Reauthorization Report. Discussion was held. Darin Southworth and Bill Jaconette participated in the on-site review, in addition to five Blended parents/guardians. Overall a great report. Opportunities for growth included areas Blended has identified and continues to grow.

Darin Southworth moved to approve the reauthorization report as presented. Supported by Phillip McKinney. Unanimously carried by those present.

### **c. Compliance Monetary Award of \$2500 – Action/Use of Funds**

Darin Southworth moved to award the \$2500 as a stipend to Kate Travis for the continued 100% Epicenter Compliance. Discussion was held. Supported by Phil McKinney. Unanimously carried by those present.

### **d. AirWin Education PD – Schedule**

Discussion was held regarding PD provided by AirWin Services. The Board would like PD specific to Blended Academies Strategic Planning on December 12, 2023 at 4:45pm.

## **VIII. Old Business**

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

### **a. School Leader/Curriculum Director Update**

- Ongoing start to a successful year
- School Dance – positive school experience for all who participated (74 students)
- 2/9/2023 Holocaust Field Trip
- 5/22/23 MI Adventure Field Trip

b. Management Company Update

Tim Brannan thanked the Board, Blended Staff and FSU for continued work and highlighted the ongoing accomplishments and hard work on behalf of the students at Blended.

**X. Ferris State University**

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

None

**XII. Comments from the Board**

None

**XIII. Reconfirmation of Next Meeting Date: December 12, 2023**

**XIV. Adjournment**

Darin Southworth moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm. Supported by Louis Schiavone. Unanimously carried by those present.

Prepared by: Kate Travis

Date: 11/20/23

Approved by:

Date:

  
12/12/23