

GENESEE STEM ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Date: March 23, 2020

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Place: VIA Zoom – <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/511483825>

5240 Calkins Rd

Flint, MI 48532

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Morgan at 4:02 pm.

Roll Call

A roll call of attendance was taken.

Board Members

President, Dr. Morgan–Present (electronically)

Vice President/Treasurer, Legardye–Present

Secretary, Taylor–Present (electronically)

Member, Shriver –Present (electronically)

Member, Cheek – Present (arrived at 4:10 pm electronically)

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Also attending the meeting were the following individuals:

Attendees

Dr. Lorilyn Coggins, EMAN, Zoom Host (electronically)

Ms. Gwen Harvey, Office Manager

Mr. Vincent Price, Principal

Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Dr. Morgan and seconded by Ms. Legardye that the agenda be approved with the addition of Item 8.05 – Prior Employee Request. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was unanimous (4/0) in favor of the motion (AYE – Morgan, Legardye, Taylor, Shriver; Cheek not present for the vote). Motion passed – Agenda approved.

Conflict of Interest Inquiry

The Board Members reported no conflicts of interest with respect to any action items on the agenda.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Ms. Legardye and seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve the February 27, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was unanimous (4/0) in favor of the motion (AYE – Morgan, Legardye, Taylor Shriver; Cheek not present for the vote). Motion passed – Minutes approved.

Public Comment

No public comment on agenda items was received.

Student Hearings

There were no student hearings.

Correspondence

The Board was provided with a copy of "What can Schools do to Address Concerns about Corona virus".

The Board was provided with an e-mail from Education Management & Networks, Inc. (EMAN) with an offer to provide support services for the implementation of Rubicon Atlas or full-service management.

The Board was provided with several e-mail communications from the prior Principal to and from MDE.

Ms. Legardye noted that the Board had been provided with copies of the Award Letter for the 21h grant noting the term of the grant as October through September. With that in mind, the stipend was paid for 18/19 and one payment was paid in 19/20 for the first quarter of the award year (Oct/Nov/Dec).

It was moved by Ms. Cheek and seconded by Ms. Legardye that no additional payment is due based on the terms of the grant and the date of resignation. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was unanimous (5/0) in favor of the motion (AYE – Morgan, Legardye, Taylor, Shriver, Cheek). Motion passed – No additional payment due.

It was moved by Ms. Cheek and seconded by Mr. Taylor that the Board (through its attorney) send a letter to the prior employee informing her of the Board's decision. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was unanimous (5/0) in favor of the motion (AYE – Morgan, Legardye, Taylor, Shriver, Cheek). Motion passed – Letter authorized.

Presentation

Dr. Coggins provided the Board with a power-point presentation on the qualifications and experience of EMAN as related to Rubicon Atlas and full-service management. She provided comparative data regarding school index scores, proficiency, teacher retention and teacher qualifications as the Board continues to navigate the process of being a Partnership District. The Board indicated that they wanted input from Mr. Price as the new principal. No action was taken.

Reports

Mr. Price highlighted his monthly report to include statistics on enrollment, attendance and discipline referrals. He also addressed the current closure in accordance with the Governor's Directive, food service referrals, and ongoing Michigan Virtual classes for our high schoolers. State testing has been suspended for the year and we are waiting to hear from SVSU regarding spring NWEA testing. This will impact our ability to update data for the 24 month and 36 month reviews as a Partnership District. Mr. Price is working on rewriting the goals. We continue to ensure compliance with IEPs. The Board suggested that Mr. Price ensure regular updates to the Facebook page to encourage parental engagement.

Dr. Coggins presented the financial reports to include the February cash on hand, fund balance and revenue versus expenditure reports, check register and cash flow. It was moved by Dr. Morgan and seconded by Ms. Legardye to approve the February financial reports as presented. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was unanimous (5/0) in favor of the motion (AYE – Morgan, Legardye, Taylor, Shriver, Cheek). Motion passed – Financial Reports approved.

Unfinished Business

No action was taken regarding the Lease.

New Business

It was moved by Ms. Legardye and seconded by Dr. Morgan to approve the March disbursements. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was unanimous (5/0) in favor of the motion (AYE – Morgan, Legardye, Taylor, Shriver, Cheek). Motion passed – Disbursements approved.

It was moved by Ms. Legardye and seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve the Updated Resolutions as presented. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was unanimous (5/0) in favor of the motion (AYE – Morgan, Legardye, Taylor, Shriver, Cheek). Motion passed – Updated resolutions approved.

The Governor’s Executive Directive regarding public meetings was received and reviewed. The Board will meet electronically as needed to comply with the Governor’s Order regarding the closure of all businesses except essential services. The April meeting (rescheduled for April 20, 2020 at 4:00 pm) will be conducted electronically via Zoom.

Extended Public Comment

No extended comment was received.

Announcement of Next Meeting

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2020 at 4:00 pm. This is a change in date and time.

Adjournment

It was moved by Ms. Cheek and seconded by Mr. Shriver to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 pm. The vote was unanimous (5/0) in favor of the motion. Motion passed – Meeting adjourned.



Dr. Lorilyn Coggins
Acting Recording Secretary

I certify that these minutes were approved [X] as read [] as corrected by the Academy Board at a duly noticed open meeting held on March 23, 2020 at which a quorum was present.

By: *Laura Legardye* (COVID -19)

Its: Vice President/Treasurer