

GENESEE STEM ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Date: May 28, 2020

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Place: VIA Zoom –

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79080213742?pwd=cTMrVmxFeEc3THdscnh6Z2lLRzNoUT09>

5240 Calkins Rd

Flint, MI 48532

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Morgan at 4:05 pm.

Roll Call

A roll call of attendance was taken.

Board Members

President, Dr. Morgan–Present (electronically)

Vice President/Treasurer, Legardye-Present (electronically)

Secretary, Taylor–Present (electronically)

Member, Shriver –Present (electronically)

Member, Cheek – Present (electronically)

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Also attending the meeting were the following individuals:

Attendees

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

Mr. Vincent Price, Principal (electronically)

Ms. Chantra Williams, Saginaw Valley State University (electronically)

Mr. Doug Newcombe, Saginaw Valley State University (electronically)

Ms. Tacasha McFarland, Genesee STEM Academy (electronically)

Ms. Gwendolyn Harvey, Genesee STEM Academy (electronically)

Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Cheek and seconded by Mr. Taylor that the agenda be approved. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was unanimous (5/0) in favor of the motion (AYE – Morgan, Legardye, Taylor, Shriver, and Cheek). Motion passed – Agenda, as amended, 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 Ms. Cheek to approve the April 20, 2020 Rescheduled Regular Meeting Minutes. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was unanimous (4/0) in favor of the motion (AYE – Morgan, Legardye, Taylor and Cheek – Mr. Shriver was not available for this vote). Motion passed – Minutes approved.

Public Comment

No public comment on agenda items was received.

Correspondence

An e-mail from SVSU regarding budget processes was received and reviewed.

An e-mail from SVSU regarding current year and upcoming year budget considerations was received and reviewed.

An e-mail from Greg Nowak with Clark Hill was received along with the Tax Tribunal determination was received and reviewed.

An e-mail from SVSU regarding board meetings was received and reviewed.

Executive Order 2020-75 regarding electronic participation in meetings due to Covid-19 was received and reviewed.

An e-mail from SVSU regarding reaching out to landlords and ESP Providers was received and reviewed.

Reports

Mr. Meihn was available by phone to provide an update on the sale of the property to Wonderful Foundation, possible rent reduction, TEFRA hearings for the tax free bond financing, and the tax exempt issue.

Mr. Price highlighted his monthly report to include statistics on enrollment, attendance, academics, staffing and professional development. He also provided the board with a draft calendar for the 2020/2021 school year and several quotes for repaving the parking lot.

It was moved by Ms. Cheek and seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve the 2020/2021 School Calendar as presented. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was unanimous (5/0) in favor of the motion (AYE – Morgan, Legardye, Taylor, Shriver, and Cheek). Motion passed – 20/21 School Calendar approved.

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

It was moved by Dr. Morgan and seconded by Ms. Legardye to approve and adopt the Spring Board Policy Updates as presented by the National Charter Schools Institute. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was unanimous (5/0) in favor of the motion (AYE – Morgan, Legardye, Taylor, Shriver, and Cheek). Motion passed – Spring Board Policy Updates approved and adopted.

It was moved by Dr. Morgan and seconded by Ms. Legardye that the Board approve the contract renewal with Variety Foods for the 2020/2021 school year. The vote was unanimous (5/0) in favor of the motion (AYE – Morgan, Legardye, Taylor, Shriver, and Cheek). Motion passed – Contract renewal with Variety Foods approved.

It was moved by Ms. Legardye and seconded by Mr. Shriver that the Board request approval from SVSU to borrow from Treasury. The vote was unanimous (5/0) in favor of the motion (AYE – Morgan, Legardye, Taylor, Shriver, and Cheek). Motion passed – Request to Borrow approved.

It was moved by Ms. Cheek and seconded by Ms. Legardye that the Board adopt the Borrowing Resolution. The vote was unanimous (5/0) in favor of the motion (AYE – Morgan, Legardye, Taylor, Shriver, and Cheek). Motion passed – Borrowing Resolution adopted.

It was moved by Dr. Morgan and seconded by Ms. Legardye that the Board authorize up to \$5,000 in fees for filing the appeal to the Tax Tribunal as presented by Greg Nowak, but that a reduced fee be requested due to COVID-19 anticipated funding cuts. The vote was unanimous (5/0) in favor of the motion (AYE – Morgan, Legardye, Taylor, Shriver, and Cheek). Motion passed – Fee to File Tax Appeal approved.

Dr. Coggins noted that the annual Budget Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. The Budget Hearing will be held virtually in accordance with Executive Order 2020-75.

The Board discussed dates for their annual Strategic Planning Retreat and decided on July 10 and July 11 from 10-6 each day.

Extended Public Comment

Teacher appreciation week was discussed.

Announcement of Next Meeting

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 4:00 pm. This is a change in time. The budget hearing is scheduled for 3:30 in advance of the regular board meeting.

Professional Development

Mr. Doug Newcombe led a professional development session with the Board.

Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Cheek to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 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 June 25, 2020 at which a quorum was present.

By: Edgar Taylor (Covid-19)

Its: Secretary