

GENESEE STEM ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Date: March 18, 2021

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: VIA Zoom –

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5240 Calkins Rd

Flint, MI 48532

Prior to the official Call to Order, Attorney Meihn provided an update on the facility. He indicated that AEP indicated a purchase price of 9.5 – 10 million based not only on the value of the building but including the income stream from the current lease agreement. Mr. Meihn indicated that a follow-up call with AEP has been scheduled. Mr. Meihn noted that he and Mr. Price will try to arrange an appraisal of the building and have recommendations by mid-April.

Mr. Jones reported that he needed to leave the meeting by 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Morgan at 6:16 pm.

Roll Call

A roll call of attendance was taken.

Board Members

- President, Dr. Morgan–Present (remotely from Washtenaw County, Ann Arbor MI)
- Vice President/Secretary, Cheek–Present (remotely from Saginaw County, Saginaw MI)
- Treasurer, Shriver – Excused Absence
- Member, Taylor – Excused Absence
- Member, Jones – Present (remotely from Genesee County, Grand Blanc MI)

A quorum was present at all times to conduct business.

Also attending the meeting were the following individuals:

Attendees

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

Mr. Vincent Price, Principal (electronically)

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

Ms. Gwendolyn Harvey, Genesee STEM Academy (electronically)

Ms. Purches-Waller, Genesee STEM Academy (electronically)

Ms. Sims, Genesee STEM Academy (electronically)

Ms. Breed, Genesee STEM Academy (electronically)

Mr. G. Michael Meihn, Legal Counsel (electronically)

Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Jones and seconded by Dr. Morgan that the agenda be approved as amended in order to accomplish necessary business items while a quorum is present. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (AYE – Morgan, Cheek, and Jones). Motion passed – Agenda approved.

Conflict of Interest Inquiry

No board member indicated having a conflict of interest with any agenda item.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Jones and seconded by Ms. Cheek to approve the February 18, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (AYE – Morgan, Cheek, and Jones). Motion passed – Minutes approved.

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Unfinished Business

It was moved by Mr. Jones and seconded by Ms. Cheek that the Board fulfill its fiduciary duty for the public funds designed to advance student learning and authorize legal counsel to take any action necessary to terminate the existing lease or renegotiate the lease so that the Academy is not paying more than market value for the facility. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (AYE – Morgan, Cheek, and Jones). Motion passed – Attorney authorization and direction given with respect to the lease.

New Business

Dr. Coggins highlighted the February financial reports to include cash on hand, fund balance, state revenues and expenditures as compared to the board approved budget. It was moved by Ms. Cheek and seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the February financial reports. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (AYE – Morgan, Cheek, and Jones). Motion passed – Financial reports approved.

Extended Covid Learning Plan

Mr. Price reported that instruction remains 100% virtual for all students. No changes are needed to the Extended Covid Learning Plan at this time.

Daily attendance rates were presented to the Board from February 17, 2021 through March 16, 2021. The average attendance rate for this period is 79.5%. Mr. Newcombe was asked how this percentage compared to other schools authorized by Saginaw Valley State University. Mr. Newcombe indicated that the range is from the mid 80's to mid-90s. Ms. Cheek commented that GSTEM families have contracted Covid, and this has an impact on attendance. Mr. Jones suggested that socioeconomics also contribute to remote learning and interaction rates.

An opportunity was provided for public comment on the ECLP. No public comment was received.

It was moved by Ms. Cheek and seconded by Mr. Jones to reaffirm the Extended Covid Learning Plan with the continuation of remote instruction. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was unanimous (3/0) in favor of the motion (AYE – Morgan, Cheek, and Jones). Motion passed – Extended Covid Learning Plan reaffirmed.

Mr. Jones left the meeting at 6:45 p.m. at which time a quorum no longer was present to take any action.

Reports

Mr. Price highlighted his monthly report to present plans for a Senior Trip to Chicago, Illinois planned for late May 2021. He also discussed the assessment schedule with plans for transportation and meals to ensure face-to-face testing as needed. He reviewed ongoing professional development noting that next year’s focus will be on Direct Instruction. The next partnership meeting is scheduled for May. He updated the Board on the elevator inspection and repairs to the HVAC units. He reported that 14 out of 41 staff members have elected to receive the vaccine and 70% of those staff members have received the vaccine.

Extended Public Comment

No extended public comment was received.

Adjournment

Without a quorum in attendance, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.



Dr. Lorilyn Coggins
Acting Recording Secretary

I certify that these minutes were approved as read by the Academy Board at a duly noticed open meeting held on April 15, 2021 at which a quorum was present.

By: Harriett Cheek (Covid 19)

Its: Board Secretary