

GENESEE STEM ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Date: October 21, 2021
Time: 6:00pm
Place: 5240 Calkins Rd
Flint, MI 48532

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Morgan at 6:00pm. The meeting was held at the Academy.

Roll Call

A roll call of attendance was taken.

Board Members

- President, Dr. Morgan- Present
- Vice President, Cheek- Present
- Treasurer, Shriver- Present
- Secretary, Jones- Absent

A quorum was present to conduct the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

There was one additional item added to the agenda: Item 6.03 - Covid Plan. It was moved by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mrs. Cheek that the agenda be approved with the addition. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion passed- Agenda approved with addition..

Conflict of Interest Inquiry

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

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

There was one correction to the prior meeting minutes of September 16, 2021: Mrs. Cheek is Vice President and Mr. Jones is Secretary. It was moved by Dr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the September 16, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes with the stated correction.. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion (AYE- Morgan, Cheek, Shriver). Motion passed- Minutes approved with correction.

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Correspondence

- SVSU Open House - Saturday, September 18, 2021 high school students will be going to tour the campus, apply for admission, and attend the tailgate festivities and football game versus Wayne State University. SVSU will facilitate the event and cover the cost of transportation of students and their parents or accompanying adults. So far there are 6 students.
- Board Resignation - Dr. Morgan stated a letter had been received from Mr. Sylvester Jones resigning as a member of the Board of Directors. It was moved by Dr. Morgan and seconded by Mrs. Cheek to accept Mr. Jones' resignation letter. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. (AYE- Morgan, Cheek, Shriver). Motion passed.

Reports

- Principal Report
 - Attendance - some of our days are below 75% due to the school having to quarantine the majority of 3 classes due to Covid. As a result, we have been learning virtually for the past 6 school days and will return to in-person learning on Monday.
 - Discipline referrals and suspensions were discussed broken down by male and female students.
 - Enrollment - 292 students
 - Transportation - Looking into partnering with GISD for transportation of GCI students instead of MTA because of the savings in cost.
 - Facility Update - An issue with the septic pump has been discovered in the new edition and 4-5 plumbers/electricians have been involved to resolve the issue because sewage is being pumped under the building. A section of the floor in the hallway had to be torn up to get to the problem. If the vendors are unsuccessful in getting the issue resolved, we may have to cancel school for additional days because the bathrooms will be off limits and the floor is open.
 - SVSU visit will take place on November 8, 2021 and the partnership meeting will take place on November 9, 2021 at 1:00pm.
 - Compliance/Grant Submission - 21h grant has been submitted-no feedback yet, 35a(5) application results-we were awarded \$6,304.35 for additional instructional time, E-STAR sub grant was submitted for \$3,500 to enhance our food presence and the students perception.
 - Open Positions - paraprofessional, math, science, and social studies teachers (grades 6-12)
- Legal Report - Mr. Meihn was unavailable for the legal report.

- Financial Report - Mr. Price went over the financial report for Mr. Romzek who is out of town. It was moved by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mrs. Cheek to accept the financial report. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. (AYE- Morgan, Cheek, Shriver). Motion passed.
- GSA Field Rep Report - All Board members received the report from SVSU.

Unfinished Business

Board Retreat - Mr. Meihn was to send a suggestion for dates however was not present. Mr. Shriver stated that he will be a father next month so his availability is unsure. The Retreat is tabled for now.

New Business

- Board Candidates - No new applications have been received for potential candidates. Applications of the two previous candidates, Mr. Fox and Ms. McKay, were discussed. Mrs. Cheek moved to accept the application of Ms. McKay to be forwarded to SVSU for consideration to become a board member, Mr. Shriver second the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. (AYE- Morgan, Cheek, Shriver). Motion passed.
- Education Program Review - Mr. Price stated that due to the length of time required, he recommended that this item be tabled for tonight. He and Mrs. Cheek will discuss this and bring it back to the Board.
- Covid Plan - Mr. Price stated the Academy has had 5 staff members and 10 students that have tested positive with Covid since school began on August 9, 2021. The response to the school early on was a lot swifter from the Health Department than now since all schools are in session and as other cases arise in the County. This has caused heightened anxiety among the students and parents. We are expected to follow the Toolkit that has changed three times from the County which outlines communications to parents and quarantines. Mrs. Cheek stated that this can be frustrating because communication is the key.

Extended Public Comment

There were no further public comments.

Closing Items

- Announcement of the Next Meeting
The next board meeting will be held November 18, 2021 at 6pm.
- Adjournment
Mr. Shriver moved to adjourn the meeting, Mrs. Cheek seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. (AYE- Morgan, Cheek, Shriver). Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

I certify that these minutes were approved [X] as read [] as corrected by the Academy Board at a duly noticed open meeting held on November 18,2021 at which a quorum was present.

By: *AJ R. Chubb*
Its: Vice- President