

GENESEE STEM ACADEMY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

Date: August 19, 2021  
Time: 6:00pm  
Place: 5240 Calkins Rd  
Flint, MI 48532

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Morgan at 6:11pm. The meeting was held at the Academy.

**Roll Call**

A roll call of attendance was taken.

**Board Members**

- President, Dr. Morgan- Present
- Vice President/Secretary, Cheek- Present
- Treasurer, Shriver- Present
- Member, Jones- Excused

A quorum was present to conduct the meeting.

**Approval of the Agenda**

It was moved by Mrs. Cheek and seconded by Dr. Morgan that the agenda be approved as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. 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. Striver and seconded by Dr. Morgan to approve the July 20, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion ( AYE- Morgan, Cheek, Shriver). Motion passed- Minutes approved.

**Public Comment**

No public comment was received.

## **Reports**

GSA is in compliance and the information can be found in EpiCenter. Mr. Price presented the Principal report reviewing the restructuring of the building with the classes. NWEA testing was completed this week. Mr. Price reported that he will have more information during the next board meeting. Mr. Price informed the Board that the partnership agreement and Academy goal is for 60% of students to meet or exceed the NWEA norm scores. Mr. Price reported on the current number of students enrolled at the Academy. Mr. Price reviewed the transportation issues that the Academy is having and reported that requests have been made to rectify some of the issues. Mr. Price elaborated how the transportation issue may cause the Academy to lose students. There is also a challenge with transportation to GCI as well.

Mr. Price reviewed the adding of the LED lighting in the building and reported that the Academy worked with Batteries and Bulbs to get the lighting and the Academy should see a reduction in the electricity bill with the new lighting.

Mr. Price reported that he has had a meeting with a contact from Flint Township regarding the Baker campus along with others. They will have more conversations regarding the campus.

Mr. Price reported that the Academy was approved for a waiver for ERATE. The staff completed CPR training and applied for a grant for the "CPR" machine.

Mr. Price conveyed that although all classes are covered, there are current teachers who are serving as mentors for math classes that students are taking online.

There are several positions open in the Academy but offers have been made for a Physical Education teacher and two custodians.

## **Legal Report**

Mr. Meihn provided his legal report via telephone. Mr. Mahn reported on the current Covid guidelines. Mr. Mahn reported on the meeting he and Mr. Price had with the owner of the property and that the owner is not willing to reduce the cost in rent or the amount they are asking for for purchase. Mr. Mahn provided the options that the Academy has regarding the property. The amount that the appraisal of the property is less than the cost that the owners are asking for. Mr. Mahn elaborated on the bill that was received from the property owners. Mr. Mahn related that the end of September is when the Board Retreat may take place as he was able to secure a location and a few dates that he will share with the Board Members.

## **Financial Report**

The report was reviewed by Dan Romzik. The budget was reviewed and there are some adjustments that need to be made. The Summary of Accounts payable was reviewed which includes the bills paid. Mr. Romzik indicated that the 20-21 budget numbers are preliminary and will be finalized by the time the auditor completes their audit.

The motion was made by Mrs. Cheek and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the financial report. The financial report was unanimously approved (AYE- Cheek, Morgan, Shriver). Motion passed- Financial Report approved.

## **New Business**

Mr. Romzik asked the Board to consider getting a Purchasing Card which will allow the single collection of recorded transactions. Mr. Romzik conveyed the purpose of having the card is to

not need purchase orders or invoices when needing to make purchases and the process that goes along with that. The Purchasing Card can be monitored at any time and can be accessed at a moment's notice if something goes wrong. The Purchasing Card would allow streamlining the purchasing process.

**Presentations**

Dr. Morgan opened the floor for potential board members to introduce themselves. Mr. Fox was the first to introduce himself and gave an overview of his background. The second candidate is Ms. Athena McKay. Ms. McKay introduced herself and gave an overview of her background. The candidates were introduced to the opportunity of becoming board members by Mr. Jones.

**Extended Public Comment**

There were no further public comments.

**Announcement of the Next Meeting**

The next board meeting will be held September 16, 2021 at 6pm.

**Closing Items**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

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I certify that these minutes were approved [ X ] as read [ ] as corrected by the Academy Board at a duly noticed open meeting held on September 16,2021 at which a quorum was present.

By: 

Its: Superintendent