



Michigan Virtual Charter Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday April 22, 2019

GVSU Conference Center

163 Madison Ave. Detroit, Michigan 48226

1. **Call to Order:** Time 6:00pm
2. **Roll Call:** Present were Marva Foster, Monique Lake, Tarolyn Buckles, Scott Stangeland
3. **Other Attendees:** Randy Rodriguez, Todd McIntire, Kelley Davis, Rajeshri Bhatia, Amela Redzic, Gayle Korhorn, Mary Markert, via phone were Ann VanderLaan and Kate Harkless
4. **Public Comment:** None
5. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion: Director Stangeland moved to modify agenda to insert board candidate interview as item 6 and move all items down.

Second: Director Lake

Motion unanimously approved

6. **Interview of Potential Board Candidate**

The MVCA Board of Directors interviewed Lynn Hawthorn for the open positions on the Board of Directors.

7. **Approval of March 25, 2019 Minutes of Board Meeting**

Motion: Director Buckles moved to approve the minutes from the March 25, 2019 Board Meeting

Second: Director Lake

Motion unanimously approved

8. Finance Report

Mary Markert (K12) presented the financial packets to the Board.

Todd McIntire (K12): Todd McIntire provided an update on public affairs. He primarily focused on the budget discussions at the state. K12 has been holding discussions with legislators to avoid the 20% reduction to state funding for cyber schools. Jon Robinson had positive conversations with the chair of appropriations regarding this issue. He also discussed the potential budget conflict due to the governor's current tax proposal that may result in a delay in a passed budget.

Motion: Director Buckles moved to approve the K12 and nonK12 expenses for \$2,092,266.15

Second: Director Stangeland

Motion unanimously approved

9. Head of School Report: Randy Rodriguez (Head of School)

- a. FAST Team Update
- b. Re-Registration - Enrollment
- c. Authorization Transition Update

Amela Redzic (MVCA FAST): presented data and narrative on the Family Academic Support Team (FAST) and programs. She dedicated time to Strong Start, face to face events, and Back on Track programs. She shared multiple sets of data that demonstrate action points for building family engagement.

She also shared the vision for extending Back on Track plans next year to ensure all students that are working with FAST are passing all courses. This is a new initiative presented by Amela to nationals. We also introduced Gayle Korhorn who works with seniors at MVCA. The board engaged in questions and answers with Amela and Gayle. It was a fruitful and robust conversation about challenges and successes our students face today.

The HOS, Randy Rodriguez, gave an update on our re-registration process. He reviewed the communication plans by both nationals and locally. He also

reviewed our year over year data. We are currently 7% in registration over last year.

The HOS, Randy Rodriguez, gave an update on the Authorizer Transition meetings with MDE on April 3rd. Board members all received minutes and action items from that meeting. Randy reviewed the action items that were completed and those yet to be done.

10. Items of Importance

- a. Academic Committee Update
- b. Legal update on recent laws – Ann VanderLaan

The Academic Committee shared highlights from the workshop held on April 4th. This was found to be a positive and productive time for building a communication plan for the Board of Directors. It also allowed board members to dive deeper into our academic programming. Notes will be sent to the entire board.

Ann VanderLaan reviewed notes of laws that needed to have action items for the board of education. Ann reviewed each law and the requirements for the Board of Directors. She advised that item 11 b be tabled for further review by the Board and K12. The Board agreed to table that item. Items 11c through 11e reflect action items for those laws. Ann also provided a resolution as necessary for the action items assigning HOS for safety regulations.

11. New Business

- a. Motion to approve student computer distribution rules:
 - i. K-5 Students – 1 computer per three children in a family
 - ii. 6-12 Students – 1 computer per child

Motion: Director Buckles moved to approve student computer distribution rules as K-5 students-1 computer per three children in a family and 6-12 grade students –1 computer per child

Second: Director Lake

Motion unanimously approved

- b. Motion to approve proposed Board policy for Compliance with Michigan Sex Education Statute; Prohibition Of Abortion Referral or Assistance as required by MCL §388.1766

This item is tabled until the May board meeting

- c. Motion to approve proposed Board Policy for Participation in Board Meeting Remotely for Absent Military Service Board Member as required by Public Act 485 of 2018.

Motion: Director Buckles moved to approve Board Policy for Participation in Board Meeting Remotely for Absent Military Service Board Member as required by Public Act 485 of 2018.

Second: Director Lake

Motion unanimously approved

- d. Motion to approve Board Resolution appointing the Head of School, Randy Rodriguez, as the Michigan Virtual Charter Academy liaison with the School Safety Commission as required by Public Act 549 of 2018

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Second: Director Lake

Motion unanimously approved

- e. Motion to approve Board Resolution appointing the Head of School, Randy Rodriguez, as the Michigan Virtual Charter Academy emergency contact for the Michigan State Police and to receive reports at any time regarding information submitted by the statewide school safety hotline as required by Public Act 670 of 2018

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Second: Director Lake

Motion unanimously approved

12. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

13. Authorizer Comments

Rajeshri Bhatia (GVSU) discussed the Letter for Authorizer close out which was sent on 4/18/2019 to President Foster and K12. It identified tasks that need to be completed as MVCA changes authorizers.

14. Reminder of Next Board Meeting: May 20, 2019, GVSU in Detroit at 6:00pm

15. Adjournment: Time 7:46

The undersigned duly qualified Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Virtual Charter Academy, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the minutes at the regular meeting on April 22, 2019 approved at the Board's May 20, 2019, and that proper notice of the regular public Board meeting on April 22, 2019 was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.

Secretary, Board of Directors



Scott Stangeland