

# Michigan Virtual Charter Academy

## Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday, April 25, 2016

6:00 P.M.

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If unable to attend in person, you can participate via conference call at  
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**1. Call to Order:** Called to order at 6:02 p.m.

**2. Roll Call:**

**Present:** Director Bender, Director Foster, Director Stangeland, Director Lake, Director Buckles

**Absent:** Director Hester (Excused)

**Also Present:** Andrei Nichols (MVCA), Cindy Wright (K12), Sean Hampton (K12), Regina Krotzer (K12), Larry Spencer (GVSU), Tiffany Synder (MVCA), Shannon Hare (MVCA), Julie Overholt (K12), Corista Nichols (MVCA), Mary Markert, Brian and Hollie Jackson, Arnette Burnette, Kelly Davis, Ann Vanderlaan (Clark Hill)

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** Director Buckles moved to approve the agenda.

**Seconded:** Director Foster

**Approved:** Unanimous

**4. Approval of Minutes from regular meeting March 21, 2016**

**Motion:** Director Buckles moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting.

**Seconded:** Director Lake

**Approved:** Unanimous

## **5. Public Comments (limited to agenda items 3 minutes limit)**

Annette Barnett wrote a letter to the board. After her son was bullied and denied the proper attention at his other school, Annette enrolled her son at MVCA. Annette is extremely grateful for the attention her autistic son has received MVCA. He has been challenged and has learned so much. She wants the board to understand that though there has been a learning curve, she is incredibly grateful for the opportunity and would hate to see MVCA close.

Larry Spencer comments on MVCA closing. It is the farthest thing from the truth. The decision has NOT been made and everyone is working very hard to not let this happen. Final decision will not be made until after the Spring testing results. "Proof is in the pudding."

Brian Jackson appreciates Larry's comment. Jackson presents petition of 700+ parent signatures supporting MVCA.

## **6. Financial Reports**

Mary presents financial report and budget modification including the amendment that will get us to the 5%.

Purpose of this month's modification (show that MVCA has the ability to get to 5% fund budget by following modification)

-Two pieces to the modification: (1) commitment from k12 and (2) commitment from MVCA

Proposal modification:

-1 million reduction of management fee to achieve balanced budget for FY16

-623k estimated additional reduction of management fees to achieve 5% fund balance for FY2016

## **7. Finance Committee**

- a. Financial Open Issues
- b. Amended Budget action

Board need to take action- adjust budget and adopt new amendment.

**Motion:** Director Buckles moves to approve amended budget.

**Seconded:** Director Stangeland

**Approved:** Unanimous

- c. Financial Statement
- d. Accounts Payable Action

**Motion:** Director Buckles moves to approve total payments of \$1,950,141.73  
**Seconded:** Director Stangeland  
**Approved:** Unanimous

- e. 2014/14 Budget Response Letter to State MDE

**Motion:** Director Foster motions to approve the response letter to MDE's budget office  
**Seconded:** Director Bender  
**Approved:** Unanimous

- f. Insurance Status

**Motion:** Director Buckles motions to approve yearly 98k for liability and safety insurance.  
**Seconded:** Director Foster  
**Approved:** Unanimous

Budget Draft Proposal FY 2017

Key drivers: enrollment and funding

Unfunded enrollments- year structure is causing fluctuation in the coming and going of students.

- Reasoning for withdrawal and truancy reports expected at next month's meeting, and every month from then on.

- Enrollment limit? Ann will review law- Final Budget will need to be approved by June 30.

Current Budget Assumptions - based on current trend this year.

Board action is necessary to sage guard enrollment impact on FY17 budget. FY16 impact of enrollments after 1<sup>st</sup> count to date equates to \$1.5 M in compromised funding.

- Maintain current staff ratios to students
- Bonuses remain the same 4%
- Staff salaries increasing 2.5%
- MVCA testing on site supplementary support added in FY17 (estimate 21k-71k depending on degree of additional support selected.
- Summer school funded through Title \$

Risks:

- Passing legislative action may reduce funding.
- Increased unfunded enrollment if Board does not take further action.

## **8. NWEA Data Meeting – Meeting between k12 and GVSU**

Big difference between students that test at home, compared to students that take the test at school.

- Controlled site is better testing environment.
- More validly in students eyes.
- Ensures parents are not helping students.
- More accurate results.

Director Stangeland emphasizes- If testing is what the school is going to be judged on then testing needs to be addressed in order for the school to survive.

Director Buckles and Larry Spencer suggest adding this to the budget.

- Participation needs to be emphasized.
- Think about? Should testing be a graduation requirement?
- Parents need to understand the impact testing has on the school.

\*\*\*Parents need to be informed of the responsibility, is this school the right fit for you and your child?

Julie Overholt presents winter results. Continuing to add additional “bootcamps” moving forward.

- Happy to hear that NWEA made a mistake and the results were not accurate, made a big difference. Important to continue to push (in green by thin margins, in red by thin margins).
- SAT, PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, Work Keys ACT, MSTEP testing schedule, make-ups
- Logistics: Schedule, sites locations, testing coordinators, site leads, proctors, student site (within 60 miles of home), materials, how to turn materials
- Help is provided to families that have difficulties traveling

## **9. Upcoming Testing – M-STEP: NWEA: Others**

- Testing takes place May 2- June 1
- Results will be available June 3<sup>rd</sup>

## **10. Head of School Report .....**

- Sara Ferguson is no longer with MVCA. Position has been posted, in the process of finding the right fit.

-Larry Spencer suggests sending position opportunities to the placement offices of universities.

### **11. Teacher Evaluations**

- Teachers effectiveness ratings reported to state in 2015:
  - 86.6% Effective
  - 7.8 Highly Effective
  - 5.6% Minimally Effective

Since this year's implementation of Performance Measure Objectives (PMO's) Student retention has risen from 40% to 50% since 14/15 school year.

- K12 trainings are being mandated this year vs in the 14-15 school year.
- Teachers have been observed at least 11 times throughout the school year.

### **12. Open Positions Update**

- Four positions are available and posted.

### **13. Student enrollment update & Marketing Activity**

- Keep teacher who are driving performance. 2.5% raise is the average Not every single person will receive this; some may receive more than this (budget item).

### **14. Authorizer Comments**

**Motion:** Director Buckles motions to approve the resolution to approve Grand Valley State University's plan of corrective actions.

**Seconded:** Director Foster

**Approved:** Unanimous

### **15. New Business**

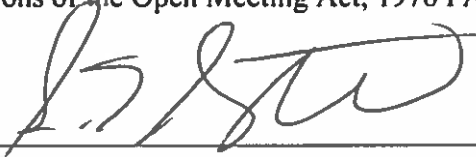
-MCCSA holding 3rd annual charter public school board day at the capitol scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 2016.

**16. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Minutes are available at: MVCA Office, 678 Front Avenue NW, Suite 190 Grand Rapids, MI 49504

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 resolution adopted by the Board at a regular meeting held on Monday, April 25, 2016, the original of which is a part of the Board's minutes and further certifies that a notice of a meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meeting Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.

Secretary, Board of Directors



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