

**Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy  
Organizational and Regular  
Meeting**

**Approved Minutes**

**Date:** August 10, 2020

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Place:** Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy  
730 W. Maple Street, Lansing, Michigan 48906

I. Meeting Called to Order at 6:02 p.m. by Robert Macomber.

II. Roll Call

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Nicholas Benavides	X	
Nettavia Curry	X	
Leigh Faith	X	
Robert Macomber	X	
Versey Williams	X	

Others Present:

*CS Partners:* Lauri McCollum, Tim Tenneriello

*Mid-Michigan Leadership Staff:* Linda Brown, Rebekah Cathey, Lacey James

*Central Michigan University:* Jonathon Trout

III. Nominate Temporary Chairperson

**Motioned by Nettavia Curry, seconded by Versey Williams to nominate Robert Macomber as temporary Chairperson. Unanimously carried by those present.**

IV. Public Comment (*agenda items only*)

- None

V. Approval of Updated Agenda

**Motion by Leigha Faith, seconded by Nicholas Benavides to approve the updated agenda. Unanimously carried by those present.**

VI. Annual Organizational Items

- a. Election of Officers

**Motion by Nicholas Benavides, seconded by Nettavia Curry to appoint:**

**Robert Macomber, President  
Leigh Faith, Vice-President  
Nettavia Curry, Treasurer  
Nicholas Benavides, Secretary.**

**Motion passes unanimously.**

b. Annual Organizational Items

1. Legal Counsel: **Thrun Law Firm**
2. Designation of Auditor: **Maner Costerisan**
3. Place and Person for Posting: **Main Entrance/Rebekah Cathey**
4. Designation of Chief Administrative Officer: **Board Treasurer**
5. Board Corresponding Agent: **Lauri McCollum**
6. Registered Agent: **Board President**
7. Title VI and Civil Rights Coordinator: **School Leader**
8. Title IX and Sexual Harassment Representative: **School Social Worker**  
Civil Rights Officer/Compliance Officer (Male): **Lacey James**  
Civil Rights Officer/Compliance Officer (Female): **Linda Brown**
9. Section 504 Representative: **School Social Worker**
10. Homeless Children and Youth Liaison: **School Social Worker**
11. Local Newspaper of Record: **City Pulse**
12. Account Designation and Signatory Authority:  
**Independent Bank / All Board Officers**
13. Resolution Authorizing Use of Facsimile Signatures: **All Board Officers**
14. Recording Secretary: **CS Partners**
15. Automatic Clearing House (ACH) Resolution: **Board Treasurer and ESP/CS Partners**
16. Freedom of Information Act Coordinator: **School Leader**
17. Resolution Authorizing Treasurer to Invest Funds
18. AHERA Contact: **Todd Dryer**
19. Erate Resolution: **School Leader**
20. OK2SAY Contact: **School Leader**
21. School Safety Commission Liaison: **School Leader**

- **Motioned by Leigh Faith seconded by Nicholas Benavides to approve the Annual Organizational Items. Motioned passed unanimously.**

VII. Approval of Minutes

a. June 8, 2020 Meeting

- **Motion by Versey Williams seconded by Leigha Faith to approve the June 8, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Unanimously carried by those present.**

VIII. Board Correspondence

- **None**

IX. CS Partners Report

Tim Tenneriello reviewed the CS Partners report and noted that there were zero instances of bullying reported at the school last year when he reviewed the School Infrastructure Database (SID) submission from June 2020.

a. Administrator's Report

Lacey James introduced Linda Brown as the new Assistant Principal. Currently there are 330 students enrolled for the upcoming school year, there are only 10 Kindergarten Junior students and 15 Kindergarteners.

As the team was preparing for this school year, MMLA intended it start school in-person. Since the surrounding school districts are starting virtually for the first 9 weeks of school MMLA decided to start virtually too. The staff will be virtually teaching from the building. Linda Brown stated that the teachers are ready to come into the school to teach. The virtual teaching presentations will be held with ½ of the grades in the morning and the other ½ in the afternoon, this will allow for the older siblings to assist the younger siblings with their school work. Special Education, English Learning and MTSS services will pull students out of the virtual platform once the main lesson is taught by the teacher. It is intended for the Social Worker, who should be hired soon, to build relationships with students and families during this time of remote learning.

b. Financial Report

Tim Tenneriello reviewed the June financial report.

X. New Business

a. Review and Approval of Preparedness and Response Plan

The Preparedness and Response Plan was reviewed and discussed. The resolution approving virtual delivery of curriculum was reviewed. The Charter Contract Amendment and resolution for the Preparedness Plan was reviewed.

- **Motion by Versey Williams seconded by Leigha Faith to approve the Preparedness and Response Plan, Resolution to Approve Virtual Delivery of Curriculum and the Charter Contract Amendment. Unanimously carried by those present.**

b. Approval of Charter Contract Amendment 2

Jennifer Cook sent changes to the standard Charter Contract to the Board Members of July 27<sup>th</sup>. The updates have been reviewed by the Board and they did not have any questions.

- **Motion by Versey Williams seconded by Nettavia Curry to approve the Charter Contract Amendment. Unanimously carried by those present.**

c. Approval of Ingham Intermediate School District Letter of Understanding

This is a renewal of the same contract from last year.

- **Motion by Leigha Faith seconded by Nicholas Benavides to approve the Ingham Intermediate School District Letter of Understanding. Unanimously carried by those present.**

d. Approval of Food Service Cooperative Agreement

This is a renewal of the same contract from last year.

- **Motion by Nicholas Benavides seconded by Leigha Faith to approve the Food Service Agreement with Okemos Schools. Unanimously carried by those present.**

e. Review and Approval of Title IX Board Policy

The updates to the Title IX policy were reviewed.

- **Motion by Nettavia Curry seconded by Leigha Faith to approve the Title IX Board Policy. Unanimously carried by those present.**

f. Review and Approval of HVAC Unit Ventilator Replacement

The RFQ for the HVAC Unit Ventilator Replacements was reviewed. The third unit will be purchased after the boilers are started up and the unit in the most need of replacement will be replaced. The replacement units will allow for air conditioning to be added at a future date, if desired.

- **Motion by Leigha Faith seconded by Versey Williams to approve quote from T.H. Eifert for the HVAC Unit Ventilator Replacements. Unanimously carried by those present.**

XI. Old Business

a. Academic Committee Review of Mission and Vision Statements

Reviewed the updated Mission and Vision statements. A few adjustments were made. The final version follows.

## Mission Statement

Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy (MMLA) maintains high standards of academic excellence and accountability. As a provider of top-quality education in a safe, nurturing environment, MMLA supports its diverse student body by recognizing each child as an individual while operating within the greater whole. Inclusion-mindset training and focusing on self-development prepare students for lifetime achievement. MMLA cultivates a desire for continued learning by welcoming caregiver support to assist in strengthening students' personal integrity and responsibility to uphold civic, ethical, and moral standards.

## Vision Statement

- MMLA's vision provides a learning environment where students can dream, thrive and realize their potential.
- MMLA staff appreciates differences and through meaningful collaboration, support students as they become proficient in academics and character. We celebrate the strength of our school culture; teachers are enthusiastic and believe in all students.
- MMLA staff utilizes various methodologies to undergird academics so students can navigate through challenges they might encounter.
- MMLA wants to be an effective school with major gains in student achievement and help transform our neighborhood to be a welcoming environment in which to live and work.
- MMLA aims to produce high levels of Kindergarten Junior – 8<sup>th</sup> grade student achievement and help train the next generation of world class citizens for post-secondary education, specialized training, and entrepreneurship.
- **Motion by Nettavia Curry seconded by Versey Williams to adopt the new Mission and Vision statements. Unanimously carried by those present.**

## XII. Authorizer Report

Jonathon Trout explained that MMLA is still being designated as a priority school. This designation will allow MMLA to apply for additional technology and social work funds.

Jonathon's last Board meeting at MMLA will be in September, Joe Thienes will be introduced to the Board in September.

## XIII. Extended Public Comment (non-agenda items)

- None

**Our Next Board Meeting is September 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**

I. Adjournment:

- **Motion by Leigha Faith, seconded by Nettavia Curry that the Meeting be adjourned at 7:17 p.m. Unanimously carried by those present.**

*Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,*

Lauri McCollum - Covid  
Recording Secretary

August 14, 2020  
Date

Approved by the Board of Directors at its September meeting.

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Board Secretary

Date

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