

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

Date: August 9, 2021

Time: 6:00 PM

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

I. Meeting Called to Order at 6:04 p.m. by Robert Macomber.

II. Roll Call

	Present	Location if virtual	Absent
Nicholas Benavides	X	East Lansing (Medical)	
Nettavia Curry			X
Leigh Faith	X	Ft. Gratiot (Medical)	
Robert Macomber	X		
Versey Williams	X		

Others Present:

CS Partners: Lauri McCollum, Lisa Weir

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

Central Michigan University: Joseph Thienes

MMLA Parent: Cecil Sadler

III. Nominate Temporary Chairperson

Motioned by Versey Williams, seconded by Nicholas Benavides to nominate Robert Macomber as temporary Chairperson. Unanimously carried by those present.

IV. Public Comment (*agenda items only*)

- None

V. Approval of Updated Agenda

The agenda has been updated to remove the DIC agreement and to add a Parent Involvement Committee.

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

VI. Annual Organizational Items

- a. Election of Officers

Motion by Leigha Faith, seconded by Versey Williams 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 Versey Williams seconded by Leigha Faith to approve the Annual Organizational Items. Motioned passed unanimously.**

VII. Approval of Minutes

a. June 14, 2021 Meeting

- **Motion by Nicholas Benavides seconded by Versey Williams to approve the June 14, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Unanimously carried by those present.**

VIII. Board Correspondence

- a. Letter for CMU regarding Contact Amendment Proposal to add the 9th grade.
- b. Letter from CMU regarding 2020-2021 Student Assessment Participation Rates.

IX. CS Partners Report

- a. Monthly Report
 - i. 2020-2021 School Infrastructure Database Summary Review
 - ii. Annual Website Crime Posting
 - iii. Board Expulsion Memorandum

Lauri McCollum reviewed the 2020-2021 Annual Board notifications of Bullying, Crime Statistics and Expulsions.

Dr. Weir reviewed the CSP Report, as well as reviewing her duties and responsibilities at CS Partners and Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy.

Dr. Williams pointed out that the gym floor has been a school project priority for many years. The facilities committee will be meeting before the September Board meeting to begin reviewing facility priorities.

b. School Leader Report

Mr. James reviewed his School Leader report. Currently there are 350 students enrolled for the Fall. School will start with all students, staff and teachers wearing masks. MMLA is ready to adjust to a virtual environment if necessary. This year will focus on wellness. Dr. Clark will be providing a professional development session on ethics and diversity.

A parent has already been identified to lead the Parent Teacher Organization this year.

c. Financial Report

Dr. Weir reviewed the July financial report.

There was a question concerning why object code 284-3450 was overbudget already.

X. New Business

a. Board Committee Formation and Review

The following Committees have been formed and initial membership is reported.

- i. Academic
 - a. Lacey James
 - b. Lisa Weir
 - c. Leigha Faith
 - d. Versey Williams
 - e. Parent – TBD
 - f. Teacher – TBD
 - g. Student – TBD
- ii. Building Facilities
 - a. Lacey James
 - b. Lisa Weir
 - c. Nicholas Benavides
 - d. Parent – TBD
 - e. Teacher – TBD
- iii. Cultural
 - a. Lacey James
 - b. Lisa Weir
 - c. Nicholas Benavides
 - d. Versey Williams
 - e. Parent – TBD
 - f. Teacher – TBD
 - g. Student – TBD
- iv. Finance
 - a. Lacey James
 - b. Lisa Weir
 - c. Nettavia Curry
- v. 9th Grade High School Expansion
 - a. Lacey James
 - b. Lisa Weir
 - c. Nettavia Curry
 - d. Rob Macomber
 - e. Parent – TBD
 - f. Teacher – TBD
 - g. Student – TBD
- vi. Parent Involvement
 - a. Lacey James
 - b. Lisa Weir
 - c. Versey Williams
 - d. PTO President
 - e. Teacher – TBD

- **Motion by Leigha Faith seconded by Nicholas Benavides to approve the formation and initial membership of the above-named Board Committees. Unanimously carried by those present.**

b. Review and Approval of Updated Board Policies

The updates to the board policies were reviewed by Lauri McCollum.

- **Motion by Nicholas Benavides seconded by Versey Williams to approve the Updated Board Policies. Unanimously carried by those present.**

c. Approval of Food Service Cooperative Agreement

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

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

d. Review and Approval of MICIP

The Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process was reviewed the focus this year is on attendance and social emotional support.

Currently Mr. James is the only teacher trained in restorative justice. The restorative justice mind-set will be presented to teachers and staff in the form of school-wide guidelines. Restorative justice training will be on-going.

MMLA staff will canvas the neighborhoods and make stops to engage with the community in an effort to familiarize staff with the community.

- **Motion by Versey Williams seconded by Nicholas Benavides to approve the 2021-2022 MICIP document. Unanimously carried by those present.**

XI. Old Business

- None

XII. Authorizer Report

The CMU Annual Conference will take place on Tuesday, August 17th. There will be a virtual learning webinar on Thursday, August 12th. Public Act 211 states that all 6th– 12th grade student identification cards must have a suicide prevention hotline number on them.

XIII. Extended Public Comment (non-agenda items)

A parent commented that he thought that MMLA staff canvassing the neighborhoods was a great idea and he wished the children and school a successful year.

Our Next Board Meeting is September 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

XIV. Adjournment:


- **Motion by Nicholas Benavides, seconded by Versey Williams that the Meeting be adjourned at 7:26 p.m. Unanimously carried by those present.**

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

Lauri Mc Cellum - Covid
Recording Secretary

Date

Approved by the Board of Directors at its September meeting.


Leigh Faith (Sep 16, 2021 13:54 EDT)
Board Secretary

Sep 16, 2021

Date

Minutes are available at 730 West Maple Street, Lansing, Michigan 48906. This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Directors in public for the purpose of conducting the Academy's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.