

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

Date: October 11, 2021

Time: 6:00 PM

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

I. Meeting Called to Order at 6:03 p.m. by Robert Macomber.

II. Roll Call

	Present	Location if virtual	Absent
Nicholas Benavides	X		
Nettavia Curry	X	Delta Twp. (Medical)	
Leigha Faith	X	Ingham Twp. (Medical)	
Robert Macomber	X		
Versey Williams	X		

Others Present:

CS Partners: Lauri McCollum, Lisa Weir

Mid-Michigan Leadership Staff: Lacey James

III. Public Comment (*agenda items only*)

- None

IV. Approval of Updated Agenda

The agenda has been updated to add the Charter Tech contract update and review school calendar

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

V. Approval of Minutes

a. September 13, 2021

- **Motion by Leigha Faith seconded by Nettavia Curry to approve the September 13, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes. Unanimously carried by those present.**

VI. Board Correspondence

Dr. Williams read an open letter to the Board that she wrote. The Board will respond to the letter at the November meeting.

VII. Committee Reports

a. Academic

- b. Building
- c. Cultural
- d. Finance
- e. 9th Grade/High School Expansion
- f. Parent Involvement

Committee Reports will begin as soon as meetings start.

VIII. CS Partners Report

- a. Monthly Report
 - i. Teacher Retention Report

Dr. Weir reviewed the CSP Report and teacher retention report. It was requested that Lindsey Campeau attend the November meeting to answer questions regarding teacher retention rates in demographically similar schools, in other Lansing area schools as well as if severance packages were ever given to staff.

Reauthorization will be placed as a standing agenda item on the monthly Board agendas.

- b. School Leader Report

Mr. James reviewed his School Leader report. It is unlikely that the third bus will return to service anytime soon.

The Coat of Many Colors agreement will not be brought to the Board tonight, it is being reviewed for legal, compliance and Special Education issues. Coat of Many Colors will provide small group and individual therapy before school, during lunch and after school. School Leadership reached out to other counseling services in the Lansing area and they do not have enough staff to provide services to MMLA students at this time.

Mr. James reported that lunch has been going over the scheduled time whenever more complex meals are served. The Board asked if it was possible to hire additional lunch aides. Since Food Service is run by Okemos Schools, it is necessary for them to hire and train any additional staff.

- c. Financial Report

Dr. Weir reviewed the September financial report.

IX. New Business

- a. Charter Tech Contract

With the additional use of technology, Mr. James would like to increase the hours of service that Charter Tech provides each week. He presented a quote for 8 or 12 hours per week with a term of one to three years.

MMLA tried to find a vendor in the Lansing area to provide the technical service but were unable to find a tech company that had knowledge of the technology in a school.

- **Motion by Nicholas Benavides seconded by Versey Williams to approve the Charter Tech contract for 8 hrs a week for 1 year. Unanimously carried by those present.**

b. Virtual Learning Resolution

The Virtual Learning Resolution gives Mr. James authority to change the mode of delivery of instruction in the event of adverse community circumstances.

- **Motion by Versey Williams seconded by Nicholas Benavides to approve the Virtual Learning Resolution. Unanimously carried by those present.**

c. Discussion of Need to Create Governance Committee

A Governance Committee will be added to the Board Committees.

d. Discussion of Board Committee Work and Charge

Dr. Williams presented the attached PowerPoint presentation that outlines the Committees Work and Charge.

e. Updated School Calendar

Ingham County updated its common calendar after the MMLA school calendar was approved this year. Ingham County change the dates of spring break. MMLA Leadership would like to update the calendar to match the common calendar.

- **Motion by Leigha Faith seconded by Nicholas Benavides to approve the Updated School Calendar. Unanimously carried by those present.**

X. Old Business

- None

XI. Authorizer Report

- None

XII. Extended Public Comment (non-agenda items)

- A parent had a comment regarding the letter that Dr. William wrote to the Board.

Our Next Board Meeting is November 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment:

- **Motion by Nicholas Benavides, seconded by Versey Williams that the Meeting be adjourned at 8:04 p.m. Unanimously carried by those present.**

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

Lauri McCollum - Covid

Recording Secretary

October 21, 2021

Date

Approved by the Board of Directors at its November meeting.

Nicholas Benavides

[Nicholas Benavides \(Nov 12, 2021 11:58 EST\)](#)

Board Secretary

Nov 12, 2021

Date

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