



NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**08/09 /2021 @ 4:00 pm**

Board meeting was held at 529 S. Creyts Suite A. Lansing MI, 48917 and available to the public at:

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ISMI Sections 15.261 to 15.275 of the Michigan Compiled Laws

**AGENDA:**

- 1) **Call to Order:** 4:05 pm by Brandon Brice, President Detroit
- 2) **Roll Call:** Jessica AcMoody, Board Member Lansing, James Gambrell, Board Member East Lansing, Aaron Jackson Board Member Bloomfield Hills, and Ally Scully, Guest Detroit.
- 3) **Also Present:** Teresa Boardman (ISMI) Head of School Grand Ledge, Shada Biabani (CMU) School Lead Mt. Pleasant, Todd McIntire (K12) Regional Vice President, Bonnie Pawlowski (K12) Manager Regional Finance Detroit  
**Missing:** Mary Kimball (ISMI) and Angela Bolen ISMI)

**4) Public Comment (Limited to Agenda Items)**

None

**Routine Business:**

**Approval of the Board Minutes from July 2021.**

- I. Motion to approve the July 8, 2021 Minutes: James Gambrell
- II. Seconded: Jessica AcMoody
- III. Approval: Unanimous

**Approval of Agenda**

- I. Motion to approve the August agenda: Aaron Jackson
- II. Seconded: Jessica AcMoody
- III. Approval: Unanimous

**Head of School Report**

Teresa Boardman and Pieter Hoekstra discussed some of the different plans and workshops that are scheduled for this Fall. Some of these are listed below:

- Professional Development Update
- Academic Update:  
Entire Staff back as of Aug 2nd
- August Profession Development Plans  
Ruby Payne – 2 different workshops  
CMU

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Curriculum Work  
Graduation Pathway  
LGBTQ + with MDE  
Newrow

**New Staff**

- ELA
- Math
- Special Education
- Enrollment Special/Registrar
- 2 – half-time building substitutes
- Counselors

Update on Grad Boost/Summer School  
4 students earned enough credit to meet graduation  
Total of 181 courses passed by students  
Earning 90.5 credits each course worth 5 credits

Full breakdown of enrollment by various demographics will be forthcoming for September's Board Meeting  
Currently still enrolling and have not reached CAP yet

**New Business:**

Brandon stated that we haven't talked about our New Business regarding the committees. Brandon indicated that he could bring it up in New Business if the Board want to discuss the committees now. Brandon thought it would be more appropriate to start the discussion internally but can discuss it now. The motion is on the floor. We can have that discuss in New Business now or table it until September's meeting. James stated he wanted to discuss the committees now. He asked a question regarding the appointing committees and the remaining board member candidates would serve on the committees. There is now going to be a discuss about the four committees that was discussed a couple months ago. There are four committees' we are looking at creating or selecting Chairs according to the by-laws The Executive Committee must be voted on, the Chairs can be appointed. The four committees are: Curriculum, Finance, Governess, and Strategic Initiatives, a write up will be sent next week describing the various duties of each committee. Does the Board want a discussion of what each committee represents? These are the four committees that we came up with a few months back. All the committees are important. Brandon gave a short overview of what each committee will be doing. Brandon opened the floor for discussion. Shada opened the discussion regarding the committees. She thinks it would be best to start with three committees with only have 5 board members.

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There is a board member that is the Chair on each of the four committees. You can fill out those committees with additional members such as a staff member or two on a committee. Get people from the community that you think would be a good fit, to help on those committees.

By doing this you are creating a pipeline for a future board member. The other nominees would be great to work on the committees. It gives you the ability to look for board members in the future to fill a seat. Don't think that your committees are made up of just board members and you only want two board members on a committee because you might not have a quorum for voting. Brandon pointed out that one of the things talked about was public members that may not necessarily be on the board. Brandon would be open for discussion, if you are a Chair of a committee and you have two people that would be great assets, they wouldn't be a board member but would be part of a committee. Please bring those names forward. Strategic Initiatives committee was added a month later. The three chaired committees are Academic, Finance, Governness, committees. Brandon is okay with not including the Strategic Initiatives committee yet because we don't have any capital campaigns going on right now. The resources are something we can capitalize later and it's not apriority. If the board is acceptable to eliminate the Strategic Initiatives committee for now. Is there any hesitation or reservation? James asked I know we have the three committees, but could we hold that committee for the future when we could staff it once we have the other three committees up and running? Brandon is looking at priorities and from a structural standpoint we need an Academic, Finance, Governness, committees anything else is extra. Brandon would like to see a Marketing committee, but he doesn't think that is a priority. Brandon would like to appoint three chairs to one of the committees today. Then use the help of the public to recruit people for those committee. Brandon suggested removing Strategic Initiatives committee and not making it a priority for today. Discussion to remove Strategic Initiatives. Branson is asking the board who would like to Chair the Academic committee? James Gambrell would like to Chair the Academic committee. Brandon will appoint James to Chair that committee. Teresa, James, and Brandon will have a discussion on what that committee would look like. That committee will be making sure the board is doing what they are supposed too academically. Making sure that they have all the resources, students are learning, and they have what they need to be successful. Brandon appoints Aaron Jackson to Chair the Finance Committee. Jessica is appointed to Chair the Governness committee.

## Finance

Bonnie presented the financial review for July

Motion to approve the K12 payment

- I. Motion to approve the K12 payment of \$877,165.09: Jessica AcMoody
- II. Seconded: James Gambrell
- III. Approval: Unanimous

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**Program Stride Update - Todd McIntire**

Todd gave the board an overview of some of the programs Stride is doing for the fall. He also talked about the Auditor General report due out in September. The report contains objectives of the Michigan Department of Education. Access the sufficiency of the process to ensure that contracts establishing cyber schools meet statutory requirements. Monitor cyber school authorizers, evaluate the virtual learning provided by cyber schools, and compile information on the States funding of cyber schools and their reported costs. Anticipating the report to be critical.

**Authorizer Comment - Shada Biabani**

2021 Annual Conference  
August 17, 2021 – Novi

Ally Scully becomes a board member in September  
Reminder – CMU is offering scholarships  
CMU is offering on campus and virtual tours on Sept. 25.

**Public Comment**

None

Motion to table discussion of the committees till the September meeting. Board will have 30 day read.

Resend Robert's Rules of Order

Meeting adjourned 5:15 pm

Next meeting September 13 at 4:00 pm

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**Minutes Certification:**

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

*Teresa M. Boardman*

08/15/2021

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Board Secretary/Recording Secretary

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Date

Approved by the Board of Directors

*Jen Armoist*

10/11/21

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