



NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**11/14/2024 @ 5:30 pm**

Board meeting held at 526 S. Creyts Suite A. Lansing MI, 48917 and available to the public at:

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Meeting ID: 828 4248 3765 Passcode: 592851

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Pursuant of Michigan Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, being  
ISMI Sections 15.261 to 15.275 of the Michigan Compiled Laws

**AGENDA: Call to Order:** 5:31 pm by James Gambrell, President

**Roll Call:** Jessica AcMoody Board Member, Lansing Laura Tegels Board Member, Lansing, and Emanuel Williams Board Member.

**Also Present:** Pieter Hoekstra (ISMI) Principal, Teresa Boardman (ISMI) Head of School, Gena Sparks (ISMI) Manager Special Programs by Zoom, Mary Kimball (ISMI) Title I Coordinator by Zoom, Tom Travia (K12) by Zoom and Tom McIntire (k12) by Zoom.

**Absent:** Craig McCrumb, School Lead CMU..

**Routine Business**

Approval of Minutes from an earlier Board Meeting October 10, 2024

- 1) Motion to approve October 10, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes: James Gambrell
- 2) Second: Laura Tegels
- 3) Approval: Unanimous

Approval of the Agenda

- 1) Motion to approve the agenda: Jame Gambrell
- 2) Second: Jessica AcMoody
- 3) Approval: Unanimous

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

None

**New Business**

Stride Update

Todd gave an overview of items they are monitoring. Enrollment is still open and watching Senate Bill 943. Michigan has approximately 370 charter schools. The area public schools are funded in part with taxpayer dollars. A process that moved a package of bills addressing Michigan's Charter Schools out of committee and to the full senate in Michigan's lame duck session.

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Michigan ranks 37th in the nation in overall education, Michigan ranks in the top ten in terms of charter school testing performance. What worries me is that legislation like this will deter companies from investing in charter schools, and Michigan parents may lose that option.

**School Highlights**

Teaching poetry. Students contextualize the motives from “The River Merchant’s Wife” by imagining conversations in a modern context.

**Board Summit Review**

Teresa gave a summary of different topics discussed at the Summit.

**BOY Result**

Growth Data Enter Your BOY Growth Data (STAT/NWEA/VGA/ETC)				
Grade Band	Reading		Math	
	% Participation	% Met Benchmark	% Participation	% Met Benchmark
HS (overall)	79%	44%	82%	41%
9	69%	40%	73%	32%
10	77%	43%	80%	40%
11	81%	46%	82%	46%
12	83%	45%	85%	42%
Subgroups				
School Choice Special Education	77%	22%	79%	30%
School Choice MKV	63%	51%	66%	37%

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Demographic Update

Grade			
9th	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12th
14.6 %	19.7%	29.4%	36.3%
Age			
16	17	18	19
21.8%	36.9%	23.7%	7.3%
District of Residence 302			
Count of Ethnicity			
American or Alaska Native		1.7%	
Black or African American		5.0%	
American Indian or Alaska Native		1.0%	
Asian, White, or Caucasian		0.7%	
Black or African American		26.1%	
White or Caucasian		61.6%	
Free and Reduced – Soy			
Reduced Lunch Eligible		59%	
Unknown Eligible		7.3%	
Free Lunch Eligible		66.2%	
Not Eligible		20.6%	

**Charter**

**Amendments**

Due in February 2025

The Boards decided to table this issue and discuss it at the January 2025 Board Meeting.

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### **Alternative Education Advocacy**

Teresa Boardman summarized different points from her Alternative Education Advocacy Meeting. The Student Advocacy Center provides in-person educational advocates to students and families that need intensive support. Students living outside of the service area for in-person advocacy receive educational advocacy through the Statewide Helpline. Areas the Advocacy can help students are: School Discipline, Special Education, Homelessness, Immigrant/English Language Learners, Pregnant/Parenting Teens, Foster Care, GED, and Alternatives.

### **Update Enrollment**

Student Count Day

Attendance on Count Day is used to determine official enrollments for districts and our state funding allocations. For every student accounted for on this day, funds are allotted to our school.

We have 889 students.

### **Academic Update**

End of Quarter 1, Start of Quarter 2

Smooth transition (thanks to regional support and Jak Lancaster)

### **Finance**

Review of the Monthly Finances

- 1) Motion to approve the Monthly Financials: James Gambrell
- 2) Second: Jessica AcMoody
- 3) Approval: Unanimous

Approval of the K12 Payment

- 1) Motion to approve the K12 payment \$621,21171: James Gambrell
- 2) Second: Jessica AcMoody
- 3) Approval: Unanimous

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**Authorizer Comments CMU**

New person to join the Board. January the new person will be able to vote. The board members are still looking for other people to join. James Gambrell would like to increase the Board to 7.

**Up Coming Events**

New Board Member Orientation

December 5, 2024 – Dearborn

December 11, 2024 – Sterling Heights

December 13, 2024 – Grand Rapids

**Motion to Adjourn: James Gambrell**

**Second: Laura Tegels**

**Approval: Unanimous**

**Meeting adjourned: 6:31 pm**

**Minutes Certification:**

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teresa M. Boardman".

~~Board Secretary~~/Recording Secretary

Date 11/18/2024.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Gambrell".

Board President

01/16/2025

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