

## MICHIGAN ONLINE SCHOOL

201 S. State St., Unit 416, Gobles, MI 49055

The Board of Directors (“Board”) for Michigan Online School (“MOS”) held its **November Board** meeting on **Wednesday, November 13th, 2019**, in the conference room located at 8225 Moorsbridge Rd., Portage, MI 49024 (Kreis, Enderle Law Firm). Public notice was given as required by law.

The following members were present:

Chris Van Winkle, President, Todd Walters Treasurer (VCR) , Jim Murphy, Steve Hessen V.P,

Absent: Jay Woodhams, Secretary.

Also attending were: Dave Zimmer MOS financial accountant (via Virtual Conference Room (“VCR”))  
School counsel, Doug McNeil (via Virtual Conference Room (“VCR”)), Charity (MOS SSR) (via Virtual Conference Room (“VCR”)), Stephanie Hargens MOS Superintendent, Chris Rousseau (via Virtual Conference Room (“VCR”)), Gar Hoover MOSL (via Virtual Conference Room (“VCR”)), Amy Stirling Principal

President Van Winkle called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Attendance was taken by Chris Van Winkle and Charity Brown.

President Van Winkle moved to Approve the agenda approve Steve Hessen 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved by all.

**Public Comment:** NONE

### **Financial Report (Dave Zimmer)**

Budget amendment. Change from state includes the \$248 (per student) error in at-risk funding. That could still go through later, but we are moving forward as though it won't. Some small Federal increases.

Balance sheet shows MOS is starting to get revenue. Fund balance is healthy.

MOS has a healthy structure.

Comments from the board and Stephanie: MOS wants to keep a cushion of 10-15% in the fund balance for protection. But, in the future MOS can look at utilizing the extra funds strategically to increase student success such as engagement and increasing test scores. Possibly by hiring more academic team members.

### **Management Report and Academic Report (Stephanie)**

Updated - 465 students enrolled.

Graphs attached have demographic data.

Federal funding: increases in Title I and Title II

MOS has been focusing on math, reading, and tutoring programs.

MOS has been working on developing Title III college and career conferencing.

MOS has been working on professional development through conferences and a staff-wide book-reading.

Dual enrollment - students have been looking into 2nd semester enrollments. KVCC and Eastern Michigan University.

**Safety Plan:** Safety Plan survey is very tailored to brick and mortar schools. For example, it asks about fencing and classroom windows. Stephanie will speak with other virtual schools to ask how they handle the survey. Likely, next month the board will be able to review and approve the safety plan. Law enforcement will have to also look at it and approve it.

**State Testing:** compliancy requires 95% completion by students. MOS is aiming for 100% completion. MOS is working on looking at exact dates, locations, and budget.

**Student Pass Rates:** MOS is talking with its teams regarding what courses are the largest challenges for students. MOS has begun brainstorming ideas to increase pass rates for those courses.

Next month, MOS hopes to look at our school compared to other virtual schools.

### **Audit Discussion (Dave)**

In general, the audit with Brickely DeLong went smoothly this year. MOS supplied all of the information requested, and there was a clean audit. No adjustments or suggestions. The ending numbers matched. Good standing with the state.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

President Van Winkle moved to approve the October 9th Minutes, Steve Hessen seconded and approved by all.

President Van Winkle moved to approve 2018-2019 Audit. Todd Walters 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved by all.

President Van Winkle Discussed the board having a MAPSA representative. Will discuss again next week when Jay is in attendance.

President Van Winkle also discussed with the board about board training. Doug suggested asking the authorizer what priority topics do they have, and to possibly make training periodic such as each quarter.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

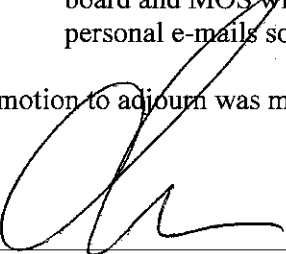
### **Authorizer Comment:**

Chris R. said it's refreshing to see MOS at a point where it is able to focus on student performance more than it was able to before. Regarding removing the board from the correction plan, she and Jeff Rehlander will meet soon to discuss financials. They will look into the correction plan.

President Van Winkle opened the floor for public comment.

For compliance, the board members need e-mail addresses under their names on the website. The board and MOS will look into possibly creating e-mails for them, and forwarding to their personal e-mails so they don't have so many different e-mail addresses to check.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved by all.

  
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Jay Woodhams, Acting Secretary

CHRIS VAN WINKLE / PRESIDENT