

*Michigan Online School*  
 Minutes of a SPECIAL Board Meeting  
 Held online (due to pandemic conditions)  
 Monday, August 9, 2021, posted start time: 6:30 p.m.

*ellen mcgahey*

BOARD MEMBERS						
	Name	Office	Present	Absent	Arrived late	Departed early
1	Ellen McGahey	Board President	✓			
2	Jennifer Lengyel	Vice President	✓			
4	Patty Hansen	Board Secretary		✓		
5	Kara Mounce	Board Treasurer	✓			

CALL TO ORDER

Upon determining the presence of a quorum through a roll call vote, Board President McGahey called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Others in attendance:

**School staff and supporting agency staff:**

Stephanie Hargens, Superintendent  
 Amy Stirling, Principal  
 Katie Shirk, Special Education Manager  
 Ranjani Iyer, MOS Teacher  
 Allison Cleveland, Accel Online Schools

**Official guests of the board:**

Attorney Rob Gavin  
 Adam Holcomb, Mast Financial Services

BOARD BUSINESS

1. **Approval of the Agenda.** Motion to approve the amended agenda by Board Vice President Lengyel. Seconded by Board Treasurer Mounce with item VIII tabled. Motion carried unanimously through a roll call vote as follows:
  - a. Patty Hansen, absent
  - b. Jennifer Lengyel, aye
  - c. Kara Mounce, aye
  - d. Ellen McGahey, aye
  
2. **Reading and Approval of Minutes from the July 19th, 2021, Regular Meeting.** After calling for corrections one was noted. Superintendent Hargens asked to have Principal Stirling added to the roster of School Staff and Supporting Agency Staff. A motion to approve the amended minutes of the regular meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as submitted by Board Vice President Lengyel. Seconded by Board Treasurer Kara Mounce. Motion carried unanimously through a roll call vote as follows:

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- b. Jennifer Lengyel, aye
- c. Kara Mounce, aye
- d. Ellen McGahey, aye

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Guest Discourse.**

a. **Authorizer Discourse:** None

- b. **Attorney Discourse:** Mr. Gavin working on the management agreement and future discussion items. These were sent to Mr. Holcomb for review. Mr. Gavin is continuing to monitor information from the Van Buren County Commissioners related to emergency orders. Mr. Gavin is reviewing the updated Board Policies and the school handbook.

5. **School Leader's Report:** Supt. Hargens reviewed the Monthly School Leader's report.

6. **Finance:** This item was tabled

7. **Committee Reports**

- a. **Audit Committee:** Mr. Holcomb reported that they were in the process of finalizing the 20-21 finances and that the audit would begin on Monday, August 16, 2021. Board President Ellen McGahey and Board Vice President Jennifer Lengyel will serve on the Audit Committee.
- b. **Academic Excellence Committee:** Superintendent Hargens reported on the Maxim contract buy-out.
- c. **Reauthorization Committee:** No new information to report.
- d. **Governance and Risk Management Committee:** Board Treasurer Kara Mounce reviewed the committee meeting where the updated Board policies were reviewed.

8. **Unfinished Business**

- a. **Updated Board Policies:** Motion to approve the updated Board policies as reviewed by the Board's Governance and Risk Management Committee by Board Vice President Jennifer Lengyel. Seconded by Board Treasurer Kara Mounce. Motion carried unanimously through a roll call vote as follows:
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  - b. Jennifer Lengyel, aye
  - c. Kara Mounce, aye
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**9. New Business**

- a. **The Heartfulness Program:** Dr. Ranjani Iyer presented the Heartfulness Program Course for Board approval. Motion to approve the course by Board Vice President Jennifer Lengyel. Seconded by Board Treasurer Kara Mounce. Motion carried unanimously through a roll call vote as follows:
  - a. Patty Hansen, absent
  - b. Jennifer Lengyel, aye
  - c. Kara Mounce, aye
  - d. Ellen McGahey, aye
  
- b. **MOS 2021-2022 Student Handbook:** Motion to approve the updated handbook as presented with attorney review to follow by Board Vice President Jennifer Lengyel. Seconded by Board Treasurer Kara Mounce. Motion carried unanimously through a roll call vote as follows:
  - a. Patty Hansen, absent
  - b. Jennifer Lengyel, aye
  - c. Kara Mounce, aye
  - d. Ellen McGahey, aye
  
- c.

**10. Date of the Next Meeting-Monday, September 20, 2021, at 6:30 PM ET**

- 11. Adjournment.** Having completed the agenda, Board President Ellen McGahey declared the meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.