

Michigan Online School Minutes of Regular
Board Meeting Held online (due to pandemic
conditions)

Monday, December 20, 2021, posted start time: 6:30 p.m.

Ellen McGahey

| BOARD MEMBERS | | | | | | |
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| | Name | Office | Present | Absent | Arrived late | Departed early |
| 1 | Ellen McGahey | Board President | ✓ | | | |
| 2 | Jennifer Lengyel | Vice President | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| 3 | Kara Mounce | Board Treasurer | ✓ | | | |
| 4 | Brianna Zellars | Board Member | ✓ | | | |

CALL TO ORDER

Upon determining the presence of a quorum through a roll call vote, Board President McGahey called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Others in attendance:

School staff and supporting agency staff:

Stephanie Hargens, Superintendent
Kathleen Stirk, Special Education Manager
Stacey Hull, College & Career Counselor
Jeannette Stach, Special Ed Teacher
Michelle Kennedy, Special Ed Teacher
Pam Rife, Office Administrator
Shannon McElwain, Vice President, Operations

Official guests of the Board:

Robert J. Gavin, Shifman & Carlson
Adam Holcomb, Mast Financial Services
Jeff Rehlander, Gobles Public Schools

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BOARD BUSINESS

3. **Approval of the Agenda.** Superintendent Hargens would like to add letter D. under New Business, discussion of Board calendar. Motion by Board Treasurer Mounce to approve the agenda as presented in the Board packet with the addition of adding letter D. under New Business. Seconded by Board Member Zellars. Motion carried through a roll call vote as follows:
 - a. Jennifer Lengyel, aye
 - b. Kara Mounce, aye
 - c. Ellen McGahey, aye
 - d. Brianna Zellars, aye

4. **Reading and Approval of Minutes from the November 15, 2021, Regular Meeting.** After calling for corrections and hearing none, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on November 15, 2021, as submitted by Board Vice President Lengyel. Seconded by Board Treasurer Mounce. Motion carried through a roll call vote as follows:
 - a. Jennifer Lengyel, aye
 - b. Kara Mounce, aye
 - c. Ellen McGahey, aye
 - d. Brianna Zellars, aye

5. **Public Comment:** None

6. **Guest Discourse.**
 - a. **Authorizer Discourse:**
 1. Superintendent Rehlander announced that he was working on reauthorization, trying to finalize individual items to review with a timeline.
 2. Michigan Department of Education (MDE) will be performing an audit on February 8, 2022; Superintendent Rehlander feels this will be a positive audit.
 3. Superintendent Rehlander announced his retirement for June 30, 2022. The position is already posted to the public and would like to have a candidate sometime in March 2022. He assures this will not interfere with the cyber charter reauthorization. All Board members thanked Superintendent Rehlander and congratulated him on his retirement.

 - b. **Attorney Discourse:** Delivered by Rob Gavin. Mr. Gavin announced that this is the last virtual Board Meeting; beginning next month, January 2022 the Board will meet in person.

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7. School Leader's Discussion: Superintendent Hargens reviewed the Monthly School Leader's report.

8. Finances: Mr. Holcomb discussed his current projects.

- a. November Finances: Delivered by Mr. Holcomb.
- b. ARP Funds (for discussion): Delivered by Superintendent Hargens. She shared the results of a survey that was sent out to staff & students on how to spend funds. Superintendent Hargens said that when this is submitted, we need a specific plan for the funds. She let us know that 20% must be allocated toward summer school. Board Members feel that raising graduation rates, pass rates, and mental health are top priorities. Please feel free to email Superintendent Hargens with any further thoughts or ideas.

9. Committee Reports:

A. Audit Committee: This committee has not met since last Board Meeting; no report to share at this time.

B. Academic Excellence Committee: There are currently no members for this committee.

C. Reauthorization Committee: Mr. Holcomb shared that he and Attorney Gavin are encouraged to move forward with the renegotiations with Accel. They will touch base before sending to Accel. They mentioned that everything going forward will depend on this reauthorization.

D. Governance and Risk Management Committee: Treasurer Mounce reported that this committee met and reviewed language changes on Board policy documents. Attorney Gavin was included in the committee meeting so the updated policies have been reviewed legally as well.

10. Unfinished Business

A. Panorama Agreement: Panorama proposed schedule for 2021-2022 was presented by Superintendent Hargens. Motion by Board Vice President Lengyel to approve the Panorama proposed schedule 2021-2022 as presented by Superintendent Hargens. Second by Board President McGahey. Motion carries through a roll call vote as follows:

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B. Updated Board Policies from National Charter School Institute (NCSI) (for approval):

A motion was made by Board Treasurer Mounce to approve the updated Board Policies to be sent to NCSI. Second by Board Vice President Lengyel. Motion carries through a roll call vote as follows:

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

11. New Business

A. Core Academy Program (for approval): Overview provided by College & Career Counselor Stacey Hull. The purpose of this program is to adopt an alternative path towards graduation for students who are at-risk for not graduating. Motion by Board Vice President Lengyel to approve the addition of the Core Academy pending review of the authorizer and Attorney Gavin. Second by Board Member Zellars. Motion carries through a roll call vote as follows:

- e. Jennifer Lengyel, aye
- f. Kara Mounce, aye
- g. Ellen McGahey, aye
- h. Brianna Zellars, aye

B. Travel Abroad for Students: Presented by Dr. Jeannette Stach and Michelle Kennedy, Michigan Online School teachers. Proposing a June 2023 overseas learning trip with EF Tours. EF Tours amplify the lessons educators teach in the classroom by enabling hands-on, real-world experiences that open students minds and help them to become more well-rounded. Students would have the opportunity to raise funds to pay for this trip. Board Treasurer Mounce made a motion to move forward, obtaining additional details and gathering student interest prior to entering into a contract with EF Tours. Second by Board Vice President Lengyel. Motion carries through a roll call vote as follows:

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C. Social Work Supervision Contract: Overview by Superintendent Hargens. Michigan Online School social workers need to be supervised formally with those supervisory hours based on their license status. Board Vice President Lengyel made a motion to accept the Social Work Supervision Contract as presented. Second by Board Treasurer Mounce. Motion carries through a roll call vote as follows:

- a. Jennifer Lengyel, aye
- b. Kara Mounce, aye
- c. Ellen McGahey, aye
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D. Board Calendar 2022 (for approval): Discussion and a motion from Board President McGahey to amend MOS Board calendar to add the location at 123 W. Allegan St., Suite 750, Lansing, MI 48933 as well as changing the dates of the January & February 2022 meetings; new dates January 24 and February 23, 2022. Meetings will still take place at 6:30 p.m. and everything else on the Board calendar stays the same. Second by Board Vice President Lengyel. Motion carries through a roll call vote as follows:

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

12. Date of the next meeting: Monday, January 24, 2022.

13. Adjournment. Having completed the agenda Board President Ellen McGahey declared the meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.