

**Michigan Online School** Minutes of  
 Regular Board Meeting Held at MAPSA 123 W.  
 Allegan Street, Suite 750, Lansing, MI 48933  
 Monday, January 24, 2022, posted start time: 6:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS						
	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	✓ online			

**CALL TO ORDER**

Upon determining the presence of a quorum through a roll call vote, Board President McGahey called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

**Others in attendance:**

**School staff and supporting agency staff:**

Stephanie Hargens, Superintendent  
 Amy Stirling, Principal  
 James Van Nada, Student Services Coordinator  
 Jeannette Stach, Special Ed Teacher  
 Pam Rife, Office Administrator

**Official guests of the Board:**

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

Ron Packard, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Pansophic Learning  
 Allison Cleveland, Executive Vice President, Accel Online Schools

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**BOARD BUSINESS**

3. **Approval of the Agenda.** Superintendent Hargens would like to add letter C. under New Business, discussion of adding elementary grade levels K-5 to the 2022/2023 school year. Motion by Vice President Lengyel to approve the agenda as presented in the Board packet with the addition of adding letter C. under New Business. Seconded by Board Treasurer Mounce. Motion Approved.
  
4. **Reading and Approval of Minutes from the December 20, 2021, Regular Meeting.** After calling for corrections and hearing none, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 20, 2021, as submitted by Board Treasurer Mounce. Seconded by Vice President Lengyel. Motion Approved.
  
5. **Public Comment:** None
  
6. **Guest Discourse.**
  - a. **Authorizer Discourse:**
    - Superintendent Rehlander announced that the reauthorization was on schedule.
    - He commented on adding K-5 to the new contract; and wanted this Board to know that Gobles was in favor of MOS adding K-5 students to the 2022/2023 school year. He said that the terms and conditions will need to be reviewed.
    - Superintendent Rehlander will be working with Superintendent Hargens on an oversight agreement.
    - He would like to propose a deadline of the beginning of March on submitting all to the Authorizer and Authorizer Attorney before going to the Gobles Board in April.
    - Superintendent Rehlander will be working with the MOS Board on filling a fifth Board Member vacancy.
  
  - b. **Attorney Discourse:** Delivered by Rob Gavin. Mr. Gavin announced that the MOS Board by-laws state that Board meetings do not need to occur once a month. After the reauthorization, and going forward, he would like the Board to consider a reduced meeting schedule.
  
7. **School Leader's Discussion:** Superintendent Hargens reviewed the Monthly School Leader's report.
  
8. **Finances:** December Finances: Delivered by Mr. Holcomb.

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

**C. Reauthorization Committee:** Working on a copy of amendment to our contract with Accel.

**D. Governance and Risk Management Committee:** This committee has not met since last Board Meeting; no report to share at this time.

**10. Unfinished Business**

**A. Travel Abroad for Students:** Presented by Superintendent Hargens. We have learned that 58 students/families have shown an interest in learning more about this program: with 9 students/families saying they would like to participate and have registered. Liability was discussed; a trip insurance policy for students can be purchased. Superintendent Hargens will find out if this program has a minimum and maximum of student participation. Attorney Gavin says that policies and procedures need to be in place and would like to review the contract.

**11. New Business**

**A. FEV Tutoring Contract (for approval):** FEV is live, 1:1 online tutoring with all certified tutors. Students can sign up on the website for on-demand or scheduled tutoring. Students can opt in for tutoring on their own and Success Coaches can suggest tutoring to those students with a Success Plan. It will cover all subjects and all grade levels. Cost is \$25 per hour per student and would be paid out of ARP funds with a cap of 200 hours. Motion by Board Treasurer Mounce to approve the FEV Tutoring Contract as presented in the Board packet pending review of the contract by Attorney Gavin. Seconded by Board Vice President Lengyel. Motion Approved.

**B. Resolution for Board Member Compensation for Travel to Board Meetings:** Board members may submit mileage & parking paperwork/expense for traveling to MOS Board meetings. The Board will then approve, and a check will be distributed to the Board member.

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**C. Adding K-5 to 2022/2023 School Year:** Overview by Superintendent Hargens. She has received interest from parents wanting to add K-5 to MOS as they would like to have all their children attending the same school. She would like to see the increase in K-5 students slow and measured. It was discussed that the budget would not change very much, except for adding an elementary Principal. Attorney Gavin states that from an economic view, this would be good for MOS and he does not see any major drawbacks. We would like to see this wrapped into the new charter contract that would start on July 1, 2022. Motion by Treasurer Mounce to request the authorizer add elementary grades K-5 to the new authorizer contract and charter contract. Seconded by Board Vice President Lengyel. Motion Approved.

**12. Date of the next meeting:** Wednesday, February 23, 2022. 6:30 p.m.  
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**13. Adjournment.** Having completed the agenda Board President Ellen McGahey declared the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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