Michigan Online School

Minutes of a REGULAR Board Meeting Held online (due to pandemic conditions)

Friday, June 10, 2020, posted start time: 5:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS						
	Name	Office	Present	Absent	Arrived late	Departed early
1	Ellen McGahey	Board President	1			
2	Jennifer Lengyel	Vice President	1			
3	William Eric Graves	Board Treasurer	1			
4	Patty Hansen	Board Secretary	√			
5	Kara Mounce	Director at Large	✓			

CALL TO ORDER

Upon determining the presence of a quorum through a roll call vote, Board President McGahey called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Others in attendance:

School staff and supporting agency staff:

Stephanie Hargens, Superintendent PLCAmy Stirling, Principal Charity Brown, Office Administrator Dave Zimmer, MOS Accountant Gar Hoover, MOS Business Manager

Official guests of the board:

Attorney Robert J. Gavin, Shifman & Carlson,
Dr. Brian L. Carpenter, CFE - MOS Consultant
Chris Rousseau, Gobles Public Schools
Jeff Rehlander, Gobles Public Schools
Mark Weinberg, National Charter School Institute
Aimee Kornowicz, Chemical Bank

Michael Evrard, Yeo & Yeo Brian McFarren, Brickley DeLong

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. **Approval of the Agenda**. Motion to amend the agenda and to convene the closed session segment between Committee Reports and Unfinished Business by Jennifer Lengyel. Second by Kara Mounce. Motion carried unanimously through a roll call vote as follows:
 - a. William Graves, aye
 - b. Patty Hansen, aye
 - c. Jennifer Lengyel, aye

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- d. Kara Mounce, aye
- e. Ellen McGahey, aye
- 2. **Reading and Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting**. After calling for corrections and hearing none, a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting on May 29th, 2020 as submitted by Kara Mounce. Second by Patty Hansen. Motion carried unanimously through a roll call vote as follows:
 - a. William Graves, aye
 - b. Patty Hansen, aye
 - c. Jennifer Lengyel, aye
 - d. Kara Mounce, aye
 - e. Ellen McGahey, aye
- 3. **Public Comment**: None.
- 4. Guest Discourse.
 - a. Authorizer Discourse
 - b. National Charter Schools Institute: Mr. Weinberg shared information with the board about the Institute's policy service.
 - c. Yeo & Yeo: Mr. Evard presented the services offered by the Yeo & Yeo business advisory firm.
 - d. Brickley DeLong: Mr. McFarren explained the firm has collaborated with MOS for at least 2 years.
 - e. Chemical Bank: Ms. Kornowicz presented a proposal for MOS to consider banking with Chemical Bank.
 - f. Comerica Bank: The representative from Comerica Bank was unable to participate with this board meeting.
 - g. Dr. Carpenter presented mirco-training to the board on: understanding the role of board committees.
- 5. **School Leaders Report**. Supt. Hargens presented to the board the following items:
 - a. Current enrollment is 423 students
 - b. Progress towards re-registering students for next year
 - c. Student demographics
 - d. Potential funding cuts from the State of Michigan for 2020-21
 - e. Return to work plan
 - f. Summer school and engagement plan
 - g. Schoolwide process
 - h. Postings

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- i. Graduation ceremony
- j. High school student pass rates
- k. Course pass rate trends based on internal data
- 1. Middle school student pass rates
- m. Student pacing/progress
- 6. **Financial Report.** Dave Zimmer informed the board that he has submitted his letter of resignation, but will continue to assist the school through the end of the school year. His report consisted of the following:
 - a. A list of invoices requiring board approval
 - b. An income statement and a balance sheet through May 31, 2020
- 7. **Committee Reports.** Kara Mounce reported that the board ad hoc interview committee met online the previous Friday with company representatives of Accel to interview it as a possible service provider to MOS next year. Attorney Gavin reported that Nextlvl Management declined his invitation to participate in an interview.
- 8. **Closed Session.** Motion to enter a closed session to discuss a letter subject to attorney/client privilege by Kara Mounce. Seconded by Patty Hansen. The board convened the closed session at 7:12 pm and resumed its open session at 8:05 pm. Motion carried unanimously through a roll call vote as follows:
 - a. William Graves, aye
 - b. Patty Hansen, aye
 - c. Jennifer Lengyel, aye
 - d. Kara Mounce, ave
 - e. Ellen McGahey, aye
- 9. Unfinished Business.
 - a. **Selection of Management Company for Possible Board Action.** Motion for Attorney Gavin and Dr. Carpenter to negotiate with Accel on the board's behalf for services including necessary support such as IT, but excluding accounting, then present a draft of the contract to the board by Jennifer Lengyel. Seconded by Patty Hansen. Motion carried unanimously through a roll call vote as follows:
 - a. William Graves, aye
 - b. Patty Hansen, aye
 - c. Jennifer Lengyel, aye
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- **b.** National Charter Schools Institute Proposal for Board Policies for Possible Board Action. Motion to accept National Charter Schools Institute proposal for board policy by Jennifer Lengyel. Seconded by Kara Mounce. Motion carried unanimously through a roll call vote as follows:
 - f. William Graves, aye
 - g. Patty Hansen, aye
 - h. Jennifer Lengyel, aye
 - i. Kara Mounce, aye
 - j. Ellen McGahey, aye
- **c. Selection of Audit Firm for Possible Board Action.** Motion to postpone discussion on selection of audit firm until later this month by Jennifer Lengyel. Seconded by Williams Graves. Motion carried unanimously through a roll call vote as follows:
 - k. William Graves, aye
 - 1. Patty Hansen, aye
 - m. Jennifer Lengyel, aye
 - n. Kara Mounce, aye
 - o. Ellen McGahey, aye
- **d. Selection of Bank for Possible Action**. Motion to select Chemical Bank (which is merging with TCF Financial Management) as the financial institution for MOS by Jennifer Lengyel. Seconded by Kara Mounce. Motion carried unanimously through a roll call vote as follows:
 - p. William Graves, aye
 - q. Patty Hansen, aye
 - r. Jennifer Lengyel, aye
 - s. Kara Mounce, aye
 - t. Ellen McGahey, aye

10 New Business.

- **a. Annual Organizational Meeting Resolution.** Motion to postpone review and approval of the board's annual meeting calendar until later this month by Jennifer Lengyel. Seconded by Patty Hansen. Motion carried unanimously through a roll call vote as follows:
 - u. William Graves, aye
 - v. Patty Hansen, aye
 - w. Jennifer Lengyel, aye
 - x. Kara Mounce, aye
 - y. Ellen McGahey, aye

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- **b. Preserve Funding Resolution.** Motion by Jennifer Lengyel to approve the funding resolution by the Michigan State Board of Education read aloud by Attorney Gavin. Seconded by Ellen McGahey. Motion carried unanimously through a roll call vote as follows:
 - z. William Graves, aye
 - aa. Patty Hansen, aye
 - bb. Jennifer Lengyel, aye
 - cc. Kara Mounce, aye
 - dd. Ellen McGahey, aye
- **c. Michigan Association of School Boards Membership for Possible Action.** Motion to approve the invoice for MASB membership by Patty Hansen. Seconded by Kara Mounce. Motion carried unanimously through a roll call vote as follows:
 - ee. William Graves, aye
 - ff. Patty Hansen, aye
 - gg. Jennifer Lengyel, aye
 - hh. Kara Mounce, aye
 - ii. Ellen McGahey, aye
- 11. **Date of the Next Meeting:** The board deferred setting a date for its next meeting so that Secretary Hansen can poll everyone's availability.
- 12. **Adjournment**. Having completed the agenda, Board President Ellen McGahey declared the meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Secretary, Board of Directors Approved June 24, 2020