



Michigan Virtual Charter Academy

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**Michigan Virtual Charter Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Monday – August 22, 2022
6:00 PM
Hazel Park Schools
1620 E. Elza
Hazel Park, Michigan 48030**

If unable to attend in person, please participate via zoom link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83303076219>

1. Call to Order

Time: 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Marva Foster, Scott Stangeland, Monique Lake, Aaron Walker

Absent: Ramone Crowe Jr., Lynn Hathorn, Colin Houston

Other Attendees:

Randy Rodriguez-MVCA, Rachel Forgo-MVCA, Amela Redzic-MVCA, Kalie Palmer-MVCA, Ann VanderLaan-Clark Hill, Michael Dixon-Dixon Public Consulting, LLC., Shari Herbert-Stride K12, Josh Weld-Wallis via zoom-MVCA, Kim Bush via zoom-MVCA, Tom Graham via zoom-Stride K12

3. Public Comment on Agenda (comment on agenda items only, 3 minutes per person)

None

4. Approval of the modified agenda removing item 7f: Motion to accept the July finance report; revising item 8b: Motion to approve and adopt the MVCA SY 22-23 Parent-Student Handbook and authorize the Academy Board President, Marva Foster, to work with Academy legal counsel to finalize; revising item 8c: Motion to approve and adopt amended Board Policies regarding student discipline consistent with updated student handbook and authorize the Academy Board President, Marva Foster, to work with Academy legal counsel to finalize

Motion: Director Monique Lake moved to approve the modified agenda removing item 7f: Motion to accept the July finance report; revising item 8b: Motion to approve and adopt the MVCA SY 22-23 Parent-Student Handbook and authorize the Academy Board President, Marva Foster, to work with Academy legal counsel to finalize; revising item 8c: Motion to approve and adopt amended Board Policies regarding student discipline consistent with updated student handbook and authorize the Academy Board President, Marva Foster, to work with Academy legal counsel to finalize.

Second: Director Aaron Walker

Motion unanimously approved

5. Approval of the July 05, 2022 Minutes of the 2022 – 2023 Budget Hearing

Motion: Director Aaron Walker moved to approve the July 05, 2022 Minutes of the 2022 – 2023 Budget Hearing.

Second: Director Monique Lake

Motion unanimously approved

6. Approval of July 05, 2022 Minutes of the Special Board Meeting

Motion: Director Aaron Walker moved to approve the July 05, 2022 Minutes of the Special Board Meeting.

Second: Director Monique Lake

Motion unanimously approved

7. Finance Report

Mrs. Shari Herbert presented the June and July financial presentations as well as the budget resolutions for approval.

- a. Motion to approve and adopt the 2021-2022 General Appropriations Budget Resolution for the final amended budget for the FY 2021-2022 (Authorizing Resolution)

Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to approve and adopt the 2021-2022 General Appropriations Budget Resolution for the final amended budget for the FY 2021-2022 (Authorizing Resolution).

Second: Director Aaron Walker

Motion unanimously approved

- b. Motion to approve and adopt the 2022-2023 General Appropriations Budget Resolution (Authorizing Resolution)

Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to approve and adopt the 2022-2023 General Appropriations Budget Resolution (Authorizing Resolution).

Second: Director Aaron Walker

Motion unanimously approved

- c. Motion to approve the June K12 and non-K12 invoices for \$2,838,304.75

Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to approve the June K12 and non-K12 invoices for \$2,838,304.75.

Second: Director Monique Lake

Motion unanimously approved

- d. Motion to accept the June finance report

Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to accept the June finance report.

Second: Director Aaron Walker

Motion unanimously approved

- e. Motion to approve the July K12 and non-K12 invoices for \$1,589,013.74

Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to approve the July K12 and non-K12 invoices for \$1,589,013.74.

Second: Director Monique Lake

Motion unanimously approved

8. Head of School Report

Head of School, Randy Rodriguez, shared that MVCA staff are back in session for the 2022-2023 school year. MVCA had its professional development event in Lansing, Michigan, in which 175 staff members participated. This was the first time in three years that we were able to bring everyone together. The two-day professional development event has received raving feedback from staff about being face to face with the opportunity to see one another and having great content in their sessions. One staff commented that it felt more like a “revival” than professional development. Mr. Rodriguez also shared the administrative team will be present at next month’s board meeting.

- a. Student Support Team Presentation

Amela Redzic, Student Support Team Administrator, shared information regarding what the Student Support Team (SST) supports and offers to MVCA students and families. The SST

work is aligned to MVCA's mission and vision of delivering hope. Mrs. Redzic shared that the SST focuses on the 5 E's: Engagement, Encouragement, Empowerment, Expectations, and Equip for both students and families. The Student Support Team consists of advisors and community engagement specialists, student attendance specialists, a McKinney Vento (homeless students)/Foster Care Liaison, and a student resource coordinator (social worker). Mrs. Redzic also shared that the programs the SST supported last year will continue this year. For example, students can request one on one sessions with counselors, Helpline sessions are available, and SEL sessions happen throughout the year through assemblies, homerooms, activities, and discussions. Last year, the SST supported 29 student clubs, 22 virtual events, and 4 face to face events, all with amazing attendance numbers. Other data Mrs. Redzic shared included that 1438 new students were successfully "onboarded" last year, and every new student is assigned an advisor. Over 1000 students were supported with back on track plans to help students stay focused on academic growth, passing grades, and engagement. There were seven clubs offered during summer among the elementary, middle school, and high school grade bands. Finally, Mrs. Redzic noted that "Strong Start" for the 2022-2023 school year has begun in which the SST and teachers are in the process of welcoming students, getting students logged on, and building student connections and engagement. Mrs. Redzic closed by saying it is a team effort to ensure students are ready to start school and everyone makes a difference for our students.

9. New Business

Discussion Item: Review proposed revisions to student discipline policy and procedure

Mrs. Ann VanderLaan shared that she and Board President, Marva Foster, discussed the discipline hearing procedures found in the Student Code of Conduct and would like board feedback on revising the policy and procedure. The Board of Directors and Head of School, Randy Rodriguez, agreed that a student needing disciplinary action would have a hearing before the Head of School and the Head of School would give a disciplinary decision. A student may appeal a permanent expulsion decision to the Board of Directors, in which a student could present any evidence of specific policies not followed or any new information that was not presented in the previous hearing.

Action Items

- a. Motion to amend MVCA's Organizational Board Resolution as follows:
Josh Weld-Wallis to replace Kim Bush as FOIA Liaison

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Second: Director Monique Lake

Motion unanimously approved

- b. Motion to approve and adopt the MVCA SY 22-23 Parent-Student Handbook and authorize the Academy Board President, Marva Foster, to work with Academy legal counsel to finalize

Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to approve and adopt the MVCA SY 22-23 Parent-Student Handbook and authorize the Academy Board President, Marva Foster, to work with Academy legal counsel to finalize.

Second: Director Aaron Walker

Motion unanimously approved

- c. Motion to approve and adopt amended Board Policies regarding student discipline consistent with updated student handbook and authorize the Academy Board President, Marva Foster, to work with Academy legal counsel to finalize

Motion: Director Monique Lake moved to approve and adopt amended Board Policies regarding student discipline consistent with the updated student handbook and authorize the Academy Board President, Marva Foster, to work with Academy legal counsel to finalize.

Second: Director Scott Stangeland

Motion unanimously approved

10. Authorizer Comments and Updates

None

11. K12 Comments and Updates

On behalf of Todd McIntire, Randy Rodriguez shared that the state of Michigan has passed the budget for state pupil funding. Stride K12 will be engaged in events around the state that focus on policy and legislation. Mr. McIntire would also like to thank Director Aaron Walker, Director Ramone Crowe Jr., and Director Marva Foster for attending the Stride Summit in Virginia.

12. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (limited to 3 minutes)

None

13. Reminder of Next Board Meeting

September 26, 2022

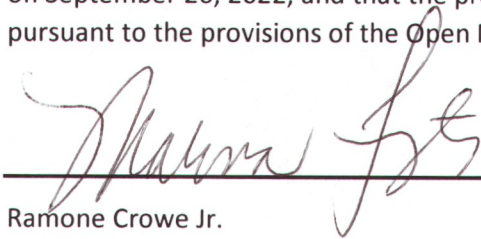
Hazel Park Schools

6:00 PM

14. Adjournment

7:10 p.m.

The undersigned duly qualified Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Virtual Charter Academy hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the Board Meeting Minutes of the regular board meeting held on August 22, 2022, and approved at the regular board meeting held on September 26, 2022, and that the proper notice of the regular board meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.



Ramone Crowe Jr.

9/26/22

Date

Board Secretary