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**Michigan Virtual Charter Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda**

Monday – February 27, 2023

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/81851202771>

1. Call to Order

Time: 6:07 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Marva Foster, Monique Lake, Lynn Hathorn, Colin Houston, Ramone Crowe Jr., Aaron Walker

Absent: Scott Stangeland

Other Attendees:

Randy Rodriguez-MVCA, Rachel Forgo-MVCA, Josh Weld-Wallis-MVCA, Nick Hoffman-MVCA, Todd McIntire-Stride K12, Shari Herbert-Stride K12, Ann VanderLaan-Clark Hill, Michael Dixon via zoom-Dixon Public Consulting, LLC., Mark Weinberg via zoom-Hazel Park, Tom Graham via zoom-Stride K12, Beth Honcharski via zoom-Stride K12, Ryan Stuttler 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 adding item 8bi: Motion to approve the board to appoint a bid review committee consisting of Marva Foster, Colin Houston, Scott Stangeland, and Mike Dixon to review the RFPs for auditing services**

Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to approve the modified agenda adding item 8bi: Motion to approve the board to appoint a bid review committee consisting of Marva Foster, Colin Houston, Scott Stangeland, and Mike Dixon to review the RFPs for auditing services.
Second: Director Aaron Walker
Motion unanimously approved

5. **Approval of January 23, 2023 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting**

Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to approve the January 23, 2023 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting.
Second: Director Lynn Hathorn
Motion unanimously approved

6. **Finance Report**

Mrs. Shari Herbert presented the January finance report.

- a. Motion to approve the January K12 and non-K12 invoices of \$2,805,106.86

Motion: Director Marva Foster moved to approve the January K12 and non-K12 invoices of \$2,805,106.86.
Second: Director Ramone Crowe Jr.
Motion unanimously approved

- b. Motion to accept the January finance report

Motion: Director Marva Foster moved to accept the January finance report.
Second: Director Colin Houston
Motion unanimously approved

7. **Head of School Report**

Head of School, Mr. Randy Rodriguez, shared an update on midyear assessments. By the middle of the year benchmark assessment taken in December, the goal is to have a 1.5% growth from the beginning of the year. Grades K-8 transitioned from NWEA to Star 360 in 2022-2023. Most grades K-11 have shown growth in reading and math. We have proctoring practices in place to aid in assessment fidelity. There are areas we have identified to work on for improvement.

- a. Playbook Presentation – Middle School

Middle School Principal, Nick Hoffman, shared highlights from grades 6-8. The middle school focuses on standards-based learning and grading as well as learning-focused supervision. Mr. Hoffman explained standard-based instruction focuses on the mastery of skills (standards) with meaningful feedback to support standard mastery. Standards-

based grading provides meaningful updates on specific areas of study, helping students identify their strengths and areas of growth. Partnerships are being strengthened with parents/guardians/learning coaches. Instruction can be tailored to individual students, and students can take ownership of their growth. Mr. Hoffman shared the middle school's next steps which includes continued data analysis and specific feedback which leads to both teacher and student growth.

Director Marva Foster: How does standards-based instruction/grading align to standardized testing?

Mr. Hoffman: It aligns quite well through focusing on "Power Standards" which align to what is most frequently found on state assessments. Mr. Hoffman thanked the board for their support.

b. Stride Innovations – Todd McIntire

Stride Portfolio Vice President, Todd McIntire, first introduced Beth Honcharski who joined this meeting via zoom. Her focus is on local marketing efforts in hopes to tell the MVCA story as a unique story, not just as a Stride story. Also, Mr. McIntire noted that the Board and Partner Summit is in October. Board members are welcome to join October 26th and October 27th. Mr. Todd McIntire highlighted Stride innovations in Curriculum, Technology, and Student Engagement. Stride's big focus of innovation includes academic goals in which curriculum and courses are refreshed and updated, new courses are developed to include diversity and inclusion initiatives. Other highlights include the Stride Learning Hub where teachers can search, find, and add complementary content to existing courses. Developments are occurring for students and parents/learning coaches to be able to access these resources as well. Continued integration of media, game-based learning, improved teacher management systems, and a Stride tutoring program were also noted. Mr. McIntire shared his excitement to reinvest in the programs to make them stronger and better.

8. New Business

- a. Motion to approve the addendum of the Devon Healthcare Therapy Services Agreement with Stride to include additional related services as set forth in the Board attachment

Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to approve the addendum of the Devon Healthcare Therapy Services Agreement with Stride to include additional related services as set forth in the Board attachment.

Second: Director Lynn Hathorn
Motion unanimously approved

- b. Motion to approve the proposed Request for Proposal for Auditing Services for fiscal years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 and authorize publishing of the RFP

Note: Mrs. VanderLaan explained the process for the posting of the RFP for auditing services. She shared timelines, distribution, and the details required by prospective vendors. The board will open the sealed bids to reveal the submitted bids at the March 27th board meeting. The Bid Review Committee will review the bids, meet with the interested firms, and make a recommendation for the preferred vendor at the April board meeting. A signed letter of engagement is to be completed at the May board meeting.

Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to approve the proposed Request for Proposal Auditing Services for fiscal years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 and authorize publishing of the RFP.

Second: Director Monique Lake

Motion unanimously approved

- i. Motion to approve the board to appoint a bid review committee consisting of Marva Foster, Colin Houston, Scott Stangeland, and Mike Dixon to review the RFPs for auditing services

Motion: Director Ramone Crowe Jr. moved to approve the board to appoint a bid review committee consisting of Marva Foster, Colin Houston, Scott Stangeland, and Mike Dixon to review the RFPs for auditing services.

Second: Director Monique Lake

Motion unanimously approved

- c. Motion to approve an agreement for Stride Tutoring Services through Fuel Education in the amount of \$50,000.00 and authorize HOS to sign the agreement

Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to approve an agreement for Stride Tutoring Services through Fuel Education in the amount of \$50,000.00 and authorize HOS to sign the agreement.

Second: Director Lynn Hathorn

Motion unanimously approved

9. Authorizer Comments and Updates

Mr. Mark Weinberg complemented board on discussion of approval of board meeting minutes.

10. K12 Comments and Updates

Mr. Todd McIntire shared an update on the governor's budget introduced in February which included a proposed budget cut for charter cyber schools. The goal would be for the house or

the senate to propose a different budget. Stride's partners continue to advocate for equal funding.

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

None

12. Reminder of Next Board Meeting

March 27, 2023

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6:00 PM

13. Adjournment

8:02 p.m.