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**Michigan Virtual Charter Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Monday – January 22, 2024
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/81464274709>

1. Call to Order

Time: 6:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Marva Foster, Monique Lake, Colin Houston, Ramone Crowe Jr.

Scott Stangeland arrived at 6:18 p.m.

Absent: Aaron Walker

Other Attendees:

Randy Rodriguez-MVCA, Rachel Forgo-MVCA, Todd McIntire-Stride K12, Ann VanderLaan-Clark Hill, Michael Dixon-Dixon Public Consulting, LLC., Josh Weld-Wallis via zoom-MVCA, Dr. Laura Vanduyn via zoom-MVCA, Tom Travia via zoom-Stride K12, Mary Markert via zoom-Stride K12

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

None

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to approve the agenda.

Second: Director Monique Lake

Motion unanimously approved

5. Approval of December 18, 2023 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

Motion: Director Ramone Crowe Jr. moved to approve December 18, 2023 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting.

Second: Director Monique Lake

Motion unanimously approved

6. Finance Report

Mr. Tom Travia presented the December finance report.

- a. Motion to approve the December K12 and non-K12 invoices of \$2,471,907.11

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Second: Director Ramone Crowe Jr.

Motion unanimously approved

- b. Motion to accept the December finance report

Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to accept the December finance report.

Second: Director Monique Lake

Motion unanimously approved

7. Head of School Report

Head of School, Mr. Randy Rodriguez, acknowledged January as school board appreciation month. He thanked the board members for their work and support of MVCA, staff, and students. Board members received gifts as a token of appreciation.

- a. High School Presentation by Dr. Laura VanDuyn

High School Principal, Dr. Laura VanDuyn, shared updates relating to the MVCA Playbook and the high school's progress in the Matriculation of the 3Es: Enrollment, Enlistment, and Employment. Dr. VanDuyn explained the practices that are in place such as credit recovery, graduation plans, and Dual Credit opportunities. Approximately 55 students are enrolled in 85 dual enrollment courses in 18 different colleges across the state. High school staff have been working with The College Board focusing on testing practices and SAT guidance. The high school has also developed the Schoolcraft Community College Partnership-Certificate Program which they are currently piloting with one student to earn an Information technology Foundation Skills Certificate. Dr. VanDuyn noted that their goal is to expand this program each semester as well as build partnerships with local community colleges around the state of Michigan. Furthermore, Dr. VanDuyn highlighted high school students and staff. One teacher highlighted was Mrs. Hillary Rose who has presented at the Michigan History Conference in Fall 2023 on digital history education for museums. She has presented at numerous conferences as well as serving as a course development and professional development instructor for Museum Study since 2021. A student celebration included one excelling in the MTSS program and who has progressed from MTSS Tier II support to Tier I support. Another student, inspired by 1920's fashion, recreated her own versions of Chanel bags in her fashion design class.

b. AI Presentation by Todd McIntire

Mr. Todd McIntire presented Stride K12's developments in AI, which has been given a lot of research and attention recently all over the world. Mr. McIntire shared that Stride K12's area of focus has been on background and research, communication and training, and product development. Stride K12 started their research and understanding of the implications and opportunities of AI at the company about two years ago. Research teams have tested products, completed book studies, participated in vendor presentations, and conducted surveys and hackathons. Research is ongoing and teams are making recommendations based on the research. Mr. McIntire noted that Stride K12 sends out monthly newsletters to school and corporate staff sharing research and the vision going forward. Newsletters share examples, tips, policy ideas, etc. They have also developed a set of training modules introducing AI and implementing AI. Professional development sessions are ongoing, many led by teachers of how they are using AI in the classroom. Mr. McIntire also shared that Stride K12 has developed two AI products that are in the early testing phase: an AI grading tool to assist teachers and an AI tutoring tool to help provide more customized and specific instruction with students. Mr. McIntire expressed that Stride K12 sees the need for policy on how to engage with a variety of AI resources, especially relating to accurate information as well as safeguarding privacy.

8. New Business

- a. Motion to approve board resolution accepting the Stride K12 computer bid for the Spring 2024 State Testing Cycle in the amount of \$229,327.00 for MVCA's rental of computers and related equipment and the purchase of on-site technical support services for student WIDA and State of Michigan testing from Stride and authorizing the Board President to execute the quote/agreement

Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to approve board resolution accepting the Stride K12 computer bid for the Spring 2024 State Testing Cycle in the amount of \$229,327.00 for MVCA's rental of computers and related equipment and the purchase of on-site technical support services for student WIDA and State of Michigan testing from Stride and authorizing the Board President to execute the quote/agreement.

Second: Director Scott Stangeland

Motion unanimously approved

9. Discussion Item

- a. MVCA Reauthorization Update

Mrs. Ann VanderLaan shared the reauthorization process is moving along and documents such as MVCA's charter contract with updated information, MDE checklist of items, and doctrines will be submitted soon. MVCA and Clark Hill continue to review documents and update and adjust as needed. The goal is to approve any necessary items at the February board meeting. Documents are due in Epicenter March 1st.

Mrs. VanderLaan also noted that each board member needs to submit their resume or a one-page bio for their profile.

Furthermore, Mrs. VanderLaan explained that Clark Hill has also been working on an AI policy as well as updated teacher evaluation information that she will circulate to K12, MVCA, and board members for review as they continue to work on processes.

10. Authorizer Comments and Updates

None

11. K12 Comments and Updates

Mr. Todd McIntire shared that Stride K12 is waiting for the governor's budget proposal to be released, which most likely will include budget cuts to cyber charter schools. He will keep the board updated as new information unfolds.

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

None

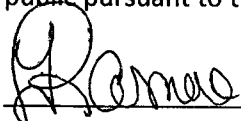
13. Reminder of Next Board Meeting

February 26, 2024
Hazel Park Schools
6:00 PM

14. Adjournment

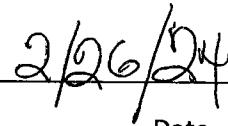
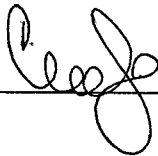
7:17 p.m.

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 January 22, 2024, and approved at the Board's Regular February 26, 2024 Board Meeting, and that proper notice of the regular public Board Meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the pen Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.



Ramone Crowe, Jr.

Board Secretary



Date