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

**Monday – November 25, 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/89327163396>

**1. Call to Order**

Time: 6:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Marva Foster, Monique Lake, Scott Stangeland, Colin Houston, Ramone Crowe Jr., Aaron Walker

Other Attendees:

Randy Rodriguez-MVCA, Josh Weld-Wallis-MVCA, Jessica Biehl-MVCA, Tanya Kuipers-MVCA, Justin Malama-MVCA, Ann VanderLaan-Clark Hill, Mark Weinberg-Hazel Park, Rachel Forgo via zoom-MVCA, Holly Stefanski via zoom-Stefanski Accounting and Advising Services, LLC., Tom Travia via zoom-Stride K12

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

None

**4. Approval of Agenda**

Approval of Modified Agenda adding item 8c: Motion to approve the Waiver of Conflict of Interest and Request for Consent Regarding Clark Hill's representation of Henry Ford College and authorize Board President, Marva Foster, to sign the same

**Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to approve the Modified Agenda adding item 8c: Motion to approve the Waiver of Conflict of Interest and Request for Consent Regarding Clark Hill's representation of Henry Ford College and authorize Board President, Marva Foster, to sign the same.**

**Second: Director Ramone Crowe Jr.**

**Motion unanimously approved**

**5. Approval of October 21, 2024 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting**

**Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to approve October 21, 2024 Minutes of The Regular Board Meeting.**

**Second: Director Monique Lake**

**Motion unanimously approved**

**6. Finance Report**

Mr. Tom Travia presented the October finance report.

- a. Motion to approve the October K12 and non-K12 invoices of \$3,674,563.20

**Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to approve the October K12 and non-K12 invoices of \$3,674,563.20.**

**Second: Director Colin Houston**

**Motion unanimously approved**

- b. Motion to accept October finance report

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

**Second: Director Colin Houston**

**Motion unanimously accepted**

**7. Head of School Report**

- a. Student Growth Data

MVCA Data Analyst, Jessica Biehl, presented MVCA student growth data. MVCA students take the STAR Reading and Math assessment three times a year to measure growth. Ms. Biehl explained that the Star assessment is a norm-referenced assessment in which the Student Growth Percentile (SGP) compares a student's growth to that of his or her academic peers (students in the same grade with a similar achievement history on the Star test) nationwide. Tiered growth targets are used for Fall-Spring growth percentiles. Ms. Biehl shared that from 2022-2023 school year to the 2023-2024 school year, there was an increase in the number of MVCA students who met or exceeded the tiered growth target set in math and

reading. Head of School, Randy Rodriguez, noted that he is proud of the growth students are making due to a lot of the systems MVCA has in place. The goal is to replicate each year and have MVCA students “beat the odds.”

- b. Elementary Playbook Update  
Elementary Principal, Tanya Kuipers, shared highlights from the MVCA Playbook focusing on the Academic Achievement and Growth chapter. Mrs. Kuipers shared the detailed elementary Tiered Support Plan for both reading and math. This plan emphasizes systematic, explicit instruction. This is year 4 of the elementary literacy road map and year 2 for the Math literacy road map. The plan consists of Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III instruction differentiated for students at various levels. Mrs. Kuipers explained that all whole group sessions focus on explicit instruction – direct teaching, straightforward explanations, modeling, immediate and specific feedback, and systemic instruction – sequential, progressive, planned, structured. Lessons are tied to grade level standards, aligned to school courses, and are consistent with each teacher.

## 8. New Business

- a. Motion to approve renewal of DIBELS Software in the amount of \$14,900.00

Note: Reviewed by Clark Hill

**Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to approve renewal of DIBELS Software in the amount of \$14,900.00.**

**Second: Director Aaron Walker**

**Motion unanimously approved**

- b. Motion to approve renewal of Moby Max Software in the amount of \$3,516.00

Note: Reviewed by Clark Hill

**Motion: Director Scott Stangeland moved to approve renewal of Moby Max Software in the amount of \$3,516.00.**

**Second: Director Aaron Walker**

**Motion unanimously approved**

- c. Motion to approve the Waiver of Conflict of Interest and Request for Consent Regarding Clark Hill’s representation of Henry Ford College and authorize Board President, Marva Foster, to sign the same.

**Motion: Director Colin Houston moved to approve the Waiver of Conflict of Interest and Request for Consent Regarding Clark Hill’s representation of Henry Ford College and authorize Board President, Marva Foster, to sign the same.**

**Second: Director Scott Stangeland**

**Motion unanimously approved**

**9. Authorizer Comments and Updates**

Mr. Mark Weinberg shared information regarding the Transparency Bills in legislation regarding charter school academies. Mr. Weinberg noted that five of the bills are not of big concern and mostly regard the inclusion of the authorizer's name with the school. Four of the bills target for-profit organizations within the charter school sector, and if passed, would require production of more transparent financials. Mr. Weinberg also encouraged the board to work on filling the vacant seat. Furthermore, Mr. Weinberg highlighted that the staff review with MVCA was successful and expressed gratitude toward Josh Weld-Wallis and the Operations team.

**10. K12 Comments and Updates**

None

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

None

**12. Reminder of Next Board Meeting**

December 16, 2024

Clark Hill

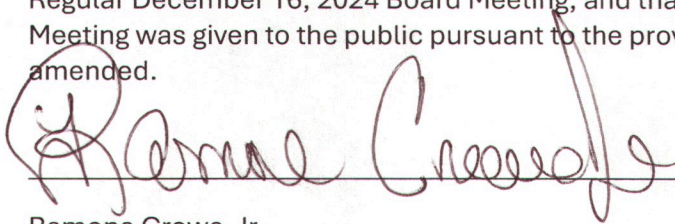
220 Park Street, Suite 200, Birmingham, 48009

6:00 PM

**13. Adjournment**

7:11 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 November 25, 2024, and approved at the Board's Regular December 16, 2024 Board Meeting, and that proper notice of the regular public Board Meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.



Ramone Crowe, Jr.

Board Secretary

12/16/24

Date