

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Saturday September 09, 2017

8:30 a.m.

Approved Minutes

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Call to Order
- III. Roll Call by the President
 - B. Thomas X
 - S. Staff X
 - M. Monson _____
 - T. Clark X
 - J. Bennett X
- IV. Approval of September 09, 2017 Agenda
- V. Call to the Public

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Sarah J. Webber Media Arts Academy in public for the purpose of conducting the school district's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. We now invite members of the public to address the Board and share any thoughts or concerns regarding agenda items only. There is a two-minute maximum per person for remarks.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Closed Session Attorney / Client Advisement – Mr. George Pitchford, Esq. [Dr. Staff made a motion to go into closed session; seconded by J. Bennett; passed unanimously] The meeting went into closed session in order to discuss settlements of litigation.
 - b. Returned to open session at 8:57 am.
 - c. The board authorizes the president to execute the settlements relative to Unique Foods and Global Psychological Services pursuant to the terms as described within closed session.
- VII. Old Business
 - a. Approval of August 12, 2017 regular board minutes Moved by Dr. Staff and seconded by T. Clark. Approved unanimously.
 - b. Approval of August 12 Annual Meeting minutes Moved by T. Clark and seconded by J. Bennett. Approved unanimously.
- VIII. Consent Agenda: No consent agenda items
- IX. School Leader's Report – Ms. LaToya Williams, Ed. S.

203 in attendance / goal 257
Uniforms have been enacted as an administrative code. Uniforms had to be purchased to support some families who saw this code as an obstacle.
New and returning staff were introduced.
Media program is being implemented with fidelity

- SJWMAA is part of Pontiac Athletics
 - Eureka Math (Engaged New York /MI version) is the only additional component to the curriculum
 - Literacy By Design – ELA
 - Atlas Rubicon – Science with McGraw-Hill texts.
 - Supplements – Study Island
 - Special Education compliance issue found by Oakland ISD while we were serviced by GSP, MI is coming, QPR is coming (contracted by LSSU) they will come three times this year to make certain that teachers are certified.
 - Staffing Connection is the special education provider.
 - Technology have three accounts.
 - Website redesign emphasizes the media program is authentically implemented.
 - Facility use administrative rule
 - Substitute teacher administrative rule
 - [A report of Ms. William’s report was submitted in writing]
- X. **Monthly Financial Report – Mr. Charles Moore, CPA**
- We are out of deficit
 - We are in the top ten percent of schools and districts in the state relative to fund balance
 - The fiscal picture could actually be better
 - We do have some cash flow challenges
 - The last piece of our financial journey is enrollment
 - We are adequately staffed
 - One outstanding issue is reimbursement from Oakland ISD \$23,000 (\$13,000 are being held up do to the need for HR Alliance to provide some documentation).
 - Request for the Erate approval (it pays 90% of the costs for infrastructure. We are only required to pay 10%).
 - T. Clark moved \$41,500 erate purchase with \$4,500 coming from SJWMAA budget; seconded by J. Bennett
 - October 8th & 9th will be the final onsite audit
 - Extending the payment of the \$5,000.00 remaining for the settlement allows for
- Moved by Dr. Staff and, seconded by T. Clark, carried unanimously. \$350,000 Bridge Loan resolution approval
- There is an intercept agreement for the incremental repayment of this loan.
- Mr. Oshelski asked that Mr. Moore touches base with Rebecca Clawson
- XI. **LSSU Report – Mrs. Melissa Weisberg**
- Mr. Chris Oshelski, Director of the LSSU Office of Charter Schools spoke relative to SJWMAA’s reauthorization of the charter. He referenced the previous year’s process (of seven PSAs authorized by LSSU...6 of the 7 were renewed); Referenced the New York Times article that was critical of the State of Michigan.



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He also discussed the process, emphasizing Tab C, and the importance of getting an attorney involved as early as possible.

Mid October deadline for submission. With nine schools, all will not be brought before the board of Trustees early. It is likely that SLWMAA will be brought forward in March.

There are various ways that the reauthorization may be manifested (one year, three years, or even three years, with an additional two years extended if certain conditions are met.

There is a requirement that we present to the Provost at sometime early next year relative to the academy's five-year plan.

Charles is encouraged to share

Julie Hopper will be coming to the October board meeting. SJWMAA's MSTEP results are relatively low. There is a need to use MAP data to demonstrate that growth is occurring. Growth is the most important component according to Mr. Oshelski. Five LSSU Board webinars will be the manner by which board training will take place this year on particular Wednesday nights;

Dr. Melhaldo may be used to augment training as much as possible.

Epicercenter Compliance and accuracy is critical, and SJWMAA was awarded approximately \$2,600 for compliance.

Brooke, new staff member, has been hired by LSSU. She has a schedule with LaToya to support academic improvement.

Ferris State has invited LSSU academies to attend special education training.

There are some funds set aside for academies to implement an improvement plan for low performing academies. There may be some need to match funding.

A board representative is requested to reach out to Mr. Oshelski regarding a meeting date/time with the Provost in January.

Mr. Oshelski shared that there is an option to "consolidate" as opposed to reauthorization.

President Thomas discussed the option of consolidation with a non-LSSU academy.

There are many different options, contracts with other entities are relevant.

Consolidation is a trend that Lynn Wolf of Dykema discussed.

XII. Public comment (2 minutes each)

XIII. Announcements

Reauthorization Meeting

Next Regularly Scheduled Board meeting: Saturday, October 14, 2017 at Sarah J. Webber Media Arts Academy at 48980 Woodward Avenue, Pontiac, Michigan 48342

XIV. Adjournment – two-hour training with Dr. Angelete Melhado - **Rescheduled**

Public notice of this meeting was posted as required by the Open Meetings Act.