

APPROVED

**Summit Academy North of Directors
18601 Middlebelt Road
Romulus, MI. 48174
Meeting in Band Room #804
Thursday, February 10, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

- I. Call Meeting to Order: 6:05 pm**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call: Present: President Operhall, Secretary Bynum, Vice-President Ring
Excused: Treasurer Walker**
- IV. Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2021**

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2021, are approved as presented. Motion by Vice-President Ring, supported by Secretary Bynum. Motion carried unanimously.

- V. Approval of Agenda February 10, 2022**
Leann would like to add Item C. School Calendar to Old Business VII.

The agenda of the regular meeting of February 10, 2022, is approved as amended. Motion by Vice-President Ring, supported by Secretary Bynum. Motion carried unanimously.

- VI. Consideration of Bills/Receipts/ Financial Reports-December and January, and Second Quarter Financials- Jason Hamstra reviewed this with the Board**

A. Bill, receipts, financial reports-December, and January
Jason Hamstra
Memo outlining the details.
Second quarter has ended.
Overall, we should be about 58% expended for the year, we are at 54%.
Some line items will be addressed in the grant budget revision.
We are wrapping ESSER II budget, and then ESSER III.

The bills, receipts, financial reports for December 2021, and January 2022, are approved as presented. Motion by Vice-President Ring, supported by Secretary Bynum. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Second Quarter financials and US Bank Disclosure-Jason reviewed this with the Board

Jason Hamstra

As part of our bond covenants and their disclosure, we must complete exhibit D.

There is also a balance sheet.

Regular quarterly documents.

Disclosure

The second quarter financials and US Bank Disclosures are approved as presented. Motion by Vice-President Ring, supported by Secretary Bynum. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Old Business

A. Administrative Committee Reports to the Board
Committee Updates

1. Finance-

Jason Hamstra

The Governor proposed a budget with a 5% increase in state aid. This would be \$9,100 per pupil.

The proposal also includes a teacher recruitment and retention initiative that would fund \$10,000 tuition for college students going into teaching, and an incentive for student teachers of \$9,600 for the semester while they are student teaching.

Retention-the plan is looking at the next 4 years- a tiered \$11,000 for teachers staying in teaching. Hopefully these are all good things to retain our teachers.

Leann

The language in the proposal is not in favor of charter schools. The language says for "public employees", our teachers work for the Educational Service Provider. Governor's office assures us that it was a language issue not intentional. Say they are cleaning up.

~~Leann talked to MPSAA. They are monitoring.~~

Vice-President Ring

Was longevity in the teacher packet prior to COVID?

Jason Hamstra

Responded in the affirmative. Jason stated that it was based on years of service.

a. Staff Retention-already addressed.

b. Foundation Formation-Nothing.

Leann

Next step is reaching out. Summer is better for this; it will be a slow roll.

2. Governance/Staff Retention- Nothing additional.
3. Academics-President Operhall-Academic

President Operhall

Receive an academic update from Alicia.

Summer school data update.

Huge gains in LA and Math. The staff and administrators are to be commended.

Professional Development updates- optional PD for teacher- Orton Gillingham, and LETRS training. The more you can absorb- the better they will do.

Alicia Jenkins

We are proud of the summer learning. We did goal setting, and this great data is from achieving them.

4. Stakeholder Involvement/Communication- Leann/Secretary Bynum-

Secretary Bynum

The academy has communicated with families about COVID and school violence. School violence is real, bullying is real. We need to be mindful every day. COVID has a lot of schools going back and forth about the mask mandates. Masks do work for you and I. Surveying families about snow days.

Leann

We are considering if there is value in having that snow day experience with students and their families. It was optional whether the student did activities from the school or if they just enjoyed being kids. We were supportive, we had activities that were snow related, and fun. It was a good balance for our kids this year.

Secretary Bynum

We need to get back to updating the strategic plan, perhaps in the summer.

- B. Change to Re-enrollment dates-Leann reviewed this with the Board
 1. Changing to end date of re-enrollment to February 25, 2022. Random Selection Process will occur on this date if needed.

Leann

We want to change the end date of re-enrollment to February 25, 2022, and have the random selection drawing that evening.

The change to the re-enrollment end date to February 25, 2022, is approved as presented. Motion by Vice-President Ring, supported by Secretary Bynum. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. *Change calendar from March-June 2022-Leann reviewed this with the Board*

Leann

We would like to transition to remote on Fridays, to provide an opportunity for additional cleaning, student mental health, and staff mental health. We feel that it is important for students to learn how to be remote learners. The remote Friday allows students to fill in gaps, and work on What I Need- working with specific teachers. Other groups such as social workers are given an opportunity to work with small groups. Special Education would be able to bring in small groups for testing. Music ensembles wouldn't have to be pulled from class.

Teachers were surveyed and are in favor of it, and the academic benefit for students. The change would be to be remote 8am-12pm every Friday. Then noon until 3:00 pm would be staff meetings or other building specific activities. We would like this to continue for the rest of the year. We will gather information on the success of this change.

We need to think differently about a multitude of things.

Jason Hamstra

There is a full day of professional development for 200 staff on learning on how to provide remote instruction.

Secretary Bynum

Will the schools still be open?

Leann

Leann answered in the affirmative.

Teachers who want to bring groups in can.

ELL is coming in to work with their students.

Transportation is still working.

inTandem have come in for testing.

There are various reasons to have small groups of students in on Fridays.

The calendar change to remote Fridays March-June is approved as presented. Motion by Vice-President Ring, supported by Secretary Bynum. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. New Business

A. Leadership Reports

Leann

Asked the Board if they had any questions about the leadership reports.

The elementary will be at next then meeting, then secondary, and we would rotate.

Keeps number in attendance down.

B. Contract Review Process- Leann reviewed this with the Board

Leann

This checklist was instituted in 2012. It should be revisited; we will work on it in the future. We hope to make it less cumbersome, more streamlined. There will be full disclosure to CMU. We will have Dickinson Wright revise it.

The contract review process is approved as presented. Motion by Vice-President Ring, supported by Secretary Bynum. Motion carried unanimously.

C. NCSI Update- Leann reviewed this with the Board

Leann

In the board memo from Dickinson Wright, George Butler recommends approval of all.

The NCSI Fall 2021 Update including Table of Contents, 0100, 0160, 6114, 6152, 7450, 8310, 8330 is approved as presented. Motion by Vice-President Ring, supported by Secretary Bynum. Motion carried unanimously.

D. AER- Jason reviewed this with the Board

Jason Hamstra

MDE puts together the data for the annual education report, we must post it on our website with the cover letters for district and each school. CMU has approved the reports.

The Annual Education Report, AER, is approved as presented. Motion by Vice-President Ring, supported by Secretary Bynum. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Partner Solutions Quarterly Report-Jason reviewed this with the Board

Jason Hamstra

The document in the board packet was informational.

Vice-President Ring

There were a lot of turnovers.

Alicia Jenkins

We have been approved for a grant to hire social workers, and a school nurse.

Jason Hamstra

One thing to keep on our radar is that our teachers cannot qualify for loan forgiveness because it requires that you work for a nonprofit.

F. Public Act 48 of 2021, 98b Goals- Alicia reviewed this with the Board

Alicia Jenkins

This is new legislation. We set goals for the year, and then share progress in February and, again at the end of the year.

Sherry Betcher of CMU suggested that we stick with our charter contract, which is measured by NWEA which the students took in the fall and winter. This is a progress report, not a full report. We will have a better picture at the end of the year. The data for ELA is outstanding. We also broke the data down by gender, and ethnicity, there are no clear trends, then inTandem and in person. There were no trends clearly defined, it was back and forth.

Vice-President Ring

Was the fall data reliable?

Alicia Jenkins

It was hard to know for sure what the COVID impact was going to be. Either way, we are focused on growth not achievement. We need to meet the students where they are. WIN classes 6-12 *What I Need* this effort is based on their NWEA scores. Teachers feel very responsible for achievement. We need to teach differently. We will move them forward.

The Public Act 48 of 2021, 98b Goals are approved as presented. Motion by Vice-President Ring, supported by Secretary Bynum. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Public Comment

Leann

We have been communicating with Brian Tytye who was our liaison officer for many years. He was a Huron Police Officer. We have a great relationship with him. Having a law enforcement person on our board would be a good thing. Alicia thought of him. He is interested. Vice-President Ring has a possible candidate as well.

X. Board Comment-None

XI. Correspondence-Letter from CMU Charter School Office-ON ECC

XII. Authorizer Comment

Jonathan Trout

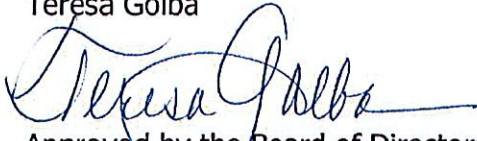
February is Black History month. CMU is hosting a virtual reading of black literature every Monday in the month. Content can be found on the CMU website search-Black History. March reading month- representatives from CMU will participate in person or virtual readings. On Feb 23 webinar on social emotional learning at 12:00, register online. March 16, 6:00pm in Lansing, there will be a panel discussion on direction of Michigan Education. Location-The View in Lansing. Good to hear the efforts of the board and leaders for board candidates. He had a good tour with Leann.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11pm, made by Vice-President Ring, supported by Secretary Bynum. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa Golba



Approved by the Board of Directors at their March 2022 meeting.

Secretary: 

Date: 3/10/22