

**Success Virtual Learning Centers of Michigan  
Board of Education Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday, August 13, 2019  
**Time:** 4:00PM  
**Location:** Courtyard Marriott – Plaza Towers, Campau Room, 11 Monroe Avenue,  
Grand Rapids, MI

**Board Members Present:** Dan Goodemoot, Mike Damstra, Mike Behrens

**Board Members Absent:** Marianna Heule(absent with notice), Garth Aamodt

**Others Present:** Doug McNeil, Jim Bermingham, Gary Jensen, Kristi Teall, Chris Loiselle

The meeting was called to order at 4:07pm

Public Comments on Agenda Items: No comments made

**Approval of Agenda:** One agenda item added – update on meeting with MDE – after G on the agenda.

Motion to add requested item to the agenda.

Motion – MD  
Second – MB  
Ayes – All  
Opposed – None

Motion to approve agenda:

Motion – MB  
Second – MD  
Ayes – All  
Opposed – None

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Motion – MD  
Second – MB  
Ayes – All  
Opposed - None

## **Action Items**

**Budget Report** – The board accountant did not attend before the end of the meeting, so this item will be reviewed at the October board meeting.

**Policy Adoptions** – Policies to be adopted were distributed by Jim Bermingham for review by the board.

Motion to approve the adoptions.

Motion – Dan  
Second – MB  
Ayes – All  
Opposed - None

**Amendment to the Management Agreement**- Updated the agreement for board to receive 3% of State Aid payment.

Motion to approve the amendment.

Motion – MD  
Second – dan  
Ayes – All  
Opposed - None

**Approval of new classes** – New remedial classes were presented by Kristi Teall to improve Math and Reading supports for at-risk students.

Motion to approve the addition of new classes.

Motion – Dan  
Second – MD  
Ayes – All  
Opposed - None

## **Reports/Discussion**

**Berrien Springs Educational Highlights presentation** – Gary presented the opportunity to join the school at a block party, and also data highlights for the past three years of school performance.

**Superintendent search update** – Still searching but have a plan to set up a sub-committee meeting to begin candidate evaluations and develop the selection process – Second Tuesday of September (9/10) for a special board meeting was recommended. Jim Bermingham handed out material related to his tenure as superintendent and required resignation. The deadline to complete this is 9/15.

**Pupil Membership Quality Control Review** – Jim Bermingham handed out a letter informing the school of the desk audit.

**Update August 8 MDE/Success Meeting** – Jim Bermingham gave the board an update on the meeting with MDE.

MDE was concerned that a board member was not present in the meeting - The President requested that if there were any additional meetings with MDE, they be invited to the meeting as requested.

MDE requested that the board be trained – Doug McNeil is working to help coordinate this training process with other charter schools.

MDE requested that a resident from Vestaburg be on the board – Jim Bermingham has recommended that we fill the next vacancy with a Vestaburg resident. It has been requested that the board write a letter stating that they have the intention of filling the next open board slot with a Vestaburg resident.

MDE was concerned about Jim’s certification lapse – this was discussed during the Superintendent Search update.

MDE was not pleased with having the board meetings at Campau Avenue – Jim recommended that we move the meetings to 4328 Kalamazoo Avenue – one of our drop-in tutoring centers. The board has agreed to move the meetings immediately beginning with their next meeting.

MDE was concerned with the appearance of combined entities under the Success umbrella. – Berrien Springs is considering changing the name of their virtual schools so that there is a clear separation of entities.

MDE is concerned about the difficulty for people to find the school website – the board has requested that Berrien staff provide a solution to them by this Friday and they will contact Dallas and Anita Bell directly to request the recommended action be accomplished.

**Public Comment on Non-agenda items** –

**Adjournment -**

Motion – Dan

Second – MD

Ayes – All

Opposed – None

Next Meeting Date and Location: Special meeting to discuss Superintendent Search –  
September 10, 2019 at 4328 Kalamazoo Avenue, Grand Rapids, MI.

*Daniel Rademot*