

**New School High Board of Directors Meeting
Virtual Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Date: Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Zoom Meeting ID: 936 0878 0512 Passcode: nmgA3k

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Nic at 6:34 pm.

Present: Nic Cooper, Carolyn King, Joanne Lamar, Rick McCoy, Briana Sprague
Absent: Sam Barresi

Public: Melissa May, Malverne Winborne

School Leader: Isaac (Ike) London

Recorder: Wendi Felgner

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of Agenda

Joanne amended the agenda to move the budget amendment I to the end of the meeting, add the Oath of Office (Cooper & King) and moved to approve the amended October 20, 2021 agenda. Briana seconded. The agenda for the October virtual meeting was approved.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Briana, Rick, Joanne, Carolyn, Nic
 Nays: None

4. Consent Agenda

Joanne moved to accept the consent agenda including the September 15 and October 1, 2021 meetings minutes. Briana seconded. The September 15 and October 1, 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Briana, Joanne, Carolyn, Nic
 Nays: None

Rick was absent from the vote.

5. Correspondence

None

6. Committee Reports

None

7. 2020-21 Audited Financial Statements

Melissa May (Croskey Lanni) shared the statement highlights of net income, state funds due from the state and payroll accrued for summer 2021. Croskey Lanni issued an unmodified opinion. There were no findings. There was a strong fund balance of \$238,551. Revenue was greater and expenses were lower than the final budget amendment. Briana appreciated Wendi's work. Melissa left the meeting.

Rick exited the meeting at 6:46 pm.

8. Treasurer's Report

Briana reported there is a positive balance in the bank account. She reviewed the September expenses; explained the lack of revenue (no state aid payment in the month); and stated the balance sheet equity.

Joanne moved to receive the Treasurer's Report. Carolyn seconded.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Nic, Carolyn, Joanne, Briana
Nays: None

9. Action Items

B. New Business

a. Approval of 2020-21 Audited Financial Statements

Briana moved to approve the 2020-21 audited financial statements. Joanne seconded.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Briana Joanne, Carolyn, Nic
Nays: None

The 2020-21 audited financial statements were approved.

b. Approval of 2019-20 Robotics funding returned to MDE

Briana explained the coronavirus impacted the 2019-20 team and a balance of Robotics revenue remained since the team could not continue. Robotics did not occur in 2020-21 and is not happening this year. Briana and Wendi attempted to find other options for spending the unearned revenue. Briana motioned \$2,765.38 be returned to the State. Joanne seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Nic, Carolyn, Joanne, Briana
Nays: None

The return of the 2019-20 Robotics unearned revenue was approved.

c. 2021-22 courses and graduation requirements

Nic asked if there were any questions about the 2021-22 courses. 22 credits are required for graduation this year due to coronavirus.

Joanne moved to approve the 2021-22 courses and graduation requirements. Carolyn seconded.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Nic, Carolyn, Joanne, Briana
Nays: None

The 2021-22 courses and graduation requirements were approved.

c. Selection of Board Strategic Planning Meeting date and time

Briana suggested the Board have a meeting with a five year plan. Nic will meet with Ike. Joanne offered the pandemic may prevent a five year plan. Nic responded that a five-year strategic process was needed. Briana offered the Board should hold a meeting in a couple months and Nic proposed January.

Briana moved to convene a Strategic Planning Workshop on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 1:00 pm. Carolyn seconded.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Briana, Joanne, Carolyn, Nic
Nays: None

The January Strategic Planning Workshop was approved.

10. Business / Management Report

A. School Leader

Since the last board meeting Ike reported there were two new students and he's held seven tours with prospective students and/or parents.

Students formed a student government that meets every other Friday during student lunch. Senior Advisory is planning and excited for Gratitude Day for November. After school activities include music, art, dungeons & dragons and basketball (tentative). Students are also interested in cooking activities. A volunteer is interested in starting cooking activities early November.

There is a need for PE Teacher candidates. Ike reached out to EMU.

A TV ad was produced. It is running October 25 to December 6 through Comcast (Effectv). Plymouth Township approved the feather flag (special events sign) for twenty school days October to November. There will be an inquiry to the Township about the ground sign covering. Ike selected Ypsilanti Printing for a t-shirt and sweatshirt order. The design includes a cobra.

Ike plans to partner with Schoolcraft College for a program offering a high school diploma and an Associates Degree. Washtenaw Community College is also interested in partnering. Wayne State University presented post-secondary options to students.

Ike has an application to the Michigan Athletic Association for future sports of varsity basketball, soccer, cross country and track & field.

9. Action Items (Continued)

A. Old Business

a. Budget Amendment 1 discussion

Briana suggested an amendment may be ready for the November meeting. She suggested there is a direction to use part of the fund balance in order to build parent confidence for 2022-23. The amendment includes 46 students. Briana shared the amendment sheet through her screen. Briana reviewed expenses. Nic asked about a targeted net income and projected expense total. There were no questions.

There was discussion of a potential all-school field trip and potential fundraisers.

11. Oath of Office

Malverne Winborne delivered the Oath to Nic Cooper and Carolyn King. Carolyn clarified the membership term length at three years.

12. Extended Public Comment

Malverne commented he is impressed with the connection to Colleges.


13. Comments from the Board

- a. Nic reminded the Board of a need for an additional board member. Nic confirmed the member candidate application process with Malverne including screening by the NSH Board; application, interview and background check with EMU CSO; and approval by the EMU Board of Regents.
- b. Joanne said two NSH students participated in a Plymouth Township fall festival event. She was impressed by the students and their interaction with young children.
- c. Confirmation of the next board meeting date and time - Wednesday, November 17, 2021 6:30 pm

14. Adjournment

Briana moved to adjourn the meeting. Joanne seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Minutes Certification:



Wendi Felgner, Recorder
October 20, 2021

Approved by New School High Board of Directors

Carolyn King

Carolyn King, Secretary
Date: