

July 7/20/2021 Board Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to order-6:33pm
Roll Call-Leah Davis (Ypsilanti), Nate Gleeton (Ypsilanti), Denne Lawton (Canton), Christal Eason (Southfield), Teresa Woods, Shayla Tinsley, Jamilla Whittaker, Bobbi Portis

Denne would like a motion to move some things around on the agenda.
Nate- Motion to move item B, b to item A, before new business.
Motion carried- 4 yays, 0 nays

Motion to move item II. Hearing of the Public (*limited to agenda items only*) to V., after the Approval of Budget Hearing, 7/29/2021, Minutes.
Nate motioned- carried with 4 yays, 0 nays
- II. Motion to approve the 7/20/2021 Board Meeting Agenda
Nate motioned, carried with 4 yays, 0 nays
- III. Motion to approve the 6/22/2021 Board meeting minutes.
Nate motioned, carried with 4 yays, 0 nays
- IV. Motion to approve the 6/29/2021 Budget Hearing Minutes.
Nate motioned, carried with 4 yays, 0 nays
- V. Correspondence- none, Nate asked if people must be admitted to this Zoom meeting, Denne confirmed that yes, people have to be admitted
- VI. Committee Reports- none
- VII. Treasure's Report- Nate did sign the audit correction form for FY 19/20, signed on Monday, 7/19/2021
- VIII. Action Items-Board of Directors to go into closed session to discuss Real estate Letter of Intent

Nate had a question about the closed session. Denne explained that there are only certain items that allow The Board to go into closed session, on advice from our attorney, Real Estate is one of the items that are allowed.

Christal made a motion to go into closed session to discuss the LOI

Roll Call Vote-Christal Eason- yes, Denne Lawton- yay, Nate Gleeton- yay, Leah Davis- yay, 4 yays, 0 nays, 0 absent board members

Closed session starts at 6:45pm

Motion to go back into open session

Roll Call Vote- Christal Eason- yay, Denne Lawton- yay, Nate Gleeton- yay, Leah Davis- yay, 4 yays, 0 nays

Motion carried, time back into open session is 7:14pm

Motion for the board chair to sign the letter of intent for 1901 E. Ellsworth, potential property for AALC

Motion carried with 4 yays, 0 nays

Jamila wanted to make sure that we send all the necessary documentation to EMU for the non-disapproval needed to be in compliance with everything. Denne said we did discuss that we have been advised by our attorney and are aware of the EMU process, before a lease could be executed. Part of that is obtaining the cert of occupancy, which we have contracted a certified architect to assist us with that.

B. New Business

a. New Attorney Engagement Letter- We are going over this process because most of us are new board members, just to make sure that whenever Denne is executing these things she always consults with our attorney just to make sure we are following the law and we are not doing anything out of order.

Our only order of business in this open session is to approve the engagement of Hooper Hathaway. Our current attorney, Clark Hill, provide services for us in relation to any legal matters, however they are not litigation attorneys. They have provided us a reference of attorneys that they have worked with in the past who are situated in the Ann Arbor area to assist us in any litigation matters or disputes as it relates to the current Textile property. Before our potential attorney who will represent us can begin that work, we as a board must decide to retain her. This is what that engagement letter does. We do have an outstanding matter that needs to be addressed expeditiously, within 10 days. This is the letter we had her draft. Questions from board?

Nate- What was submitted against the board was basically threatening personal liability. Does that give all the board members a right to talk to this attorney together? Denne said what your referencing, we received a copy of a response from our attorney regarding that. And explanation of clarity on our legal liability. That was

for a different matter, that matter is not in litigation. We just received that today. This is only related to the property and lease terms.

Motion to allow the board chair to execute this engagement with Hooper Hathaway, Angela Jackson.

Nate motioned. Carried with 4 yays, 0 nays

IX. Business/Management Report

A. School Leader Report- Teresa (see board packet)

Getting ready for the upcoming school year. Still recruiting, working with WDIV on an ad champaign, also managing our website, social media, etc..

Sorting through the current high school students, contacting families for incomplete information in English and Arabic. Reaching out to folks through email, phone calls, mass mailing- attached a QR code so that the families could utilize the code for registration and information. There is consistent feedback about lack of communication over the last year. All students have laptops that were issued from GEE Prep that have been locked. Several students said their computers' have been locked for months, no contact from GEE Prep to unlock those computers. All the students say they have chrome books, on top of the 253 that GEE gave to AALC. AALC has replaced locked lap tops. Edgenuity will not let AALC have past info for students. Some families were surprised that their students were indeed students of AALC. Most families asked for better communication in the future. Marketing for K-12.

Students and Staff will continue to be masked. Mentors for high school students will work at a ratio of 1:30. Hired an Upper School Dean, part-time college/career readiness coordinator- who will be connecting with the local community colleges and colleges to manage the dual enrollment processes. 3 mentors are bilingual. Denne-The items that are identified under the updates, missing files, locked out chrome books, lack of access to Edgenuity was a contractual breach. Denne has spoken to the Board's attorney, Clark Hill, Anne Vanderland. She has put together correspondence regarding that. Denne has sent that to all board members.

Forwarding that info to EMU, they want to know that the 9-12 students are being serviced. Denne called Edgeunity on behalf of AALC, just to get some contextual information. Asking about gaining access, it is just a simple matter of GEE sending a letter to Edgenuity and stating that they are no longer the service provider.

When EMU puts ESPs or provisions in place, they do that to protect the school. So we don't have these transitional issues. Not having access to Edgenuity, which AALC was charged for, is a breach of our contract. The board's attorneys have addressed it and will be sending that letter to EMU. Denne- thank you to Teresa for putting in the effort for a smooth transition for the students.

- B. Business Managers Report-Shayla- still working through the final numbers for the audit. Didn't want to present numbers that were fluid. Hoping to finalize the numbers by Friday, and sending them off to the auditors.
- X. Extended Public Comments-none
- XI. Comments from the board- none
- XII. Recognition- Denne- continue to recognize AALC for the work that they are doing, moving forward, there are a lot of transitions occurring for AALC. To continue to recruit students under less-than-ideal situations is applaudable. Denne appreciates the work that Teresa and Shayla- Thank You. Thank You to the other board members. Leah- recognize Denne and anyone else that has been working tirelessly behind the scenes on all those things that take an incredible amount of time.

Motion to confirm our meeting on 8/17/2021

Carried, 4 yays, 0 nays

- XIII. Adjournment-7:39pm

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Leah Davis