
The regular meeting of the Virtual Learning Academy of St. Clair County Board of Trustees was held on March 15, 2023 at VLA. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kathleen Kish; Fran McBride; Cynthia Raymo

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dan DeGrow; Mary Gilbert

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Josh Everitt, VLA Principal; Linda Sikora, Academy Business Manager; Brenda Tenniswood, RESA Superintendent

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

Action Item D: Approval of Proposed Art Classroom Furniture Purchase
Discussion Item B: New Bank & Accounts

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Approval of Minutes (*Enclosure #1*)

It was moved by Cynthia Raymo and supported by Fran McBride to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2023 meeting as presented.

PUT TO A VOTE: All: Yes **Motion: Carried**

B. Approval of Bills (*Enclosure #2*)

It was moved by Cynthia Raymo and supported by Fran McBride to approve the January and February bills (check numbers 3683-3707 for a total of \$32,451.51) as presented.

PUT TO A VOTE: All: Yes **Motion: Carried**

C. Approval of Success Coach Position Contract (*Enclosure #3*)

It was moved by Fran McBride and supported by Cynthia Raymo to approve the success

coach position contract as presented.

PUT TO A VOTE: All: Yes **Motion: Carried**

D. Approval of Proposed Art Classroom Furniture Purchase (*distributed at meeting*)

It was moved by Cynthia Raymo and supported by Fran McBride to approve the proposed purchase of art classroom furniture including but not limited to tables, bench seats, ottomans, stools, rolling white boards, shelving units and a teacher desk with a total cost not to exceed \$65,000.

PUT TO A VOTE: All: Yes **Motion: Carried**

Josh Everitt discussed the high preliminary quote, higher cost of materials now, the quality of the furniture and the potential use of this furniture in the student lounge to create additional seating for larger groups of students for future events at VLA. It was noted that this furniture will not stay new after art classes and projects begin. All furniture will be hard surface or vinyl for easy to clean maintenance. The flooring was also discussed noting that carpet will need to be removed and vinyl composite tiling will be laid down.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. February 2023 Financial Report (*Enclosure #4*)

Linda Sikora shared the financial report for February 2023 highlighting increased expenditures from last year, mostly due to increased salary and fringe benefits. VLA still remains fiscally sound with a healthy fund balance projected for the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

B. New Bank & Accounts

Linda Sikora shared some concerns with Huntington Bank – high monthly service fees and poor customer service, and her plan to move VLA accounts to Eastern Michigan Bank. RESA also uses Eastern Michigan Bank. This was also discussed with Tracy Recor, RESA Director of Business & Finance.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. Administrative Update (*Enclosure #5*)

Josh Everitt presented current enrollment information now that VLA has successfully certified data from their spring 2023 count period. He highlighted current enrollment of 140 students, discussed students age groups, homeless numbers, VLA graduates and more. Josh's principal notes were distributed via email prior to the meeting. These were not discussed in detail at the meeting, but a brief conversation was held focused on the new school social worker and plans for the new success coach.

B. Winter Newsletter (*Enclosure #6*)

Josh Everitt shared VLA's winter newsletter that was mailed home to students and parents including recent graduates, TEC's annual open house, VLA's Skills USA top finishers from TEC, and more.

C. Next Board Meeting is May 17, 2023 @ 10:00am - to be held at VLA

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS:

None

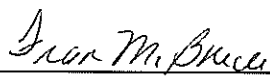
ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Cynthia Raymo and supported by Fran McBride to adjourn the March 15, 2023 meeting at 10:35 a.m.

PUT TO A VOTE: All: Yes **Motion: Carried**



Liz Yanik, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: 

Fran McBride, Secretary/Treasurer