

Sheboygan Leadership Academy Charter School Governance Board Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2026

6:00 – 7:00pm

Sheboygan Leadership Academy

The regular meeting of the Governance Board of Sheboygan Leadership Academy will meet at the school located at 1305 St. Clair Avenue on August 24th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Please note that some Board members may be participating in this Board meeting via teleconference or other remote access technology. Members of the public who attend the meeting will be able to hear any open session dialogue between such members and the Board members present. In addition, the school is offering audio and video access to the meeting via phone connection by calling with access code (US) +1 515-329-5373 PIN: 205 386 429# or video <https://meet.google.com/cof-gpmb-kzc> (Please be aware that a Google account is needed in order to access the meeting from this link.)

1. **Call to Order:** Call to order at 6:03pm
2. **Roll Call:**
 - a. Present: Chris Schnelle, Laura Studee, Andrew Morgan, Sandra Bayona, Michelle Miller
 - b. Absent: Araceli Roman, Emma Hansen, Joe Sheehan
 - c. Welcome Jenny Stephen to the board!
3. **Approval of Agenda (action):** Michelle made a motion to approve the agenda and Andrew seconded. All ayes.
4. **Open Session:**
 - a. Public Comment: no members of the public present.
5. **Approval of Minutes (action):** Sandra makes a motion to approve the minutes from June. Andrew seconded. All ayes.
6. **Virtue Pick:** *Moderation* read by President, Chris Schnelle
7. **Principal's Report** – Laura Studee (information/possible action)
 - a. **School Update**
 - i. Today was the first day back with teachers.
 - ii. Enrollment is up! We are currently at 207, with some paperwork still being filled out. We are prepared for fluctuation in the first few weeks.
 - iii. 4K is up to 12 students with two more possible students. 5k is currently at 15 students. 6th grade is full. Other grades are in
 - iv. New teacher, Ruby Jump, has been hired for 4k.
 - v. New Aides: Amber Steffen - 5K; Ashly Claudio - grades 3, 4, 5; Daphne Nelson
 - vi. Mr. Dan and Mason have been busy over the summer getting our building ready.

- b. **Marketing** - (3) new billboards are up around town and will remain up through September.

- c. **Operational Updates**

- i. SASD is launching a new parent communication app that we will be utilizing this upcoming school year. This gives parents a way to communicate with teachers. Includes direct translation technology. This app is legislation-compliant for ongoing communication that SASD staff will be formerly trained on.
 - ii. Middle school is building in *What I Need (WIN)* time each day.
 - 1. This could include Lexia lessons, interventions, phonics, art enrichment, band enrichment, career enrichment
 - iii. Title I funding of \$121,000 was approved for the 2026-27 school year. This goes toward literacy curriculum.
 - iv. Charter Contract Renewal: SLA (Laura Studee and Chris Schnelle) will need to go in front of the SASD Board to discuss what will remain the same and what items may change.
- d. **General Report**
- e. Board Oversight & Charter Contract Compliance - Chris Schnelle. Looks like we are in good order with all items.

8. Committee Reports

- a. **Executive** – Christopher Schnelle (information / possible action): Did not meet
- b. **Finance** – Sandra Bayona (information / possible action)
 - i. Received SASD payment in June and July
 - ii. Received categorical aid reimbursement in June
 - iii. We will need to refinance the facade loan as our 5-year loan is up.
 - iv. Sandra made a motion to make a one-time payment to pay down our facade loan. Michelle seconded the motion
 - v. Sandra made a motion for approval of June and July Financials. Michelle seconded the motion. All ayes.
- c. **Facilities** – Chris Schnelle (information / possible action)
 - i. Summer project summary and future project updates.
 - 1. Floor in 5th grade is completed.
 - 2. Floor in 1st grade had to be redone, but looks great.
 - 3. Mason and Dan did a great job overall.
 - 4. A boiler pump needs attention.
 - 5. Continue to work on the kiln install in art. Hoping to have that up and running in the second semester.
- d. **Personnel & Recruitment** – Joe Sheehan (information / possible action)

- i. Laura and Peggy Hensler met. They discussed Act 88 and 89.
 - ii. Will review hourly staffing wages to stay competitive.
 - e. **Parent Outreach** - Michelle Miller / Laura Studee (information):
 - i. Met in August.
 - ii. Had some playdates planned throughout the summer. Good feedback.
 - iii. Talked about having a September all-school gathering on 9/24 at Shaw Family Park. Home and School will provide a snack.
9. **Unfinished Business:** none
10. **New Business:** none
11. **Adjourn (Action):** Andrew made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandra seconded it. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.

The next SLA Governance Board Meeting will be on Monday, September 28, 2026.

The mission of the Sheboygan Leadership Academy is to inspire students to become leaders through their academic achievement, moral development, and service to others.