

**Ohio Digital Learning School**  
***Public Hearing***  
***Exceeding Limitations on Testing***  
October 27, 2021

1745 Indian Wood Circle, Suite 210, Maumee, OH 43537

Hearing start time: 10:00 AM

**Public Comment / Board Discussion**

The Board of Directors held a public hearing regarding the school's request to exceed the amount of time students may spend on state required and other testing as specified in Ohio Revised Code Section 3301.0729. The Board discussed testing. Ms. Albain discussed test preparation.

Hearing end time: 10:05 AM

**Ohio Digital Learning School**  
***Public Hearing***  
***IDEA Funds***  
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Hearing start time: 10:05 AM

**Public Comment / Board Discussion**

Ms. Harkless discussed the school's usage of IDEA funds. An opportunity for public input was provided.

Hearing end time: 10:08 AM

# Ohio Digital Learning School *Meeting Minutes*

October 27, 2021

**Location:** 1745 Indian Wood Circle, Suite 210, Maumee, OH 43537

*(optional for non-board members)*

**Zoom link:** <https://k12.zoom.us/j/9521864703>

**Meeting ID:** 952 186 4703

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## I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 AM.

## II. Roll Call

### Board Members Present:

Jennifer Wise, President  
Gregory Fockler, Treasurer  
Chris Canova, Secretary  
Chelsea Kania, Director

### Board Members Absent:

Tiffany Akeman, Vice President

### Other Attendees:

Kathleen Harkless, *ODLS Head of School*  
Mahailey Albain, *ODLS Principal*  
Todd McIntire, *Stride*  
Rebekah Enz, Esq. (Virtually), *Amy Goodson Co., LLC, Board Legal Counsel*  
Kristin Katakis (Virtually), *OCCS*  
Dawn Cummings (Virtually), *Fiscal Officer*  
Laura Houghton (Virtually), *Stride*

## III. Public Comment

None

## IV. Review of Agenda

## V. Action and Discussion Items

### A. Exceeding Limitations on Testing

The Board held a public hearing on exceeding limitations on testing just prior to the board meeting.

**21-65 WHEREAS**, Ohio Revised Code Section 3301.0729 limits the amount of time students may be required to spend on state required and other assessments;

**WHEREAS**, Ohio Revised Code Section 3301.0729 also provides that the School's Board of Directors may adopt a resolution allowing the School to exceed the prescribed time limitations provided the Board of Directors conducts at least one public hearing on the proposed resolution;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors finds it educationally appropriate for the educational model it provides and the students the School services to exceed the administration and preparation limitations;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors held a public hearing on the proposed resolution on October 27, 2020;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the School to exceed the administration and preparation limits as specified in Ohio Revised Code Section 3301.0729.

Motion: Mr. Canova      Second: Ms. Kania  
Ayes: 4      Nays: 0

**B. Use of IDEA Funds**

A public hearing with an opportunity for public input on the school's use of IDEA funds was held just prior to the board meeting.

**21-66 WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors held a public hearing during which local community members and parents/guardians were invited to attend and provide input regarding the use of IDEA funds;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors approves the planned use of IDEA funds.

Motion: Mr. Fockler      Second: Ms. Kania  
Ayes: 4      Nays: 0

**C. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting**

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes; no modifications were requested.

**21-67 RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors approves the minutes of the meeting of September 22, 2021 as presented.

Motion: Ms. Kania      Second: Mr. Fockler  
Ayes: 4      Nays: 0

**D. Financial Report**

Ms. Cummings presented the September 2021 financial report. She discussed the increased average enrollment and the two K-12 payments for September. The next K-12 payment will be in November. Ms. Cummings also discussed federal funds for FY21 and FY22. The Board will start having finance committee meetings on a quarterly basis beginning in January.

**21-68 RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors approves the financial update, bank reconciliation, and payment of \$75,000 to Stride K12 as presented.

Motion: Ms. Kania      Second: Mr. Canova  
Ayes: 4      Nays: 0

**E. Revised Budget and Five-Year Forecast**

Ms. Cummings presented the budget revised from the budget approved in May. She discussed an increase in average enrollment as well as increases and decreases in other items. The five-year forecast is based on a 25% increase in average enrollment. Ms. Cummings reviewed the breakdown of purchased services.

**21-69 RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors approves and adopts the ODE Community School Budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 as presented;

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors approves and adopts the five-year forecast, October 2021 Submission, and authorizes the fiscal officer to submit the five-year forecast in the proper format, to the Ohio Department of Education by the designated deadline.

Motion: Ms. Kania      Second: Mr. Fockler  
Ayes: 4      Nays: 0

**F. Head of School Report**

- **Number of Suspensions and Expulsions**
- **Residency Verification (October)**

Ms. Harkless presented the school report and discussed student demographics. There are 35 graduates to date, 799 current students, 77 students with a future start date, and 322 students in the pipeline. Ms. Houghton, who is leaving ODLs but will be moving to a Stride position, provided the update on the quarter one passing rate.

**21-70 RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors accepts the state of the school report as presented, including the number of suspensions and expulsions and October residency verification.

Motion: Mr. Canova      Second: Mr. Fockler  
Ayes: 4      Nays: 0

**G. Discussion on 2020-2021 Local Report Card**

Ms. Harkless reviewed the school's 2020-2021 local report card. There are no ratings this year. Ms. Harkless discussed the data that was included.

**H. 2020-2021 Annual Report**

Ms. Harkless discussed the school's 2020-2021 annual report.

**21-71 RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors approves and adopts the 2020-2021 Annual Report and authorizes the Head of School to submit the annual report to the proper authority.

Motion: Ms. Kania      Second: Mr. Canova  
Ayes: 4      Nays: 0

**I. Student Records Policy**

Ms. Harkless discussed the Student Records Policy.

**21-72 RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors approves and adopts the Student Records Policy as presented.

Motion: Mr. Canova      Second: Mr. Fockler  
Ayes: 4      Nays: 0

**J. EMO Evaluation**

Ms. Harkless distributed hard copies of EMO evaluations to the Board.

**VI. Informational Report**

**A. Legal Update**

Ms. Enz presented the legal update.

**B. Sponsor Update**

Ms. Katakis presented the sponsor update and discussed the first semester worksheets and upcoming site visits.

**C. Stride Update**

Mr. McIntyre gave the Stride update. The first quarter under the new CEO is completed. Mr. McIntyre had no update on the legislation discussed during the previous meeting regarding federal funds to community schools partnering with for-profit management.

**VII. Confirmation of Next Meeting:**

Date: November 17, 2021

Time: 10:00 AM


Location: ODLS Office and video/telephone conference

**VIII. Adjournment: 11:09 AM**

Motion: Ms. Kania      Second: Mr. Canova

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Approved by the Board of Directors of Ohio Digital Learning School on November 17, 2021.

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Board President/Secretary  
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