

Ohio Digital Learning School

Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2024
10:00 AM
1745 Indian Woods Circle
Maumee, Ohio 43537

Zoom link: <https://k12.zoom.us/j/94664619741>

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM.

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Chris Canova, President
Chelsea Kania, Vice President
Tiffany Akeman, Secretary
Gregory Fockler, Treasurer
Roula Braidy, Director

Other Attendees:

Mahailey Albain, *ODLS Academic Administrator*
Brian Powderly, *Executive Director*
Megan Kovach, *Academic Administrator of Special Programs*
Theresa Bourgeois, *EMIS and Title I Coordinator*
Angie Day, *ODLS Assistant Principal*
Cindy Wright, *Stride*
Regina Krotzer, *Stride*
Stephanie Nelson, *Stride*
Rebekah Enz, Esq., *Amy Goodson Co., LLC, Board Legal Counsel*
Kristin Katakis, *OCCS*
Kerrie Kruichuk, *ODLS Science Teacher*
Eric VonGuten, *ODLS Science Teacher*

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Review of Agenda

V. Action and Discussion Items

A. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

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

24-01 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves the minutes of the meeting of November 15, 2023, as presented.

Motion: Ms. Kania Second: Mr. Fockler
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

B. Financial Report

- **Federal Subgrant Expenditures**

Ms. Krotzer presented the financial report as of December 31, 2023, and discussed revenues and expenses, balances and cash flow, and federal funds. K12 is requesting an \$850,000 payment.

24-02 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves the financial update, bank reconciliation, and payment to Stride K12 as presented, including approval of federal subgrant expenditures.

Motion: Ms. Braidy Second: Ms. Kania
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

C. Bank Signers

The board discussed adding Ms. Stephanie Nelson and Mr. Brian Powderly as signers on the School's bank accounts.

24-03 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the addition of Stephanie Nelson and Brian Powderly as a signer and authorized user on the School's bank accounts.

Motion: Mr. Canova Second: Ms. Akeman
Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

D. Annual Fiscal Officer Waiver

The board discussed designating Ms. Stephanie Nelson as the fiscal officer for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. Ms. Nelson obtained her treasurer license and has taken on the duties of the fiscal officer.

24-04 WHEREAS, pursuant to ORC 3314.011(A), every community school is required to have a designated fiscal officer employed or engaged by the governing authority;

WHEREAS, ORC 3314.011(D)(1) allows the governing authority to waive the requirement that the governing authority be the party responsible for employing or contracting with the fiscal officer for a one-year period.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the governing authority waives the requirement to contract or employ the fiscal officer and designates Stephanie Nelson as fiscal officer for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, subject to sponsor approval.

Motion: Ms. Kania Second: Ms. Akeman
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

E. Head of School Report

- **Number of Suspensions and Expulsions**
- **Residency Verification (December and January)**
- **Review of Updates to ESSER ARP Plan, including ESSER Spending Plan, if any**

Mr. Powderly presented the school report and introduced one of the science teachers, Ms. Kruichuk. Ms. Kruichuk discussed her biology sanctuary game, and Mr. VonGuten, another science teacher, discussed using Minecraft and other games for additional learning in the classroom.

24-05 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors accepts the state of the school report as presented, including the number of suspensions and expulsions and December and January residency verification.

Motion: Ms. Kania Second: Ms. Braidy
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

F. Student Wellness and Success Funds Plan

Ms. Bourgeois presented the Student Wellness and Success Funds Plan and discussed that the funds will be used for school counselors and family engagement,

G. Semi-Annual Report of Verified of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying

Ms. Albain presented the Semi-Annual Report of Verified Acts of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying.

24-06 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors accepts the Semi-Annual Report of Verified Acts of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying as presented.

Motion: Mr. Canova Second: Mr. Fockler
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

H. Racial and Ethnic Balance Report

Ms. Albain presented the Racial and Ethnic Balance report.

24-07 WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has assessed the racial and ethnic balance of the school in accordance with its Sponsorship contract;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors finds that the School's racial and ethnic balance is reasonably comparable to that of the community it serves.

Motion: Mr. Canova Second: Ms. Braidy
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

I. Sponsor Reauthorization Letter

The board discussed the renewal sponsorship agreement with Ohio Council of Community Schools.

24-08 WHEREAS, the Ohio Council of Community Schools (the "Sponsor") has authorized a renewal contract with the school.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves entering into a renewal sponsorship agreement with the Ohio Council of Community Schools, authorizes its President to documents related to the reauthorization process, authorizes its management company to provide the Sponsor with documents required in the contracting process and authorizes legal counsel to negotiate the terms of the Renewal Contract.

Motion: Mr. Fockler Second: Ms. Akeman
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

J. Policy Approval

The board reviewed the policies listed below.

Ms. Wright discussed security processes in place.

24-09 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby approves and adopts the following policies as presented.

- Technology Policy with Artificial Intelligence
- Seizure Disorder Policy

Motion: Ms. Kania Second: Ms. Akeman
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

VI. Informational Report

A. Legal Update

Ms. Enz presented the legal update.

B. Sponsor Update

Ms. Katakis presented the sponsor update and discussed the completion of the student file review and the Governor's Merit scholarship. She also noted that it was board recognition month.

C. Stride Update

Ms. Wright had nothing further to add.

VII. Confirmation of Next Meeting:

Date: February 28, 2024

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Indian Wood Circle

Suite 110

Maumee, Ohio 43537

VIII. Adjournment: 10:59 AM

Motion: Ms. Kania Second: Ms. Akeman

Approved by the Board of Directors of Ohio Digital Learning School on February 28, 2024 .

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Chris Canova
Board President/Secretary