



MERRITT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mission Statement

“The mission of Merritt Academy is to instill in its students academic excellence, character development, a love for life long learning and service to others.”

Approved Minutes

REGULAR MEETING – May 26, 2022

8:00 a.m.

Merritt Academy

59900 Havenridge

New Haven, Michigan 48048

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President White-Jones at 8:02 a.m.

Roll Call

K. Boska- present
J. Dery-present
A. White-Jones-present
K. Bochatyn-present
D. VanDeKerkhove-present

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Member VanDeKerkhove, seconded by Member Boska to approve the amended agenda to add timely delivery of agenda

YES – 5 NO – 0
Motion carried.

Call to the Public

None

Consent Items

Motion by Member Boska, seconded by Member Bochatyn to approve the April 28, 2022 minutes

YES – 5 NO – 0
Motion carried.

Motion by Member Dery, seconded by Member Bochatyn to approve the Board's Treasurer's report from April 2022

YES – 5 NO – 0
Motion Carried.

ESP/Principal Report

Nate- school safety plan reviewed this past week, okay to say information going out in an email blast, graduation June 3rd at 7:30 pm, staff arrive at 7:15 pm and handshakes are fine, TRG scholarships being handed out at graduation, there will be two separate academic nights, last day of school is June 15th which is a half day, Super Happy Fun Day is June 14th

Dan- awarded school safety grant for \$42,000 (300 applied and 100 were granted)-will be replacing all doors on portable buildings and glass doors on preschool building will be replacing front doors on high school building and extending PA system-work starting after July 1st, lunch program discussed with staff and changing menu to include new choices along with getting new equipment and software for accounting lunches to be implemented, may need to add another lunch period, it was made clear to vendor that the quality is important, Merritt's website someone is suing because the website is not accessible to the blind and it is very hard to make everything OCR compliant, usually have agenda up 7 days before but a glitch in the system made it not being published

Board Correspondence

None

Discussion Items

Board Applications process moving forward
2 year cycle for seats
Discussed how would work in the future
All board members compile what they think the process should look like

Parent Survey

Parking lot- purchase property but would need to pay cash and neighboring property has some restrictions that would make it difficult to be useful

Staggering arrival/dismissal times discussed
Discussed different parking lot procedure

Cleaning- staff to be added by vendor
New letter/email blast that teachers and admin
can use with intentional titles for email blasts

Board Contact Information

School board webpage on website
Use school email but send a forwarded email
to me
Email Dain with the desired forwarding email
Information

Recordings/Postings of Meetings

Video tape of meetings would require closed
captioning
Discussed options

Timely Posting of Agenda

Agenda issue Dan addressed earlier for this
Month
Was stated that many times not posted on
website
Options to get agenda out check that website
provider is getting information timely
Maybe attach on Facebook
Suggested printed out to each kid-NO
Email with agenda attached
Put as action item next month

Action Items

Motion by member Dery, seconded by Member
Boska to approve of board candidate selection
process with clarification

YES – 5 NO – 0
Motion Carried

Motion by Member Boska, seconded by Member Bochatyn
to approve request that athletics and robotics submit a
yearly budget before the start of their program

YES – 5 NO – 0
Motion Carried

**Board Committee
Reports/Board
Individual Comments**

Board certifications
June 15 teacher apperception
Glad to see more people attending meetings

Call to the Public

Lunch program needs improvement
Organize a PTO to raise money

**Announcement/
Upcoming Events**

The next Regular Board of Director's meeting will be held on June 23, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. at Merritt Academy.

Adjournment

Motion by Member Boska, seconded by Member Dery to adjourn the meeting.

YES – 5 NO – 0

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

The above minutes were duly adopted by the Merritt Academy Board of Directors at a properly noticed open meeting held on June 23, 2022 at which a quorum was present.

Approved: June 23, 2022

Submitted by Jean Dery, Board Secretary

These meetings of the Board of Directors are in public for the purpose of conducting the school's business and are not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during each meeting as indicated in the agenda. Upon request to the academy office, the academy shall make reasonable accommodations for a person with a disability to be able to participate in this meeting.