



"Raising the Standards of Education"
Nate Seiferlein, Principal
Stephanie D'Agostin, K-5 Associate Principal
Kendra Kneer, Dean of Academics
Kyle Hyde, 6-12 Dean of Students & Athletic Director



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 – September 25, 2025

8:00 a.m.

**Merritt Academy
59900 Havenridge
New Haven, Michigan 48048**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Dery at 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call

K. Clarkson- Present
J. Dery- present
K. Bochatyn-excused
M. Broyles- present
N. Joshua-Lee-present

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Member Clarkson, seconded by Member Broyles to approve the agenda

YES – 4 NO – 0
Motion carried.

Call to the Public

None

Consent Items

Motion by Member Clarkson, seconded by Member Joshua-lee to approve the August 21, 2025 minutes

YES – 4 NO – 0
Motion carried.

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Merritt Academy will instill academic excellence, character development, a love for life-long learning, and service to others.



Motion by Member Broyles, seconded by Member Joshua-Lee to approve the Board's Treasurer's report from August 2025

YES – 4 NO – 0
Motion Carried.

ESP/Principal Report

Nate- shared report with board, M-step: 13 out of 18 categories Merritt tied or beat the state, 13 out of 16 categories Merritt tied or beat the county, 10 out of 14 categories Merritt tied or beat New Haven

Troy- still no budget from the state, going with HMH for 3 years for K-12 math and ELA and 6-12 science and social studies, using TCI for K-5 social studies and mystery science; applied for grant to update drinking fountains to meet drinking water mandate did not get will cost about \$91,000; several small maintenance projects have come up; we will be receiving rural education grant for about \$33,000; logos have been updated, October meeting needs to move to October 30 because auditors need more time

Board Correspondence

None

Discussion Items

None

Action Items

None.

**Board Committee
Reports/Board**

-Senior banners for other groups besides sports- already being done

Individual Comments

-reminder of upcoming webinar

Call to the Public

School is not exposing students to a republic form of government only democracy- very disappointing

**Announcement/
Upcoming Events**

The next Regular Board of Director's meeting will be held on October 30, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. at Merritt Academy.

Adjournment

Motion by Member Joshua-Lee, seconded by Member Clarkson to adjourn the meeting.

YES – 4 NO – 0

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 a.m.

The above minutes were duly adopted by the Merritt Academy Board of Directors at a properly noticed open meeting held on October 30, 2025 at which a quorum was present.

Approved: October 30, 2025



Submitted by Michael Broyles, 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.



