



NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 13, 2025 @ 5:30 pm

Board meeting held at 526 S. Croyts Suite A. Lansing MI, 48917 and available to the public at:

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Meeting ID: 828 4248 3765 Passcode: 592851

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Pursuant of Michigan Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, being

ISMI Sections 15.261 to 15.275 of the Michigan Compiled Laws

AGENDA: Call to Order: 5:36 pm by James Gambrell, President

Roll Call: Jessica AcMoody Board Member, Lansing, Laura Tegels Board Member, Lansing, Emanuel William, Board Member arrived at 5:45pm.

Also Present: Pieter Hoekstra (ISMI) Principal, Mary Kimball (ISMI) Title I Coordinator by Zoom, Todd McIntire (k12), Jenifer Charles, (k12), Craig McCrumb, Field Operations, (CMU) and

Absent: Teresa Boardman (ISMI), Gena Sparks (ISMI).

Approval of the Agenda

- 1) Motion to approve the agenda: Jessica AcMoody
- 2) Second: Laura Tegels
- 3) Approval: Unanimous

Approval of the Previous Meetings

Approval of Minutes from an earlier Board Meeting January 16, 2025

- 1) Motion to approve January 16, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes: James Gambrell
- 2) Second: Laura Tegels
- 3) Approval: Unanimous

Public Comment (Limited to Agenda Items)

None

New Business/Fall Board Policy Update

Two major Sections – EDGAR updates and Criminal Justice information Security

Policy 1130 Conflict of interest update language regarding doing business.

Policy 6110 Grant Funds-update to Mandatory Disclosures, Whistleblower protection, Audit Requirements, Certifications of Records retention

Policy 6111 Internal Controls: Provide reasonable assurances regarding Effectiveness and Efficiency of operations, reliability of reasonable cyber security or other measures to protect PII.

The Academy shall follow subtitle A of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Public Law 101-336, 42 USC 12101 et seq or any successor law.

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Teresa M. Boardman Head of School, prior to the meeting.

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Policy 6112 Cash Management of Grants: Advanced payment requests must be consolidated to cover anticipated cash needs for Federal awards. Provisions around interest-bearing accounts.

6114 Cost Principles Add language around “reasonable cost” definition. Conform to limits of costs outlined in 2 C.F.R. Code of Federal Regulations.

6325 Procurement Federal Grants/Funds should have considerations for small, minority, women’s veteran-owned and labor surplus businesses when economical.

6550 Travel Payment and Reimbursement: Travel Costs may include transportation, lodging, subsistence, and related items on official travel business.

7310 Disposition of Surplus Property: updated language regarding definition of equipment, inventory exceeding \$10,000 in aggregate value and not needed for any other federal fund award, can retain or sell unused supplies following federal rules.

7450 Disposition of Surplus Property: Must use equipment for the project for which it was acquired and for as long as needed. Must not encumber without prior approval of Federal agency or pass through entity. Make it available for other use as well.

8321 Updates to CHRISS Additional details for managed public schools to ensure compliance.

Department of Treasury – Declaration of Potential Fiscal Stress

Jennifer Charles addressed concerns raised in a letter from the Department of Treasury regarding a projected budget deficit for ISMI. She clarified that the organization is not required to meet fiscal reporting requirements due to its adequate fund balance and contractual obligations with Stride. The Treasury invited voluntary reporting. ISMI decided against it, finding no benefits. Jennifer noted that while similar letters have been received previously, this situation was unique due to expected oversight agreements, and the board confirmed that the conditions outlined in the letter do not apply to ISMI.

Enrollment Update/State Testing

Enrollment at Insight currently stands at 982 students, with typical mid-year fluctuations due to withdrawals and new senior enrollments. Pieter emphasized the importance of state testing, mentioning that this year marks a beta testing phase for shared services, resulting in an increase to fifty-three testing sites. This expansion aims to improve accessibility for students, particularly in rural areas.

Pieter highlighted the expansion of state testing sites from 17 to 53, which will improve accessibility for families. He also discussed planning for the next school year, including course selection and transitions to new platforms like PowerSchool and Canvas, with courteous staff retention rates reported.

2025-2526 School Calendar

Pieter provided updates on preparations for the upcoming school year, highlighting ongoing course selection processes and the introduction of new educational platforms. He reported positive staff retention rates and confirmed the approval of the 2025-2026 academic calendar, which aligns with EESA’s schedule.

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Planning for the next school year and course changes.

2025-2026 School Calendar Approval

- 1) Motion to approve the 2025-2026 School Calendar: Jessica AcMoody
- 2) Second: Laura Tegels
- 3) Approval: Unanimous

Review Monthly Financials

- 1) Motion to approve monthly Financials: James Gambrell
- 2) Second: Laura Tegels
- 3) Approval: Unanimous

Approval of the K12 payment

- 1) Motion to approve the K12 payment 1,521,945.32: James Gambrell
- 2) Second: Laura Tegels
- 3) Approval: Unanimous

Stride/K12 Updates-Todd McIntire

Todd highlighted the ongoing monitoring of federal education directives and the potential impact on funding, noting that only 12 to 15% of school funding comes from federal sources. He stressed the organization commitment to neutrality in political matters to safeguard educational services for students, while acknowledging the challenges posed by differing ideological expectations from stakeholders.

Todd discussed the recent state budget proposal from the governor, which includes an increase in funding for regular public schools but a 20% cut for virtual schools. He emphasized the need for advocacy to ensure equal funding for all school types, particularly with the shift in House control to Republicans. Todd mentioned collaboration with MAPSA to support this effort.

Todd highlighted the organization's efforts to modify website language to mitigate potential backlash from stakeholders regarding educational programs. He pointed out that while federal funding constitutes a small percentage of overall education funding, it is crucial for supporting students with special needs and those from underprivileged backgrounds. The organization aims to navigate the complexities of conflicting state and federal policies while prioritizing student needs.

CMU

Craig McCrumb highlighted the importance of timely nominations for Jessica AcMoody's renewal in November 2025, proposing a July timeline to ensure no gaps occur.

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Craig also shared that CMU has approved contract amendments, allowing for increased maximum enrollment to 1,300 students for 2024-2025 and further increases in subsequent years. Additionally, he mentioned the need to review educational services agreements to align with these changes. The Annual Meeting will be held on August 14, 2025, at Cobo Hall.

Public Comment

None

Motion to Adjourn: James Gambrell

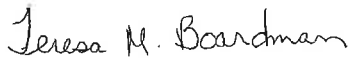
Second: Laura Tegels

Approval: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned: 6:31 pm

Minutes Certification:

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

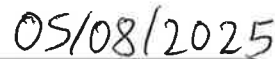


~~Board Secretary~~/Recording Secretary

Date 03/17/2025.



Board President



Date

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