



NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 8, 2025 @ 5:30 pm

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

Join Zoom Meeting <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/82669376277?from=addon>

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: 5:32 pm by James Gambrell, President

Roll Call: Jessica AcMoody Board Member, Lansing, Laura Tegels Board Member, Lansing, Emanuel William, Board Member. Aimee West Board Member.

Also Present: Teresa Boardman (ISMI), Pieter Hoekstra (ISMI) Principal, Mary Kimball (ISMI) Title I Coordinator by Zoom, Todd McIntire (k12) by Zoom, Jenifer Charles, (k12) Zoom, Craig McCrumb, Field Operations, (CMU) arrived 5:46pm, Katelyn James, (ISMI) Counselor, Kathrine Krellwitz, (ISMI) Counselor

Absent: Gena Sparks (ISMI)

Approval of the Previous Meetings

Approval of Minutes from an earlier Board Meeting March 13, 2025

- 1) Motion to approve March 13, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes: James Gambrell
- 2) Second: Laura Tegels
- 3) Approval: Unanimous

Approval of the Agenda

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

Public Comment (Limited to Agenda Items)

None

New Business

- **School Highlights**
- **Review Poetry Slam**

Students presented poetry with elements of performance, writing, competition, and audience participation. The student poets performed original work alone or in teams before an audience. Some poems are not intended to be read silently from the page. A big thank you to the students that participated and Ms. D'Water, Ms. Simoni, and Ms White assisted with the Poetry Slam.

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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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- **Career Development Week May 12 – 16**
The counseling department wanted to reach out to share information about this year's career fair. Changes have been made to the format of this year's career fair to make this event more meaningful for our students. Throughout the week we will have many speakers talking about different career opportunities.
May 12th Alumni Guest Speaker Ari Willis.
- **Notable Knights – May 12-16**
The 5th Annual Notable Knights Award Ceremony.
Requesting nominations to recognize our amazing students at our annual Notable Knights Student Recognition Ceremony
We have great students who have been nominated for awards. This award ceremony will make sure these students know they are appreciated.
- **Graduation June 13th – 5pm at the Lansing Center**
There are three hundred graduates this year. 150+ will participate in graduation.
Board members are invited to attend graduation.
- **Board Policy Updates (Spring)**
3 Policies – all legally required.
One is revised policy.
Two are new policies.
Policy 5330 – Use of Medication. Policy revised definitions and further clarity to storage and administration of prescription and over-the-counter medications.
Policy 5330.01 Epinephrine Auto-Injectors. New addition adding immunity provisions set forth in applicable State law.
Policy 5350 Student Health, Well-Being, and Suicide Prevention. Revised to include comprehensive mental health and wellness initiatives that promote the emotional and physical safety of students and staff.

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Board Policy Updates

- 1) Motion to approve Motion to approve the Board Policies updates as presented: James Gambrell
- 2) Second: Aimee West
- 3) Approval: Unanimous

ACH Payment Update/Banking Re-visited.

Current Fiscal and Board Policy allows ACH payments.

Board bank – PNC suggesting more use of ACH payment.

Stride is now set up to allow. Have a process which will allow only Board to approve ACH payments. Benefits – Faster, reduce fraud, vendors requesting.

Update Enrollment

Happy to report, we reached our cap of 1000. 116 new students starting on 5/6/2025 cohort.

Reminder – no funding but hopeful to retain for school year 2025-2026.

State Testing – Combining with other Stride/K12 schools to increase number of sites offering and proctors available. Preliminary participation rate was down year over year. Final numbers for accountable students being finalized. Will be completing though review of process from this year and adjust.

K12 Zone Update -revamp

- Discussion to make K12 Zone relevant for Opportunity Youth
- Working with K12 to revamp a space for our students next school year.
- Preliminary sketches/thoughts

Board Calendar

Approval required for Board Calendar for 2025-2026 school year.

- Continue with 2nd Thursday at 5:30pm
 - Add April meeting.
 - June meeting on 3rd Thursday to allow time to close financials.
- 1) Motion to change meeting day from Thursday to Wednesday starting at 5:45pm instead of 5:30pm: Emanuel Williams
 - 2) Seconded: Laura Tegels
 - 3) Approval: Unanimous

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**Review Monthly Financials**

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

Approval of the K12 payment

- 1) Motion to approve the K12 payment \$1,399,905.54: James Gambrell
- 2) Second: Laura Tegels
- 3) Approval: Unanimous

Stride/K12 Updates-Todd McIntire

No update, keeping an eye on the Legislature and Federal Government regarding funding..

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.

August 15, 2025, Annual Conference at Huntington Place, Detroit Michigan. This year's conference will be improved than ever with exciting updates to make it an impactful day of professional development for our schools. This event is designed for teachers, school leaders, and board members.

Public Comment

None

Motion to Adjourn: James Gambrell

Second: Aimee West

Approval: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned: 6:45pm

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Minutes Certification:

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

Teresa M. Boardman

~~Board Secretary~~/Recording Secretary

Date 5/12/2025.

Aimee L West

Board Secretary

05.19. 2025

Date

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