



Michigan Great Lakes Virtual Academy

Regular Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

7:00 PM

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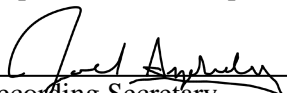
1. Call to Order, Roll Call @ 7:05 PM
Present: Dave Ohman, Ron Villamaria, Nick Jaskiw, Amy Wojciechowski
Also Present: Joel Szekely, Kendall Schroeder, Beth Perry, Todd McIntire, Mark Weinberg, Anne Harkema Penn, Abby Brown, Brandon Seaver, Anthony Kinkle, Laura Van Wormer, Jennifer Canfield, Karen Lee-Lemieux
2. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Agenda
Motion to Approve Agenda By: Ron Villamaria Seconded By: Nick Jaskiw
Moved: Unanimously
 - b. Approval of MGLVA Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes – 2/20/2020
Motion to Approve 2/20/2020 Regular Meeting Minutes By: Amy Wojciechowski Seconded By: Nick Jaskiw
Moved: Unanimously
3. Public Comments
4. Partner Update
5. Business Pertaining to Organizational Performance
 - a. Operations Report
 - b. Monthly Financial Report
 - i. **Action:** Approval of Monthly Financial Report
Motion to Approve Monthly Financial Report by: Ron Villamaria Seconded By: Amy Wojciechowski
Moved: Unanimously
Roll Call Vote Yes: Nick Jaskiw, Dave Ohman, Ron Villamaria, Amy Wojciechowski
No: None
 - ii. **Action:** Approve Monthly Payment
Motion to Approve Monthly Financials and K12 Payment of \$2,964,324.49 by: Ron Villamaria
Seconded By: Amy Wojciechowski
Moved: Unanimously
Roll Call Vote Yes: Nick Jaskiw, Dave Ohman, Ron Villamaria, Amy Wojciechowski
No: None
 - c. MGLVA Investment Policy
6. Business Pertaining to School Performance
 - a. Head of School Report

- 7. Business Pertaining to Board Performance
 - a. Recommendation to MAPS Board of Education, Karen Lee-Lemieux, PH.D.
 - i. **Action:** Approval to Recommend for Open Board Seat
- Motion to approve Karen Lee-Lemieux, PH.D. to open board seat by: Ron Villamaria Seconded By: Nick Jaskiw
- Roll Call Vote Yes: Nick Jaskiw, Dave Ohman, Ron Villamaria, Amy Wojciechowski
- No: None
- 8. Authorizer's comments
 - 9. Next Regular meeting: April 16, 2020
 - 10. Adjournment
- Action:** Motion to Adjourn: Nick Jaskiw Seconded By: Ron Villamaria
- Moved Unanimously @ 8:19 pm

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Minutes Certification:

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary

3/24/2020

Date

Approved by the Board of Directors on 2/20/2020.

Board Secretary

Date

Michigan Great Lakes Virtual Academy

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dated Thursday, March 12, 2020

1309 Madison Road, Manistee, Michigan 49660

231-794-5999

M E E T I N G N O T I C E

Board of Directors - Regular Session

Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020

Meeting Time: 7:00 P.M.

Location: <https://zoom.us/j/4735869527>

This meeting is open to the public.

The Public has been invited to the Board Meeting with notices posted at the following locations:

Based on an executive order from Governor Whitmer the March 24, 2020 MGLVA Board Meeting is fully Virtual.

The meeting can be accessed by using this link: <https://zoom.us/j/4735869527>

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Minutes from the meeting will be stored at Michigan Great Lakes Virtual Academy, 1309 Madison Rd, Manistee, Michigan, 49660 or can be requested from Kendall Schroeder at kschroeder@k12.com.



STATE OF MICHIGAN
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
LANSING

GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

GARLIN GILCHRIST II
LT. GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE

No. 2020-2

To: State Department Directors and Autonomous Agency Heads
From: Governor Gretchen Whitmer
Date: March 13, 2020
Re: Public Meetings of State of Michigan Public Bodies During the COVID-19
Emergency

As governor, one of my most solemn obligations is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Michigan residents, particularly in times of crisis. It is a core and critical duty of the executive branch to respond quickly and effectively to emergent threats to the public health, safety, and welfare of Michiganders, and to faithfully execute the laws of this state in a manner consistent with that priority.

With Executive Order 2020-4, I declared a statewide state of emergency due to the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). This is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans, can easily spread from person to person, and can result in serious illness or death. To mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to provide essential protections to vulnerable Michiganders and this state's health care system and other critical infrastructure, it is crucial that all Michiganders take steps to limit in-person contact, particularly in the context of large groups.

One of the cornerstones of public engagement in governmental activities is the ability to participate in the meetings of public bodies. The Open Meetings Act ("OMA"), 1976 PA 267, as amended, MCL 15.261-.275, sets forth guideposts to ensure that the public has meaningful access to the meetings and decision-making processes of certain public bodies. The OMA requires that "[a]ll meetings of a public body shall be open to the public and shall be held in a place available to the general public," and "[a]ll decisions of a public body" and "deliberations of a public body" must take place at a meeting open to the public. MCL 15.263(1)-(3). It further provides that "[a]ll persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting except as otherwise provided in this act" and "shall be permitted to address a meeting of a public body under rules established and recorded by the public body." MCL 15.263(1), (5). Finally, the OMA provides that "[a] meeting of a public body shall not be held unless public notice is given as provided in this section by a person designated by the public body." MCL 15.265(1).



The OMA promotes governmental accountability and fosters open and responsible governmental decision making. In conducting its business during this time of emergency, state government must ensure that it preserves these important governmental objectives without unduly compromising the public health, welfare, and safety of this state.

Acting under sections 1 and 8 of article 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, I direct the following:

1. All public bodies of departments and agencies of the State, including but not limited to boards, commissions, committees, subcommittees, authorities, and councils, must, to the extent practicable, consider postponing public meetings and/or agenda items that may be deferred until a later time.
2. All public bodies of departments and agencies of the State subject to the OMA that must continue to meet must do so by means sufficient to enable meaningful access and communication for all participants. Participation by remote access technology, including conference calling, real-time streaming, or other platforms is acceptable, and sufficient to form a quorum, so long as public access and participation is preserved.
3. Public notice of the time and date of each meeting of a public body of a department or agency of the State subject to the OMA must be given in the manner required by the OMA, which includes publication of the notice on the public body's internet website. The public notice must include sufficient information such that the public's right to address a meeting of the public body is preserved.

This directive is effective immediately and will remain in effect until further notice.

Thank you for your cooperation in implementing this directive.



Gretchen Whitmer
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Head of School Report – March 2020

School Continues

Despite school building closures throughout the state, MGLVA remains open to serve its students. We are working closely with our students and staff to provide as much support during this trying time as possible. With school closures and many businesses closed as well, our staff, students and their families are impacted on a variety of levels. Our staff now have their children home to tend to while their teaching and our students may have their siblings home and need to provide care for them. We are individualizing the support as needed.

Spring Break: March 28 – April 5

The MGLVA Office will remain closed throughout the state-mandated closures

WIDA Assessment of English Language Learners

We completed the WIDA assessment prior to school closures and have met the 95% tested requirement!

BHWorks

MGLVA will be exploring this as a local initiative and will plan a school-based pilot at one or two grade levels, but we will need to push planning to the summer for implementation in 2020-21.

Department Highlights

Elementary

March is Reading Month: All month long, our team has been reading and celebrating the love of reading during lunchtime reading assemblies. Our staff and students are enjoying sharing stories together.

Middle School

Prior to school closures, middle school administration and coaches hand delivered math manipulative kits to students and visited with families. These math kits have started to be used in live classes to help them better understand difficult math concepts. Students and families were excited for the home visits and their math kits which were received like it was Christmas morning!

Middle school held their second set of parent teacher conferences in March. Parents, teachers, and students met virtually or by phone to celebrate our students' successes, identify areas of improvement, identify family needs, and to communicate how the student can be most successful for the remainder of the year. We are extremely proud of the impact our teachers and advisors are making on our middle school students and families!

Destinations Career Academy

DECA

Three DECA students and Rick Ocharzak attended the 2020 DECA Career Development State Conference in Detroit on March 5-7. Even though none of the students qualified for the international conference, they had a great experience by participating in leadership development activities and showcasing their business skills during competitive events.

CERTIPORT EXAMINATIONS/CERTIFICATES

During the Coronavirus situation, Certiport is offering free access to their products for 90-days. MGLVA has requested access to G-Metrix which is a testing practice platform and LearnKey which is a platform focused on employability training.

ARTICULATION

The articulation agreement between MGLVA and Davenport University has been finalized, and students who successfully complete CTE courses/programs may begin taking advantage of the free college credit opportunities at Davenport.

MGLVA Program	Davenport Credits
Business Management	12
Finance	6
Health Science	7
Marketing	10

MDE - OFFICE OF CTE (OCTE)

In early February, MGLVA's New CTE Program applications (Business Management, Finance, Health Science, and Marketing) were submitted to the Michigan Department of Education, Office of CTE. In early March, Lori emailed the OCTE consultants who are reviewing MGLVA's application to check on the status of the review/approval process. One consultant indicated that she is in the process of reviewing applications, and the other consultant has not replied.

CTE MARKETING and 2020-2021 CTE ENROLLMENT

CTE staff have been participating in marketing activities and events to promote CTE programs to students and families. Activities have included presentations and messaging to currently enrolled students, new students, parents (parent camp), and students currently enrolled in a CTE course.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CTE program advisory committee meetings are scheduled for late April and early May.

PROJECT-BASED LEARNING SHOWCASE GRANT

K12 awarded MGLVA a \$5,000 grant to plan and host a face-to-face Employability and Workplace Success Workshop for CTE students. The workshop is being planned in collaboration with our business partner, Jackson National Insurance; however, it has been postponed until Fall 2020.

High School

MGLVA Student Author

In celebrating March is Reading Month, we were able to spotlight a HS student who recently had a book published on Amazon. Check it out! :) amzn.to/39GRpL6

COVID-19 Student Support

The recent Covid-19 situation presents trials and emotional elements for many. Understanding how students are feeling and how it may be impacting their day is very important to us so we can best know how to help them navigate. Approximately 21% of the HS population responded to a survey sent by administration, and of those respondents, 30% say they are feeling very stressed by everything, while the other 70% are in varying forms of concerned/not concerned and indicating that it doesn't greatly

disrupt their day. As a staff, we are providing students a safe place to be where we can meet their needs through compassion, flexibility, and community resources (as needed). One student stated, "I am very happy and I feel very secure knowing that my school cares about me."

Bright Beacon Recognition

February's HS Bright Beacon Recognition centered around the character trait of persistence. Twenty-five students were nominated and recognized: You may find their stories [here](#). :)