



**Voyageur Academy
Board of Directors**
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Approved Special Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 28, 2025

Mission Statement:

The mission of the **Voyageur School District** is to prepare students to be **College Ready and College Bound**. This mission will be achieved through the foundational pillars of Discipline, Focus, Hard Work, Perseverance and Character; and the humanitarian pillars of Empathy and Compassion.

Call To Order

6:35 P

Roll Call

Curtis Wade – **Present**, (Wayne County, Detroit, MI)
Minika Benning – **Present**, (Macomb County, Macomb, MI)
Anita T. Gibbs – **Present**, (Oakland County, Farmington Hills, MI)
Barbara Smith – **Present**, (Wayne County, Inkster, MI)
Dale Williams – **Present**, (Oakland County, Southfield, MI)
Robert Redmer – **Excused Absence**, (Oakland County, Oakland Twp., MI)
Laura Benedict – **Present**, (Oakland County, Oakland Twp., MI)

Others Present: Vergil Smith(Superintendent), Rod Atkins(Deputy Superintendent), William Rainey(MS and HS Social Worker), Patricia Crosson(HS Principal), Belinda Cleary(ESL Director K - 12), Jeneen Castleberry(VA 3rd Grade Teacher), Roxanne Dawson(Security), Ronnie Phillips(Ferris State University) and Beth Taylor(Ferris State University)

**Reading of the Mission,
Vision and Core Values
Statement**

Anita T. Gibbs

Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve the January 28, 2025 Special Board Meeting Agenda
Moved by Benning, supported by Williams
Yes - 6 No - 0

Consent Items None

Correspondence None

**ESP/School
Admin, Contractors**

1. Construction Update - Vergil Smith

- A. Phase I initial move in was scheduled for Christmas Break 2024
- B. Move in date changed to the end of January 2025
- C. Elevator installation was pushed back
- D. Elevator could be installed now but the cost would be \$45,000 in over time fees
- E. Elevator installed date will be February 3, 2025
- F. Students will not move in this school year
- G. Sidewalk has been laid
- H. Half of the classroom furniture has been installed; other classrooms will be CT
- I. Copy machines installed in staff lounge
- J. Classrooms have been assigned
- K. New Esports Room
- L. Phase II
 - Current slab has to be leveled out
 - Plumber will complete the bathrooms
 - All interior work will be completed
 - Budget was created back in 2023
 - Initial budget was \$1 million; now it's \$1.2 million but doesn't include the parking lot
 - Adding the 57 space parking lot, new budget will be \$1.5 million
 - Phase I was quoted with the Prevailing Wage Dollar Law
 - Phase II was quoted without the Prevailing Wage Dollar Law
 - Currently reviewing ways to avoid the extra cost
- M. Virtual Mid Contract Review with Ferris State University is scheduled for February 13, 2025 at 10:30 AM

2. Contract Performance Report (CPR) - Beth Taylor

- A. Three Goals
 - Academic Growth Target for students in grades 2 - 8
 - Student Achievement Target for students in grades 2 - 8
 - Academic Growth and Achievement Targets for High School
 - Based on 11th grade SAT Scores
- B. Three Targets
 - Is the school meeting state designation expectations set by state and federal accountability systems?
 - School Year 2022-2023, students in grades 2 - 8 have exceeded the Growth Index Score
 - Met ELA Spring 2024 Proficiency Goal
 - Approaching Math 2024 Proficient Goal

- Are students making expected annual growth compared to their peers?
 - Students in grades 2 - 8 are not meeting the Reading Target Goal
 - Students in grades 2 - 8 are meeting the Math Target Goal
- Are students making sufficient academic growth to increase proficiency?
 - Spring 2024 SAT scores reflect HS students are not meeting goals in ELA or Math

C. 96.7% of students live in the Detroit Public School Community Schools and 3.3% from other districts.

D. Administrative Trend is low

E. \$.50 of every dollar was spent on instruction

F. \$.17 of every dollar was spent on business and administrative cost

Discussion Items

1. Ferris State University Academic Monitoring Plan (AMP)

- 1 bottom line target for K - 8
 - Measuring how our students receiving intervention to those students who are not receiving intervention
- High School
 - Credit Recovery
 - Last year 27% of students passed Credit Recovery
 - This year the goal is 60% taking Credit Recovery will pass
 - Would like to see the number of students taking Credit Recovery decrease
 - As of now, 100% of students enrolled in Credit Recovery have passed

Action Items

1. Motion to Approve FSU's AMP

Moved by Smith, supported by Benning

Yes – 6

No – 0

Board Committee Reports/ Board Individual Comments

Would like to have a sub committee review the Phase II contract prior to approving

Call to the Public to

Third grade teacher is in a Principalship at Oakland University. Looking forward to attending more meetings and being involved with the leadership team.

Announcements

The next Board of Directors meeting will be February 18, 2025 at 6:35pm.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm

Moved by Williams, supported by Benning

Yes – 6

No – 0

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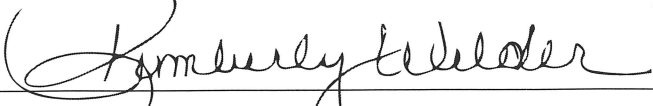
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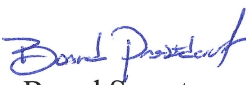
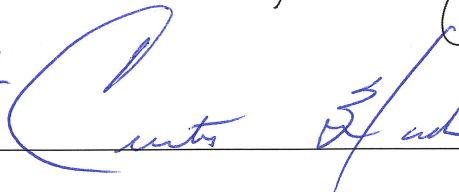
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Board Recording Secretary  Date 2-2-25

 Board Secretary  Date 2/18/25