

Constellation Schools: Elyria Community  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 16, 2023  
Constellation Schools – Administrative Offices, Parma, Ohio

**I. Roll Call**

Sarah O'Bryan called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with the following members present: John Noga, Jerry Bednar, Bert Butts, and Leo Tischer. Absent: Michele Norman

School staff present: Brian Belmont & Kristine Burns

ACCEL Schools LLC present: Sarah O'Bryan, Mary Beth Oko, Christine Garten, Kate Craft, Julia Howerton, Brian Preseren and Lisa Vinarcik.

Sponsor representative: Joyce Lewis

Financial Services: Dave Massa, Massa Financial Solutions LLC

**II. Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda was adopted as presented.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**Approval of Minutes – January 19, 2023**

**EC-2023-03-01**

A motion was made by Leo Tischer, and was seconded by John Noga, approving the minutes of January 19, 2023, as presented.

All board members concurred.

Motion Carried

**IV. Principal Report**

Enrollment for school year 2022/2023 is 392.

**V. Committee Reports**

The LPDC February 1, 2023 Agenda/Minutes was made available to the board members.

**VI. Education Services**

**Education Program Coordinator**

Christine Garten requested board approval for a Supplemental Request. Board approval was requested for the 2023/2024 School Calendar.

**Supplemental Request**

**EC-2023-03-02**

A motion was made by Jerry Bednar, and was seconded by Bert Butts, approving the Supplemental Request, as presented (see attached).

All board members concurred.

Motion Carried

**2023/2024 School Calendar**

**EC-2023-03-03**

A motion was made by Leo Tischer, and was seconded by John Noga, approving the 2023/2024 School Calendar, as presented (see attached).

All board members concurred.

Motion Carried

**Curriculum & Instruction Program Coordinator**

No report.

**VII. Student Services**

**Special Education Program Coordinator**

Special Education Numbers were made available to the board members.

**School Nurse Program Coordinator**

No report.

**VIII. Technology Report**

No report.

**IX. Human Resources Report**

Sarah O'Bryan requested board approval for Personnel Actions for the 2022-2023 School Year. Board approval was requested for Crisis Response Stipends. Board approval was requested for Employment Contracts for School Year 2023/2024. Board approval was requested to ratify the Renewal Agreement with DocuSign.

**Personnel Actions for the 2022/2023 School Year**

**EC-2023-03-04**

A motion was made by Jerry Bednar, and was seconded by Bert Butts, approving the Personnel Actions for the 2022/2023 school year, as presented (see attached).

All board members concurred.

Motion Carried

**Crisis Response Stipends**

**EC-2023-03-05**

A motion was made by Jerry Bednar, and was seconded by Bert Butts, approving the Crisis Response Stipends, as presented (see attached).

All board members concurred.

Motion Carried

**Employment Contracts for SY 2023/2024**

**EC-2023-03-06**

A motion was made by Leo Tischer, and was seconded by Bert Butts, approving the Employment Contracts for SY 2023/2024, as presented (see attached).

All board members concurred.

Motion Carried

**Ratify Renewal Agreement with DocuSign**

**EC-2023-03-07**

A motion was made by Leo Tischer, and was seconded by John Noga, approving to Ratify the Renewal Agreement with DocuSign, as presented (see attached).

All board members concurred.

Motion Carried

**X. Facilities Manager Report**

No report.

**XI. Business and Safety Manager Report**

No report.

**XII. Marketing Report**

Lisa Vinarcik gave an update on the new website for Constellation Schools.

**XIII. Treasurer Report**

Dave Massa requested board approval for the January, 2023 and February, 2023 Financial Reports.

**January, 2023 Financial Report**

**EC-2023-03-08**

A motion was made by Leo Tischer, and was seconded by Bert Butts, approving the January, 2023 Financial Report, as presented (see attached).

All board members concurred.

Motion Carried

**February, 2023 Financial Report**

**EC-2023-03-09**

A motion was made by Leo Tischer, and was seconded by Bert Butts, approving the February, 2023 Financial Report, as presented (see attached).  
All board members concurred.  
Motion Carried

**XIV. Superintendent Report**

Sarah O'Bryan requested that the board members acknowledge they reviewed the February 2023 and March 2023, Superintendent Residency Verification Report. Board approval was requested to Readopt Policy 2.1190.1 Parent and Family Engagement in Title I Programs. Board Approval was requested for Revised Policy 2.2120 Career Advising and Student Success Plans. Board approval was requested for New Policy 5.2350 Child Sexual Abuse and Violence Prevention. Board Approval was requested to Rescind Policy 7.8130 Credit Cards. Board approval was requested for Appendix 5.2290-B Ohio Model Threat Assessment Requirement.

**Acknowledgment of Superintendent Residency Verification Report for February, 2023 and March, 2023**

John Noga, Jerry Bednar, Bert Butts, and Leo Tischer acknowledged they reviewed the Superintendent Residency Verification Reports.

**Readopt Policy 2.1190.1 Parent and Family Engagement in Title I Programs**

**EC-2023-03-10**

A motion was made by Jerry Bednar, and was seconded by John Noga, to Readopt Policy 2.1190.1 Parent and Family Engagement in Title I Programs, as presented (see attached).  
All board members concurred.  
Motion Carried

**Revised Policy 2.2120 Career Advising and Student Success Plans**

**EC-2023-03-11**

A motion was made by John Noga, and was seconded by Bert Butts, approving Revised Policy 2.2120 Career Advising and Student Success Plans, as presented (see attached).  
All board members concurred.  
Motion Carried

**New Policy 5.2350 Child Sexual Abuse and Violence Prevention**

**EC-2023-03-12**

A motion was made by Bert Butts, and was seconded by Leo Tischer, approving the New Policy 5.2350 Child Sexual Abuse and Violence Prevention, as presented (see attached).  
All board members concurred.  
Motion Carried

**Rescind Policy 7.8130 Credit Cards**

**EC-2023-03-13**

A motion was made by Jerry Bednar, and was seconded by Bert Butts, approving to Rescind Policy 7.8130 Credit Cards, as presented.  
All board members concurred.  
Motion Carried

**Appendix 5.2290-B Ohio Model Threat Assessment Requirement**

**EC-2023-03-14**

A motion was made by John Noga, and was seconded by Bert Butts, approving Appendix 5.2290-B Ohio Model Threat Assessment Requirement, as presented (see attached).  
All board members concurred.  
Motion Carried

**XV. Sponsor Update**

Joyce Lewis, Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West Regional Technical Assistance Educators provided the following updates per the Governing Authority Report:

Month: March, 2023

General Updates:

The Ohio Attorney General's FY23 School Safety Grant, or SSG grant for \$2,500.00 or \$5.50 per student, whichever amount is greater. House Bill 110 gives school leaders flexibility to determine how the grant funds can best benefit student safety. More information is linked to the full ESCLEW March Sponsor Update.

English Language Arts Testing window opens on Monday, March 27th and closes on Friday, April 28, 2023. Math, Science, and Social Studies Testing window opens on Monday, April 3rd and closes on Friday, May 12, 2023. It is important to note that all testing is required to be given within 15 consecutive days of the assigned window, including makeups.

The March site visit will primarily focus on a review of the school's 11.6 goal progress, ensuring the school is prepared for the Ohio State Tests, follow up on student Reading Improvement and Monitoring Plans, and a review of the school's teacher/administrator evaluation progress.

Our Financial consultant Linda Moye holds a monthly phone meeting with the school's treasurer, a completed report of this meeting is emailed to all board members. At this time, there were no red flags discussed. If you have any questions regarding your school's financials, we encourage you to reach out to your treasurer.

Goal: 3 out of the 5 Members of the Board will collectively participate in at least 2 of the following activities: • Visit the school or observe a series of virtual lessons while classes are in session. • Attend a school event or participate in a virtual school event (I.e., field trip, professional development, graduation, promotion, opening convocation, motivational speaker). • Attend in person, virtually, or conference call a sponsor visits to the school; • Attend in person or virtually a regional, state, or national conference related to school choice or charter schools (I.e., National Charter School conference) • Participate in an in-person or virtual professional development focusing on supporting the needs of a charter school.

Evidence: EC Progress: Two board members have visited the school

Progress – Making Progress

**XVI. Public Comment**

No report.

**New Business**

No report.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Leo Tischer, and was seconded by Bert Butts, to adjourn.

All board members concurred.

Motion Carried 6:35 p.m.

  
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President

  
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Secretary