

**Minutes of the Board of Directors of MS Delta Academies
Zoom Conference Call
Tuesday, August 25, 2020**

Emily called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Board members present on call: Attorney McKinley Martin, Dr. Sonja Alexander, Ms. Emily Cupples, Dr. Jacquelyn Brownlow & Dr. Tamala Boyd Shaw

Board members absent: Rev. Steve Fortenberry

Leadership Team Members Present: Dr. Tamala Boyd Shaw & Ms. Karmeilla McGee

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with a motion by Mack and seconded by Sonja.

April Meeting Minutes

The July meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Mack and a second by Sonja. All approved anonymously.

Board President's Report

- The MCSAB has been difficult and unprofessional with the interactions of the staff and board members. They are creating false policies and are not being cooperative. There is a board meeting on September 14, 2020 and the board members plan to make time to attend.
 - Dr. Shaw would like to discuss some things in the meeting such as ethics committee and withholding of funds that were told would be allocated during the application cycle.

Committee Reports

Academic – No Report

Governance – No Report

Finance – Reviewed the budget and did review of proposed audit agencies; agreed to use an audit company from California for auditing services due to their expertise and experience with charter schools. The finance committee will meet every 3 months on the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm.

Executive Director's Report

- COVID-19 Launch To Learn Plan
 - Due to Leflore County being #1 with the highest COVID-19 cases in the state of MS, the leadership team and ED made a final decision that Leflore Legacy Academy will be 100% September-December.
 - This decision was made after all data was reviewed from a survey from parents: 64%-Virtual; 47%--Hybrid; 71%-Does Not Need Transportation; 40%-Do Need Transportation
 - Phase 2 of the Launch To Learning (Sept.-Dec.) include the following:
 - (1) 7:25am-7:45am: Books & Breakfast on their own
 - (2) Students meet virtually with their teachers four days per week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday from 7:45am-3:55pm (Each scholar will have his/her own schedule to follow based on cohort assignments.

(3). Flex Fridays are reserved for independent study 8am-12pm & PD for teachers 1pm-4pm.

(4) Attendance will be taken via an online platform daily as scholars log in to their classes. Email absences to info@leflorellegacyacademy.org.

(5) Uniforms are not required; scholars should dress appropriately. Scholars who ARE in their uniform shirt (purple Legacy polo) each of the four days of virtual learning will have their name included in a weekly drawing for a prize!

- Mack moved that the Launch To Learning Plan be 100% virtual. Jacquelyn seconded it to approve the Launch To Learning Plan. The 100% Virtual Plan was passed anonymously.

➤ Employment & Enrollment Update

- All teachers have been hired except that 1 Gifted Teacher.
- We have 125 fully enrolled scholars.

➤ Facilities

- Legacy has been approved for a certificate of occupancy and will be getting the certificate of occupancy tomorrow.
- The facility is up to code.

➤ MCSAB

- If Legacy doesn't not get their Gifted Teacher Allocation like the MCSAB promised in writing, legal action will be taken. We do have the money in the budget to cover that payroll expense in the event the outcome is not in our favor.
- If MCSAB does not approve of the reimbursement from Corwin Professional Learning for the PD, Legacy will not get reimbursed. That invoice, though, has been paid.

➤ 2020-2021 Operational Budget Follow Up

- The Financial Consultant has been uploading documents to the system for auditing purposes. About 90% has been uploaded and pending. MDA is in the process of creating 2 policies: (1) Investment Policy; (2) Fixed Asset Capitalized Policy
- All of Legacy's three funding streams have been approved: (1) CARES; (2) ESSER; (3) IDEA
- Legacy is still waiting on the status of the loan application with Hope & SBA.

➤ Grants/Partnerships

- Legacy did not get approved for the Red Backpack Grant but will apply again.
- EdLoC Grant was granted to us to partner with Project Impact MS for student trauma during this global pandemic. The grant amount is \$5,000.
- MSU Extension Services is partnering with us. When we send food boxes home every Friday, they will provide a health calendar with recipes to our scholars. They are planning on doing virtual cooking classes with our scholars.

➤ Good of the Order

- There was no discussion.


The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Minutes Recorded and Reported by:



Karameilla McGee, Legacy Office/Finance Manager

Minutes Reviewed and Draft Approved by:



Dr. Tamala Boyd Shaw, Executive Director

Minutes Reviewed and Approved by:



Emily Cupples, Board President