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Board Meeting Minutes

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VI. Board Update

- a. Item #1 Status of Board Vacancy – L. Brewer reported that recommendations for the board vacancy will be presented at the August Board of Directors meeting.

VII. Finance Report

- a. Item #1 Financial Report – G. Korfmacher provided an overview of the Statement of Activities by Function and Objective Codes. Quarterly reports will be added and submitted to CMU.
- b. Item #2 Signatory Authority Policy – G. Korfmacher reviewed the Signatory Authority Policy for the school leader outlining approval guidelines that fall within the discretion of the board and/or board leadership.
- c. Item #3 Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Grant Application – G. Korfmacher reported on a potential FCC Grant, of which the application would need to be submitted by the Board of Directors, instead of the Bridge Academy of Southwest Michigan (BASWM).

VIII. School Leader Report(s)

- a. Item #1 Recruitment Effort – A. Knapp reported the BASWM staff are solely focused on recruitment efforts. The BASWM currently has 46 applications with a goal of 90. Recruitment efforts include website, newspapers, yard signs, enrollment events and radio.
- b. Item #2 Facility and Contingency Plan – A. Knapp that they are waiting for BCC and BFS at the State of Michigan. All elements are required for construction to begin. Notification has been sent out that the BASWM will have limited hybrid options at a small capacity. Will use Edgenuity and other online options.
- c. Item #3 Staffing – A. Knapp reported that the math teacher vacancy is still open. A resignation letter has been received from the current Guidance counselor. That position will be posted.
- d. Item #4 Procurement –
 - a. Edgenuity - A. Knapp announced that the board has entered into contract with CMU that detail its use of Edgenuity software as the core curriculum for BASWM. Edgenuity is an online software curriculum program that provides full access to Michigan Merit Curriculum.
 - b. Special Education – A. Knapp reported that four (4) bids were received for Special Education Services for the BASWM. Ms. Knapp reviewed the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, bids submitted, scores based on cost, written plans and qualifications. Ms. Knapp announced that Global Psychology Services won the bid based on the proposed fees/cost, written plan and qualification of services.
- e. Item #5 Labor Day Waiver-approved – A. Knapp reported that the Labor Day Waiver was approved at a previous Board meeting; however, a Labor Day Waiver was submitted and approved to ensure that schools are not in session on the Friday before Labor Day. Approval was also granted to have summer school next school year.
- f. Item #6 Hours/Days Waiver-Denied – A. Knapp reported the BASWM applied for additional hours with MDE to open the building for drop in efforts. The application was denied. However, the recommendation was to follow the 5-0-D Virtual Learning Option as outlined in the Pupil Accounting Manual to ensure students have flexible and appropriate access to curriculum.
- g. Transparency Reporting – A. Knapp reported that the Transparency Certification is required to make information concerning its operations and management available to the public and to the Center for Charter Schools as required by state law.

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IX. Discussion Items

- a. G. Wood inquired on the denial of additional drop-in hours by MDE, and the 5-0-D. Discussion followed.

X. Action Item

Action requested: Motion to approve/accept Global Psychology Services to provide special education, 5-0-D Resolution, adjustment of School Calendar, Signatory Authority Policy Resolution and Transparency Certification as submitted.

Motion	P. Bird		
Support	G. Wood		
Vote	<i>Ayes</i>	<i>Nays</i>	<i>Abstentions</i>
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XI. Authorizer Update – CMU

J. Thienes reported webinars are available for virtual options and encouraged staff to attend the annual CMU Center for Charter Schools Conference on August 17, 2021 I Novi. Mr. Thienes also announced that school support visits will start in October and continue for two (2) years. To ensure success for all schools. Mr. Thienes commented on MCL 380.1893 on the need for photo IDs for all students.

XII. Extended Public Comment (*limited to 3 minutes per person on any item/matter not listed on the agenda*)

None.

XIII. Other Business

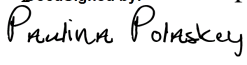
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XIV. Adjournment

The board adjourned at 12:47pm


Minutes Certification:

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted:

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