



MERRITT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mission Statement

“The mission of Merritt Academy is to instill in its students academic excellence, character development, a love for life long learning and service to others.”

Approved Minutes

REGULAR MEETING – December 19, 2024

8:00 a.m.

Merritt Academy

59900 Havenridge

New Haven, Michigan 48048

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Dery at 8:00 a.m.

Oath of Office for Norma Joshua-Lee

Roll Call

K. Clarkson- present
J. Dery- present
K. Bochatyn-present
M. Broyles- present
N. Joshua-Lee-present

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Member Bochatyn, seconded by
Member Clarkson to approve the amended agenda

YES – 5 NO – 0
Motion carried.

Call to the Public

4 people spoke about Evolv system and school security-
shared some current practices that need to be reviewed and
improved upon- 3 people felt the Evolv system is a poor
investment for the school and will change the climate-
1 person shared their support of the system

Consent Items

Motion by Member Broyles, seconded by Member Bochatyn to approve the November 21, 2024 minutes

YES – 5 NO – 0
Motion carried.

Motion by Member Bochatyn, seconded by Member Broyles to approve the Board's Treasurer's report from November 2024

YES – 5 NO – 0
Motion Carried.

ESP/Principal Report

Dan- watching topics in Lansing; facility issues hvac units in 3-5 building close to needing replacing; updates in preschool building from grant (gym windows, painting, and lights)

Nate- handed out monthly summary report

Troy- swings replaced on the playground

Board Correspondence

Email in support of Evolv system

Discussion Items

Evolv- shared that admin would monitor before school and that Officer Hoffman cannot monitor but assist with issues after school events would not be always be available

EPR – shared the process and three areas provided for improvement (professional development follow up, all teaches involved in high quality instruction, pd on culturally inclusive)

Action Items

Motion by Member Bochatyn, seconded by Member Clarkson to table Evolv quote until February

YES – 5 NO – 0
Motion Carried

Motion by Member Bochatyn, seconded by Member Clarkson to approve Professional and Ethical Board Member Conduct document

YES – 5 NO – 0

Motion by Member Bochatyn, seconded by Member Clarkson to approve board policy updates
YES – 5 NO – 0

**Board Committee
Reports/Board
Individual Comments**

-SAT prep program- will be built into math and ELA
-Band concert was amazing

Call to the Public

-website needs a major overhaul
-school safety consider other options and current measures

**Announcement/
Upcoming Events**

The next Regular Board of Director's meeting will be held on January 23, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. at Merritt Academy.

Adjournment

Motion by Member Clarkson, seconded by Member Joshua-lee to adjourn the meeting.

YES – 5 NO – 0

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

The above minutes were duly adopted by the Merritt Academy Board of Directors at a properly noticed open meeting held on January 23, 2025 at which a quorum was present.

Approved: January 23, 2025


Submitted by Michael Broyles, Board Secretary

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