



"Raising the Standards of Education"
Nate Seiferlein, Principal
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Kyle Hyde, 6-12 Dean of Students & Athletic Director



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 – July 30, 2026

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 8:06 a.m.

Roll Call

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

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Member Bochatyn, seconded by Member Broyles to approve the agenda with changes

YES – 4 NO – 0
Motion carried.

Call to the Public

None

Consent Items

Motion by Member Bochatyn. seconded by Member Joshua-Lee to approve the June 25, 2026 minutes

YES – 4 NO – 0
Motion carried.

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Motion by Member Broyles, seconded by Member Bochatyn to approve the minutes from the June 25, 2026 budget hearing.

YES – 4 NO – 0
Motion carried.

Motion by Member Joshua-Lee, seconded by Member Bochatyn to approve the Board's Treasurer's report from June 2026

YES – 4 NO – 0
Motion Carried.

ESP/Principal Report

Nate- shared report- updated on staffing

Troy- TV and news articles- read article from legal counsel
-Curriculum- updating to version 3 of HMH to comply with Michigan dyslexia law; 35m grant will cover the cost of this transition
-facility: parking lot stating this week or next; playground gazebo from a private donation; decking repairs on k-5 buildings; some classrooms being painted; landscaping

Board Correspondence

None

Discussion Items

None

Action Items

Motion by Member Bochatyn, seconded by Member Joshua-Lee to approve MICIP Plan

YES – 4 NO – 0
Motion Carried.

Motion by Member Bochatyn, seconded by Member Broyles to approve course catalog for 26/27 school year

YES – 4 NO - 0

Motion by Member Bochatyn, seconded by Member Broyles to approve handbook changes (including dress code)

YES – 4 NO – 0
Motion Carried.

**Board Committee
Reports/Board
Individual Comments**

-Board Survey- areas to work on: coming prepared to meetings and being more visible in the school community and at events
-graduation: student demeanor was positive; have Speeches be more equal in time; hard to hear in the back

Call to the Public

Parent spoke on July 23 media release and concern about time of notification to parents after incident; wants a plan in case of future events so parent notification is sooner and more upfront

Another parent about donation and how her mom wanted it for jackets and gloves for kids

**Announcement/
Upcoming Events**

The next Regular Board of Director's meeting will be held on August 27, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. at Merritt Academy.

Adjournment

Motion by Member Bochatyn, seconded by Member Broyles to adjourn the meeting.

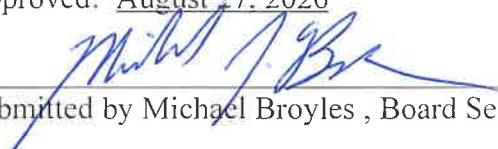
YES – 4

NO – 0

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

The above minutes were duly adopted by the Merritt Academy Board of Directors at a properly noticed open meeting held on August 27, 2026 at which a quorum was present.

Approved: August 27, 2026


Submitted by Michael Broyles , Board Secretary

These meetings of the Board of Directors are in public for the purpose of conducting the school's business and are not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during each meeting as indicated in the agenda. Upon request to the academy office, the academy shall make reasonable accommodations for a person with a disability to be able to participate in this meeting.