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Meeting of the Board of Directors Minutes  
Regular Board Meeting

**Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.**  
**8485 Homestead Dr.**  
**Zeeland, MI, 49464**  
**(Northwest Team Room)**

School Mission Statement: "By embracing innovation, we inspire our students to be global thinkers and leaders by positively impacting others at home and abroad."

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1. Call to Order: Nick deVries called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm
2. Attendance
  - a. Board Members: Nick deVries, Laurie Schmitt, Doug Friefeldt, Jeff Lukas
  - b. IES Staff: Jessenia Martinez, Kelli Gunn, Cory Dams, Sara Vereeke, Dave Zimmer
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items: NONE
4. Consent Agenda: Nick deVries made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Jeff Lukas. Passed unanimously.
  - a. Agenda
  - b. Previous Minutes
    - i. 191219 Monthly Board Meeting
5. Celebrations of the School
  - a. Roundtable
    - i. Kelli Gunn: Great group of staff met last week to think about the possibility of some changes for next year
    - ii. Laurie Schmitt: The team has done a great job preparing for the onsite review.
    - iii. Doug Fiefeldt: Great meeting with the team last week and appreciated them sharing their opinions and feelings. Hats off to the team as a whole on the spelling bee.



- iv. Dave Zimmer: MDE contacted him to let him know that the transparency pages are complete and done up to their standards.
  - v. Jessenia Martinez: Appreciation for parents and their willingness to help. Had a staff transition that we have new staff plan in place to replace her
  - vi. Cory Dams: Great to challenge students with higher level work – added several students from downstairs this week and they were a great addition and they are all driving each other forward.
  - vii. Sara Vereeke: One-on-one paras building relationships with tricky kiddos – great to see these relationships growing and impacting the kids
  - viii. Jeff Lukas: Great that the funding at the state level has been reinstated.
  - ix. Nick deVries: Great to meet with staff last week to think through ideas for next year.
6. Strategic Thinking
- a. Y5-8<sup>th</sup> enrollment planning: The team reviewed the information gathered at last week's meeting with staff. Our enrollment timeline has moved up a full month, so there is a time crunch to make decisions on next year's offerings. The board had a good discussion on ideas for next year in light of feedback from staff.
7. Action Items
- a. Nick deVries made a motion to approve Quarterly Financials as presented. Doug Friefeldt seconded. Passed unanimously.
    - i. Dave Zimmer reviewed the Quarterly Financials including updates on increased per pupil funding from the state. Dave also reviewed an overview of our cashflow showing year over year improvement in cash position.
  - b. Nick deVries made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar as presented. Jeff Lukas seconded. Passed unanimously.





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13. Nick deVries made a motion to move the February 27<sup>th</sup> board meeting to February 24, 2020 at 3:30 pm. Seconded by Jeff Lukas. Passed unanimously.
  - a.
14. Adjournment: Nick deVries adjourned the meeting at 5:31 pm
  - a. Next Regular Meeting: February 27, 2020

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