# Landmark Academy Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting February 22, 2024

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Landmark Academy was called to order at 6:00 pm, by Kimberly Bowman, Board President. Copies of the agenda were emailed to the Board members and posted at Landmark Academy for other interested parties in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Members Present	Members Absent	
1. Kimberly Bowman – President	1.	
2. Bonnie DiNardo – Secretary & VP	2.	
3. LeAnn Loshaw - Treasurer	3.	
4. Jeff Friedland – Board Member	4.	
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#### 2. Regular Business (15 minutes):

Visitors: None

**Public Comments: None** 

Correspondence: Three items: One regarding the board reappointment of Leann Loshaw. Debby Wilton added that a posting is going out in the Times Herald to recruit another board member. The board will be informed of any applicants, so interviews can be scheduled. Bonnie DiNardo informed the board that she will be resigning her position. Travis Gostinger went over the next two items. The first item was a contract language update. It has been reviewed by Mark Clark and there are no issues. It is identical to what was previously approved. The last item was an email from SVSU. Travis has spoken with Candice Casey and the email is only a recommendation and it is not as urgent.

Approval of December 21, 2023, regular board meeting minutes.

Motion by Jeff Friedland to approve December 21, 2023, regular board meeting minutes with one correction.

Second: Bonnie DiNardo

Aye: 4 Opposed: 0

Discussion: None Motion Carried

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#### **Discussion of Finance Reports**

Financial Reports as of January 2024, presented by Lori LaMontagne. There was no capital spending this month. Enrollment is currently 812. Finance is completing the required documentation for students who entered Landmark between the Fall and Winter count days.

Motion by Bonnie DiNardo to approve January 2024, Finance Report as presented. Second: Jeff Friedland

Aye: 4 Opposed: 0

Discussion: None Motion Carried

Lori gave an update on the ESSER funding received due to COVID-19. All public schools must report out on how the funds were spent in accordance with the guidelines. The Federal ESSER II grant is complete, and the final report has been submitted. ESSER III grant is ongoing. We have until September 2024 to complete the expenditures for this grant. Twenty percent of ESSER III funds must be spent on learning loss.

### 3. Executive Leadership Update (40 minutes)

Debby Wilton presented the Annual Education Report to the board. This contains information regarding last school year. Copies of this report are available at both hospitality areas, on the second floor in the conference room, and on our website.

An overview of NWEA data was given by Debby Wilton, Adam Hoskins, and Tom Gostinger. Debby gave an overview. Our goal is for 75% of our students to meet their growth or grade proficiency goal. Goals are measured from fall to spring. Math and reading tests are taken by grades K through 11 and science is taken by grades 3 through 10. Kim asked how we track students eligible for free and reduced lunch. Debby communicated that families are asked to fill out the form and we receive a list from the state. There is also a separate report, 98B, that must be filed with the state. The goals in this report are different than the NWEA goals and are based on those in grades K through 8.

Adam reviewed the NWEA data for grades K-5. There have been improvements. A new math platform has been implemented this year and Elementary has just finished its first full year with the new Lexia reading program. The addition of these programs will help us improve our scores.

Tom reviewed middle/high school NWEA data. There are gaps that we are working on filling. A new online math platform has been implemented that is based on each student's individual level. With these new strategies we look forward to an increase in our performance scores.

Adam Hoskins (K-5): February is Black History Month. Elementary has held different activities and lessons this month pertaining to Black History Month. The 100th day of school was celebrated and a Neon party was held for families and students as well this month. Both events were successful. Currently we are prepping for March is Reading Month. Once again, we will be doing "One School, One Book." Everyone from students to bus drivers will receive a copy of the book and packets will be sent home to parents. Nine local restaurants will display a poster about reading month along with Landmark's enrollment information. Students will receive a ticket for reading their book at these locations to be entered into a drawing for prizes. Goodie bags to celebrate reading month will be given to children at local preschools. Adam will also be a guest reader at

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several preschools. Kindergarten round-up will be held March 20. Kim asked if other schools were also going to read at the preschools. Further discussion commenced.

Tom Gostinger (MSHS): Tom shared staffing changes in the MSHS building. Coffee and Conversation was recently held. Great content but was not well attended. Mr. Cannon, our Athletic Director, gave Tom an update on our winter sports to share. The new powerlifting team has done well in its first year with one student qualifying for states. Basketball teams are doing well. Bowling regionals are this Friday and for the first time both the boys' and girls' teams will be competing for a chance to go to the state meet. Our middle school basketball teams have received several compliments from other schools regarding their sportsmanship. Tom and Angie Chmielewski recently went to East Shore to speak with their 8<sup>th</sup> grade students about enrolling in Landmark for high school. Planning for 5<sup>th</sup> grade transition, prom and graduation have begun.

Adam went through the new Academic Dashboard that he created. This began as an SVSU leadership project. It is an internal website that anyone with a landmarkacademy.net email address has access to. The dashboard has enrollment trends, graduation trends, and K-12 standardized data. It allows staff to have all the information in one place to access.

Debby performed a test of the Centegix system to show the board how it works. She explained how the flashing lights work and how announcements will come over the speakers in the phones and on teacher computers. Debby also let the board know that a call will be made directly to police dispatch, so help is automatically routed to Landmark.

## 4. Board Strategy & Planning (20 minutes)

The ESP evaluation has been submitted for the 2022-2023 School Year. Kim asked Travis if he had any comments on it. Travis did not have any comments and he liked the comments made in the evaluation. Kim informed Travis that the board had found meeting as a group to discuss and complete the evaluation to be beneficial. They would like to do that again next year. Kim then asked if anyone had anything else to bring to the meeting.

There was nothing else, so a motion was made to adjourn.

5. Adjournment: The next regular board meeting will be March 21, 2024, at 12:00pm.

Motion by Bonnie DiNardo to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. Second: LeAnn Loshaw

Aye: 4

Opposed: 0

Discussion: None Motion Carried

Board Secretary Signature

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