

**Landmark Academy
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
May 23, 2024**

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Landmark Academy was called to order at 12:01 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. LeAnn Loshaw - Treasurer	2.
3. Jeff Friedland – Vice-President/Secretary	3.
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2. Regular Business (15 minutes):

Visitors: Doug Newcombe

Public Comments: None

Correspondence: None

Approval of April 25, 2024, regular board meeting minutes.

Motion by Jeff Friedland to approve April 25, 2024, regular board meeting minutes. Second: LeAnn Loshaw
Aye: 3 Opposed: 0
Discussion: None
Motion Carried

Discussion of Finance Reports

Financial Reports as of April 2024, presented by Lori LaMontagne. Enrollment is at 815.33 FTE. Our spring enrollment count will be available at the next board meeting.

Motion by Jeff Friedland to approve April 2024, Finance Report as presented. Second: LeAnn Loshaw
Aye: 3 Opposed: 0
Discussion: None

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3. Executive Leadership Update (40 minutes)

Debby Wilton (Superintendent): Debby introduced Jeff Glombowski, our online program coordinator. Jeff came to the board meeting to give us a demonstration of the new technology that some of our online students are using. Jeff explained that our online program is styled as a homeschool type program. It is offered to students K through 12 grades. Landmark has also recently started a program for those ages 18 to 21 who need to complete some credits to get their diploma. They can complete those credits through the Landmark program and receive their diploma. Students in grades K through 5 use workbooks and programs, and have an academic coach. Grades 6 and above use the Edmentum program. Last year Landmark began to use VR technology for immersive learning. We piloted it in grades 3, 4, and 5 and found that students were too young to get the full experience. This year we are using the technology with grades 5, 6, and 7 and finding it much more manageable. The teacher can hold class on the moon, at the bottom of the ocean, inside the human heart, or in the oval office. This is a great way to engage with the students and it can be used with in person students as well.

Last Friday Debby and Adam went to SVSU where two people from Landmark were honored. Karen Kielbas and Scott Pike. In addition, Scott also won the overall award for campus safety. The Leadership team strategic planning report will be presented at the June meeting. Jamie Nestle and Debby are working on the Cognia review. This year it is a little different. Jamie and Debby will be doing the observations using the Elliott tool.

Debby informed the board that next year will be Landmark's 25th year. There are lots of fun things in the works and a video planned. Last week was Charter Day at the Capitol. It was a good day to touch base with lawmakers. Debby and Travis were able to speak with a few different lawmakers about the concerns facing charter schools. The Landmark high school band performed in front of the Capitol and the NHS and NJHS students attended as well.

The next item Debby introduced was the annual MHSAA membership resolution. The board needs to approve Landmark's membership for the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Motion by LeAnn Loshaw to approve the adoption of the 2024-2025 MHSAA membership resolution. Second: Jeff Friedland

Aye: 3 Opposed: 0

Discussion: None

Motion Carried

Adam Hoskins (K-5): Elementary has finished M-Step and NWEA and is setting up rewards for the students. The reading Lexia program has reached over 1,000 certificates. Our "Someone Special" dance is coming up, End of the year field trips are finishing and Elementary is getting ready for Kindergarten Graduation. Adam is working on teacher evaluations and planning for next year.

Tom Gostinger (MSHS): Students enjoyed a fun charter school week that ended with a great assembly where the teacher of the year awards were presented. Chelsie Squires was awarded the Middle School Teacher of the Year and Robert Dean was awarded the High School Teacher of the Year. Middle and High School Bands had their last concerts of the year and the seniors presented Mr. Dean with a farewell gift. The high school band will also be performing in the Memorial Day parade this year. Sara Prapotnik's drama class held a successful dinner theater production of "Death by Dessert." The seniors finished their last week of school with

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a pancake breakfast, a day at the beach and one last walk through the school. Now we are wrapping up end of year items and we are getting ready for the close of the school year.

4. Board Strategy & Planning (20 minutes)

Debby Wilton presented policies for the board's approval. They were sent to the board last month. Kim asked if there were any questions on the policies, there were not, so she requested a motion.

Motion by LeAnn Loshaw to approve the Spring 2024 policy updates. Second: Jeff Friedland

Aye: 3 Opposed: 0

Discussion: None

Motion Carried

Lori did a quick end of the year budget review. This has been a great year. Final numbers will be presented at the June meeting. Now an update on the 2024-2025 budget. We do not have final numbers but expect an increase in funding of about 2.5% per student. Enrollment is down, so we are working with a projected enrollment of 800 students to start, down 17 students from last year. We are not sure what the 31A increase will be yet.

There will be some increases next year of which we are already aware of. Our transportation contract with METS was up for renewal. We will remain with 7 buses and have a new fleet. The cost increase is about 13%, and it is a 3-year agreement. Insurance costs have increased 6.5%.

Debby informed the board that the Covid-19 learning plan approved in 2021 had to be updated and she will bring it to the board for approval at the June meeting.

5. Adjournment: The next regular board meeting will be June 27, 2024, at 12:00pm.

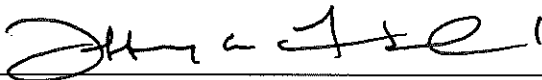
Motion by Jeff Friedland to adjourn at 1:20 p.m. Second: LeAnn Loshaw

Aye: 3 Opposed: 0

Discussion: None

Motion Carried

Board Secretary Signature



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