

Charlevoix Montessori Academy for the Arts (CMAftA)  
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Charlevoix, MI 49720

DATE: 8-14-19, TIME: 5:30pm

[ X ] Regular or [ ] Special Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: Seidel called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Joseph Seidel [ X ] Jennifer Earls [ ] Eryn Willson [ X ]  
David Kroon [ X ] Christine Dillon [ X ] Judy Sigulinsky ( X )  
Gloria (Joni) Olach [ ] Michael Randall [ X ]
4. Approval of:
  - A. Agenda: Move to accept agenda with addition of correspondence by Amanda Minaker by Seidel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sigulinsky. 4 yes, 0 no, all agreed
  - B. Minutes of 7/17/19 Special Budget Meeting as presented: Seidel moved to accept minutes of as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sigulinsky. 4 yes, 0 no, all agreed. Organizational Meeting 7/17/19 as presented with change to paragraph 6 K. Motion to approved by Seidel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randall. 4 yes, 0 no, all agreed.
  - C. Financial Report/Checks Written: Move to accept as presented by Seidel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sigulinsky. 4 yes, 0 no, all agreed.
5. Correspondence: Seidel presented a letter from Amanda Minaker dated July 7<sup>th</sup> regarding a formal resignation. Michigan Virtual for Science instruction, nomination of Deb Hobbs, Marcie McQuillan, Deserie Kaiser to act together to lead the school for the 2019/2020 school year.. Kroon move to accept resignation, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sigulinsky. 6 yes, 0 no. All agree.
6. School Leader Report and Approval: None.
7. Old Business:
  - A. Enrollment Figures: Marcie McQuillan reported that she has spoken with David Harwood, former instructor at NCCMH. He is reporting that he is currently working with the court ordered school (formerly with John McClain.) This school has approximately 8-10 students who may be able to be sponsored as a "shared school." This program is currently housed in East Jordan at the old Middle School until it is sold. This program used to be called "Recovery High." Group discussion: Individuals present would possibly support this idea as long as the physical location of the students would not be in CMA and the partnership was contingent on not sharing building space. David Harwood has a Math and Administrative certification to assist in supporting the school staff for leadership. Seidel reported that the CMA building is now up for sale. We have \$370,000.00 worth of debt at this time remaining for current building. Currently we are at 46 students. We have enrolled 8 students in the past week possibly due to the work of parents and teachers who did advertising with posters and banners in the past 2 weeks.  
Dr. David Lewis: Addressed those present. He stated that he is very concerned with the proposed arrangement with the court school. 1. Could possibly be too good of a thing regarding money. 2. What if they are not able to find a building

and need to move. 3. It hasn't been approved by SVSU and it would have to be approved by the board prior to going to SVSU for approval. Dr. Lewis stated that there needs to be a written plan from the proposed leadership team to demonstrate who is responsible for different responsibilities such as curriculum, signing of documents, etc. Must apply for an administrative credential if there isn't currently a staff with this. Dr. Lewis reported that Saginaw Valley is not closing CMA and does not want to, but does want CMA to get to 50 students and higher moving forward. He stated that he is encouraged by there being 46 students enrolled for this school year. Dr. Lewis reported that he received calls from parents and feels supportive of staff and parent commitment to CMA. Mini grants up to \$5000.00 can be submitted to SVSU to support marketing, IT, curriculum, etc. He stated that transparency is important and he feels that this is occurring now. Parents asked if someone could complete a request for SVSU to provide funding for marketing and Dr. Lewis stated that they would consider if something was submitted to him.

Staff reported that there are currently 46 children enrolled at CMA for the 2019/2020 school year.

- B. School Leadership Proposal: 3 proposed leaders are aware that they do not have the certification to complete the administrative duties. They are proposing that David Harwood would be a part time School Leader and the group of 3 teachers would support him in this role as a leadership team. Dr. Lewis stated that a part time School Leader would be acceptable, but there would need to be a completed plan proposed to the board for a recommendation to act on what would occur moving forward. Dr. Lewis reported that CMA would need to assign an interim School Leader until there would be a fixed part time School Leader. Willson moved to table School Leadership proposal so that discussion with David Harwood can move forward and an emergency board meeting can occur. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randall. 6 yes, 0 no. All agreed.
- C. Selling of Building: Seidel requested that sub committee meet together to discuss options for looking at new building opportunities.

8. New Business: Seidel reported that \$750.00 was generated from parking for special summer events. Deb Hobbs reported that school supply list will be sent out tomorrow, family picnic scheduled for 8-28-19 at 5:30pm. \$86.00 was collected for Oleson's slips. Seidel move to have school board meet for an emergency meeting Tuesday 8/27/19 at 5:30pm, second by Kroon. 6 yes, 0 no. All agreed.

9. Public Comment: None.

10. Adjournment: Seidel moved to adjourn at 6:46pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dillon. 6 yes, 0 no, all agreed.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Joseph F. Seidel*