



Mason County Promise Zone Authority Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Monday September 11th, 2023; 3- 5 p.m.
Location: Lakeshore Resource Network Conference Room, E. Tinkham, Ludington, MI

Members Present:

Vic Burwell, Fabian Knizacky, Amy Pepper, Chad Riffle, Monica Schuyler, Kathy Surd, Dena Thurston, Joan Vidak, Annette Quillan (arrived at 3:01), Juliana Anderson (arrived at 3:15)

Members Absent:

Roger Nash

Staff Present:

Jody Maloney, Myndi Dangler & Kristi Zimmerman

1. **Call to Order:** *Monica Schuyler called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.*
2. **Limited Public Comment:** None
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
 - a. *Motion to approve the agenda by Pepper, with support from Burwell; Motion carried 8-0-3.*
4. **Approval of Minutes from 8-14-2023**
 - a. *Motion by Knizacky to approve minutes, supported by Vidak; Motion carried 9-0-2 (Quillan arrived).*
5. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. Balance Report for August 2023: \$1,497,171.30
 - b. Invoices (all included in budget based on 8-2023 amendment):
 - i. WSCC College for Kids: \$24,125.25
 - ii. *Approval of Invoices*
 - c. *Approval of Treasurer's Report*
 - i. *Motion to approve invoices and Treasurer's Report by Burwell, supported by Riffle; Discussion—Quillan asked if the Director received any information about the number of classes offered, to which Maloney responded that it was not part of the Board's requirements in order to fund the scholarships and Schuyler noted that WSCC will be presenting on the event at the October Board meeting; Motion carried 9-0-2.*
6. **Director's Report**
 - a. Approval of the Director's Report: *Motion by Knizacky to approve Director's Report, supported by Vidak; Motion carried 9-0-2.*
7. **New Business**
 - a. Committee Reports:
 - i. Appeals Committee: Met: 8-21-23@11AM; Next meeting: 12-4-23@11AM
 1. 10 appeals considered: 9 appeals approved; 1 denied.
 2. *Recommendation to amend development plan to include McKinney-Vento students (REF #5)*

3. *Motion by Knizacky to approve an amendment development plan to include McKinney-Vento students, support by Burwell; Schuyler added that this amendment and the FAFSA first choice amendment will be provided to the full Board for review in October; Motion carried 9-0-2.*
 - ii. Student Success Committee: Did not meet; Next meeting: 9-25-23@10AM; (8-2023 Canceled)
 - iii. Community Engagement Committee: Did not meet; Next Meeting: 11-1-23
 - iv. Executive Committee: Did not meet; Next Meeting 10-16-23@1PM
- b. Board Member Terms Ending on December 31, 2023:
 - i. The following Board members are up for renewal; renewals will be voted on in October:
 1. Annette Quillan—Local--Submitted intent to renew
 2. Monica Schuyler--Legislative—Can submit intent to renew at October Board meeting
 3. Dena Thurston--Local—Submitted intent to decline an additional term

8. Old Business

- a. Growth Discussion: Discuss & Decide on Growth Priorities
 - i. Level Setting: Promise Overview--Maloney reviewed what the Promise offers and options for growth that were previously identified.
 - ii. Discussion: What would we most like to see happen in the future?—Kristi Lucas-Zimmerman
 1. Small group discussion
 - a. Examining options: Board members discussed what they would most like to see happen in, based on the Promise Vision word that was most important to them.
 2. Full group activity
 - a. Selecting a priority on which to move forward--Board members discussed and put forth two versions of the following two options with related details:
 - i. Adding Success Coaching
 1. For first year scholars to support transition to college
 2. To all scholars regardless of institution
 3. Coaching participation would be expected or mandatory at a certain level to provide necessary interventions; consider incentivizing participation as well
 4. To make connections to community resources, develop relationships with students who attend in and out-of-county post-secondary institutions that supports their academic and personal success, and to maintain connections between Mason County and students who have left the community .
 - ii. Adding Additional Institutions
 1. Broaden incrementally to:
 - a. Provide opportunities not available through WSCC
 - b. Support post-secondary aspirations of dual-enrolled students who have maximized their coursework at WSCC during high school
 - c. Allow students to explore opportunities outside of Mason County.
 2. Limit to 72 credits at WSCC rates.
 - iii. Maloney will send minutes and request that Board members
 1. Review the discussion notes

2. Submit any clarifying questions they may have about the identified priorities to director prior to October
3. Submit any request for data that they'd like to see related to the priorities prior to October.

9. Any Other Business: None

10. Limited Public Comment: None

11. Adjourn: *Schuyler moved for adjournment at 5:31 PM.*