



Mason County Promise Zone Authority Board Policy Committee

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2020 at 1:00 PM

Online using Zoom per Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-48

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PURPOSE: The purpose of the Mason County Promise Zone Policy Committee is to provide recommendations on policy related issues to the Board.

Present: Fabian Knizacky (Left meeting at 2PM), Jim McLean, Annette Quillan, Monica Schuyler; Absent: Ed Makowicki

Staff Present: Jody Maloney

1. Call to order at 1:03 PM.
2. Limited Public Comment: None
3. Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Knizacky to approve; Support by McLean; Motion passed: 4-0-1.
4. Approval of the Minutes: Motion by Knizacky to approve; Support by Quillan; Motion passed: 4-0-1.
5. New Business:
 - a. Homeschooled Students in Mason County: Quillan made a motion to recommend to the full Board to leave our current plan as-is, allowing for any resident homeschooled student who does not graduate with a diploma from a Mason County high school to qualify for the Promise by obtaining a GED, with further recommendation to revisit the topic in two years; Support by Knizacky; Schuyler added that the Michigan Promise Zone model encourages families to participate in local public school districts; Motion passed: 3-1-1.
6. Old Business:
 - a. Promise Eligibility Requirements
 - i. Clarification of Residency for High School Graduates: Motion from McLean to recommend to the full Board that they request the following amendments to their current Mason County Promise Zone Amended Plan in order to clarify residency requirements: Change language on items 1.a & 1.b: "1.a: Graduate with a diploma **from** and reside within the boundaries of one of the following three school districts within Mason County: Mason County Central Schools, Mason County Eastern Schools, Ludington Area School District with a cumulative 2.00 Grade Point Average (GPA) or above; or, b. Graduate from **and reside within the boundaries of one of the following**

three school districts: Gateway to Success Academy, West Shore ESD, or Academy of Science, Math & Technology Early College High School with a cumulative 2.00 Grade Point Average or above; or;" Support by Knizacky; Motion passed 4-0-1.

- b. Promise Scholarship Use
 - i. No additional suggestions for edits were recommended to Maloney's draft of a Promise Scholar requested by the full Board at last meeting.
 - ii. 60 (72) Credits of Eligibility: Schuyler made a motion to recommend to the full Board that the count for Promise Scholarship funded credits begins at the point of Promise Scholarship funding eligibility, which is the first fall semester after a student's high school graduation, or for GED recipients, the first available semester of enrollment after they passed the GED; Support by McLean; Motion passed, 3-0-2.
 - iii. By-Laws: McLean motioned to recommend that the full board adopt the proposed By-Law amendments as drawn up by the coordinator; Second by Quillan; Motion passed, 3-0-2.
 - c. FOIA Policy: McLean made a motion to postpone the discussion of FOIA costs until the next Policy Committee meeting; Supported by Schuyler; Motion passed, 3-0-2.
7. Any Other Business: None
 8. Limited Public Comment: None
 9. Motion to adjourn by McLean at 2:28 PM.