



Mason County Promise Zone Authority Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Monday October 10, 2022; 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Location: Lakeshore Resource Network Conference Room, E. Tinkham, Ludington, MI

Members Present:

Fabian Knizacky, Annette Quillan, Dena Thurston, Andrea Large, Kathy Surd, Joan Vidak, Vic Burwell, Monica Schuyler, Roger Nash, Chad Riffle

Members Absent:

Amy Pepper

Staff Present:

Jody Maloney, Kelly Parker

1. **Call to Order:** Schuyler called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.
2. **Limited Public Comment:** None
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
 - a. *Motion by Nash to approve the agenda with support by Knizacky; Motion carried 10-0-1.*
4. **Approval of Minutes from 9-12-22**
 - a. *Motion by Knizacky Knizacky to approve minutes from 9-12-22, supported by Burwell; Motion carried 10-0-1.*
5. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Trial Balance: \$1,181,285.80
 - b. Invoices:
 - i. WSCC: \$20,000-College for Kids Scholarships
 1. Quillan questioned how many kids were served by the scholarship. Maloney responded with 137 students.
 - c. Approval of Treasurer's Report
 - i. *Motion by Large to approve Treasurer's report supported by Vidak; Motion carried 10-0-1.*
6. **Director's Report**
 - a. Approval of the Director's Report:
 - i. *Motion by Nash to approve the Director's Report, supported by Thurston; Motion carried 10-0-1.*
7. **New Business**
 - a. Committee Reports:
 - i. Appeals Committee: Did not meet; Next meeting:12-5-22@11AM
 - ii. Community Engagement Committee: Did not meet; Meets next on 10-27-22 @ 4PM
 1. Reminder: In mid/late October, CEC members will be canvassing Board for interest in officer roles, committee chair roles, & committee service for 2023
 - iii. Student Success Committee: Met 9-26-22@10AM; Next Meeting 10-24-22 @ 10AM
 1. Sought feedback from Workgroups and Committee about the restructuring of the Committee, and on Development Plan language for educational supplies award, and 6-year availability, drafted by Director & Chair.
 - ii. Executive Committee: Did not meet; Meets Next on 10-19-22 @ 3PM

- b. Michigan Achievement Scholarship
 - i. Maloney discussed the specifics of the scholarship and Board conversation followed
 - 1. The bill would amend the State School Aid Act to provide first and last dollar scholarships to attend community college for the class of 2023. Promise Scholars would likely see about \$1750 and it would potentially reduce the Promise tuition bill by half in a given year. The scholarship funding is authorized by House and Senate and has been signed by the governor.
- c. Kennari Contract Ending 10-31-22
 - i. Mary Sumner added her future recommendations, which Maloney highlighted as keeping focus on the Promise goals when making decisions.

8. Old Business:

- a. Development Plan Language
 - i. Review Language for Educational Supplies: Proposed Educational Supplies Amendment Language: Beginning with the 2023-24 academic year, all Mason County Promise Scholars can qualify to receive an annual educational supplies allowance for an amount deemed sufficient to pay for books, supplies and equipment needed to complete their course of study. Eligible Mason County Promise scholars will receive the annual educational supplies allowance for up to two academic years, which can be used for required books, educational supplies, and equipment, as outlined by their course syllabus, at the West Shore Community College (WSCC) Book Store. Scholars may qualify for the allowance through participation in board-approved student success initiatives that are available to all scholars. Scholars will be notified how to qualify for the annual educational supplies allowance in the initial scholarship award approval notice, and in the first annual renewal approval notice.
 - ii. Action
 - 1. Language for 4 to 6-year availability: Changed “four” to “six”
 - a. Motion by Knizacky to approve sending the “Four” to “Six” language change to the State, supported by Burwell ; Motion carried 10-0-1.
 - 2. Motion by Knizacky to approve the language for educational supplies with the following amendments supported by Quillan. Motion carried 10-0-1
 - a. Verbiage change from “increase” to “increased”
 - b. Educational supplies allowance for an amount to be determined by the Board vs. deemed sufficient.
 - c. Removing “West Shore Community College (WSCC) Book Store”
 - 3. Motion by Knizacky to submit the amended and approved eligibility criteria supported by Large. Motion carried 9-1-1. Quillan opposed support.
- b. Board Member Terms: Knizacky’s & Large’s terms are up for renewal until the October 2022 meeting.
 - i. Large will not be renewing terms
 - ii. Knizacky accepted renewing terms
 - 1. Motion by Burwell to approve Knizacky’s renewal terms and Large’s decline to renew terms, supported by Thurston; Motion carried 10-0-1.

9. Any Other Business:

- a. Burwell suggested that Riffle join the Student Success Committee

10. Limited Public Comment: None

11. **Adjourn:** *Schuyler moved for adjournment at 5:01p.m.*