

**Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishnabe  
Public School Academy Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday January 11, 2022 5:30 p.m.**

**Minutes**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by President Castro at 5:30 p.m.

**B. OPENING**

Board Member Carr offered an opening to begin the meeting.

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**D. MISSION**

**E. ROLL CALL**

Castro – present; Habusta – absent; Roe – present; Batho – present; Strahan – present; Murdock – absent; Carr – present.

Motion by Roe and supported by Strahan to excuse Habusta and Murdock from the meeting.

Ayes: Castro, Roe, Batho, Strahan

Nays: Carr

Motion carried.

**BOARD MEMBER REAPPOINTMENT**

President Castro read the Oath of Public Office statement with Board Member Batho for new term expiring June 30, 2023.

**F. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Roe and supported by Strahan to amend the agenda with the following changes:

- Add item E1 after roll call: Board Member Reappointment (Oath of Office for Reappointment of Board Member Batho).
- Replace Item N with Closed Session: for Consideration of Attorney-Client Privileged Communication.
- Change new item O to: NEW BUSINESS & ACTION ITEMS
- Add item O1: Approval of letter to Dr. Chugunov, Sault Tribe Board of Directors and PSA Staff and Families.
- Add item O2: Approval of Temporary move to Virtual Learning.
- Please update Public Comment to item P and Adjournment to item Q.

Ayes: Castro, Roe, Batho, Strahan, Carr

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Vice President Habusta entered into attendance at 5:34 p.m.

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Motion by Habusta and supported by Roe to approve the updated agenda.  
Ayes: Castro, Habusta, Roe, Batho, Strahan, Carr  
Nays: None.  
Motion carried.

## **G. PRESENTATIONS**

## **H. COMMUNICATION & CORRESPONDENCE**

## **I. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Habusta and supported by Roe to approve the consent agenda.  
Ayes: Castro, Habusta, Roe, Batho, Strahan, Carr  
Nays: None.  
Motion carried.

1. Superintendent's Update
2. Superintendent General Administration - Department Updates
3. Administrator's Update
4. Enrollment Update
5. Minutes from December 14, 2021 Regular Meeting
6. Committee Reports & Updates
  - a. Policy Committee
  - b. Facilities Committee
  - c. Finance Committee
  - d. Personnel Committee
  - a. Curriculum/Student Services Committee

## **J. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Legislative Update
2. NMU Charter School Office Report -  
Bill Pistulka thanked the Board for completing forms and annual conflict of interest paperwork. Discussed preparations with Superintendents regarding proposed OSHA guidelines relating to COVID-19 vaccinations and testing. These proposed guidelines were originally intended for private businesses and are now moving to the public sector. Discussed the latest variant of the virus, Omicron and the work NMU is doing to help schools provide and protect health of students.

Also discussed the upcoming Board workshop at the Soaring Eagle Casino April 24-25, 2022. The plan is to designate Sunday afternoon/evening and Monday morning to the planning and appreciation prepared for Board members. Bill stated that they have a great agenda and are looking forward to being able to interact with each other again. He is hoping to see a good turnout from the Board.

3. Personnel Update
4. First Reading of Special Update – New Policy 8450.06 COVID-19 Vaccination, Testing, and Face-Covering

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## K. FINANCIAL UPDATE

1. Financial Monthly Report -  
Becky Aldrich discussed the monthly report ending December 31, 2021.  
Spending is up to date as well is the draw down with Fiduciary. Discussed local revenues.
2. Financial Update for Fiduciary Committee

## L. NEW BUSINESS & ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion by Batho and supported by Strahan to approve December 2021 Expenditures in the amount of \$1,091,642.45.  
Ayes: Castro, Habusta, Roe, Batho, Strahan, Carr  
Nays: None.  
Motion carried.
2. Motion by Habusta and supported by Carr to approve the Fall Policy Updates 2021.  
Ayes: Castro, Habusta, Roe, Batho, Strahan, Carr  
Nays: None.  
Motion carried.
3. Motion by Habusta and supported by Strahan to approve Policy 3213 Student Supervision and Welfare.  
Ayes: Castro, Habusta, Roe, Batho, Strahan, Carr  
Nays: None.  
Motion carried.
4. Motion by Carr and supported by Batho to accept the School Improvement Incentive Grant Award from NMU in the amount of \$20,000.  
Ayes: Castro, Habusta, Roe, Batho, Strahan, Carr  
Nays: None.  
Motion carried.
5. Motion by Batho and supported by Carr for Approval of EAP Assistance Program in the amount of \$7,500 from ESSER funds.  
Ayes: Castro, Habusta, Roe, Batho, Strahan, Carr  
Nays: None.  
Motion carried.

Vice President Habusta asked if this was going to be an annual expense. Aldrich clarified that the ESSER funds are available and will fund the program for 3 years. If successful we could absorb the cost through general funds. Aldrich added that there is a cancellation policy for EAP if needed.

6. Motion by Carr and supported by Habusta to approve the purchase of Wireless Access Points from Vector Tech Group in the amount of \$19,053 from ESSER II funds.

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Ayes: Castro, Habusta, Roe, Batho, Strahan, Carr  
Nays: None.  
Motion carried.

**M. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS & SCHEDULING OF SPECIAL MEETINGS**

1. Special Meeting January 25, at 5:30 p.m. for Superintendent Evaluation and approval of New Policy 8450.06 COVID-19 Vaccination, Testing, and Face-Covering

**N. CLOSED SESSION FOR CONSIDERATION OF ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION**

Motion by Roe and supported by Batho to go into closed session at 5:45 p.m.  
Roll call vote as follows:  
Castro Y Habusta Y Roe Y Batho Y Strahan Y Carr Y  
Motion carried.

Meeting reconvened into open session at 6:54 p.m. per motion carried in closed session.

**O. NEW BUSINESS & ACTION ITEMS**

1. Motion by Carr and supported by Strahan to approve the letter addressed to Dr. Chugunov, Sault Tribe Board of Directors and PSA Staff and Families.

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Ayes: Castro, Habusta, Roe, Batho, Strahan, Carr  
Nays: None.  
Motion carried.

2. Motion by Carr and supported by Strahan to approve the temporary move to virtual learning January 14, 2022 through January 21, 2022.  
Roll call vote as follows:  
Castro N Habusta N Roe N Batho N Strahan N Carr N  
Motion failed.

**P. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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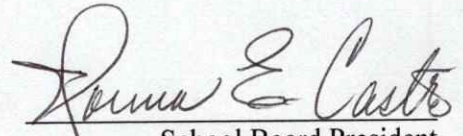
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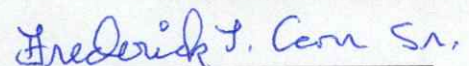
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**Q. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. by President Castro.

  
School Board President

  
School Board Secretary