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SERVICE LEARNING ACADEMIES DISTRICT
Tuesday, December 16, 2025
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES (APPROVED)

I. Call to Order: Member-At-Large, Jeanette Owens called the meeting to order at **5:18p.m., in person and via Zoom Video Conferencing.**

II. Roll Call

Present: Orlando Woods, Airlene Gross, Idowu Jegede Allen Richardson, Douglas Bartell, James Dozier, Jeanette Owens

Absent: NA

III. Approval of December 16, 2025 Board Meeting Agenda.
Orlando Woods motioned to accept the Board Meeting Agenda as written. Idowu Jegede seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

IV. Approval of Proposed Board Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, November 18, 2025
Douglas Bartell motioned to approve The Board Meeting minutes for November 18, as written. Jeanette Owens seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously

V. Financials update – Janita Williams
Janita Williams reported on this December 2025 financial report. Idowu Jegede to receive the financial report, Douglas Bartell second the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

VI. Management Report
Chief Executive Officer - Maurice Evans
Compliance and Academics Update – Dr. Ebony Walker
Dr. Walker reported that the district is expected to move from candidacy into full pursuit of systems accreditation. She also noted the completion of the final partnership meeting on November 9, reviewed school classifications, and highlighted academic growth, with Oak Park earning the highest index score in the district. Continued priorities include attendance, leadership, and system wide improvement.

Building and Operations report – Mr. De'Angelo Alexander
Mr. Alexander reported that December 19 is the last day of school, and students will return on January 5, 2026. During the break, winter cleaning and facility improvements will take place. The operations team will also host a district meeting in January upon staff's return. Appreciation was shared for the support of the Board, LSS Schiff, and the school management team.

Human Resource – Ms. Kim Knight
Ms. Knight reported that HR is conducting annual staff assessments and reviews in collaboration with SICs. Most positions are filled, with a few paraprofessional vacancies, and temporary staffing is being planned for upcoming maternity leaves. Appreciation was given to SICs for their support, and planning for the next school year includes potential new programs, such as theater led by recently hired staff.

Early Childhood – Delicia Allen
Ms. Allen reported that the district is transitioning to a HighScope-based curriculum. Key staff are being identified to support the implementation, including Carter, an experienced teacher who will provide leadership and strengthen curriculum delivery across the district.

Executive President – Leo Carr
Mr. Carr provided an update, noting that the district is currently tracking 15 training programs and making good progress. He highlighted a focus on offering additional training sessions on weekends, such as Saturdays, to provide more opportunities for select teachers.

Chief of Security – Roderick Grimes
Mr. Grimes reported significant progress in reducing truancy through record updates, staff collaboration, and early home visit notifications, leading to improved student attendance and increased parental engagement.

X. **President of Specialized Services – Samantha Fetterman**
Ms. Fetterman introduced herself to the board, sharing her 20 years of teaching experience across Maryland, Virginia, and Michigan. She has taught in self-contained, ASD, and co-teaching settings at the elementary, middle, and high school levels, and is currently pursuing an applied EdD in Special Education, focusing on co-teaching. She plans to collaborate with Dr. Walker on expanding co-teaching initiatives within the district.

XI. **LSSU Reauthorization update – Melissa Weisberger**
Ms. Weisberger reported that the reauthorization packet is being prepared and that updates will begin in January. The full packet will be presented to the Board of Trustees in February.

XII. **Board Matters**
Airlene Gross motioned to accept the fall 2025 Board policy, Allen Richardson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously

XIII. **Public Comment**
NA

XIV. **Adjournment**
Orlando Woods motions to adjourn the meeting. Idowu Jegede seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 5:42pm

Signed, Board Secretary **Date** 04/30/26

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