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SERVICE LEARNING ACADEMIES DISTRICT
Tuesday, February 17, 2026
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES (APPROVED)

I. Call to Order: President, Orlando Woods called the meeting to order at **5:03p.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 February 17, 2026 Board Meeting Agenda.
Jeanette Owens motioned to accept the Board Meeting Agenda as written. Douglas Bartell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

IV. Approval of Proposed Board Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, January 20, 2026
Jeanette Owens motioned to approve The Board Meeting minutes for January 20, as written. Airlene Gross seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously

V. Nomination & Vote of Board Members
Airlene Gross nominated Allen Richardson, seconded by Jeanette Owens.
Jeanette Owens nominated Airlene Gross, seconded by Orlando Woods.
Allen Richardson nominated Idowu Jegede, seconded by Airlene Gross.

VI. Financials update – Janita Williams
Ms. Williams reported on the January Financials. Airlene Gross receive the financial report, Allen Richardson second the motion. Also Ms. Williams report the 2026 Financial Auditor Engagement Letter. Airlene Gross received the Financial Auditor Engagement Letter, Allen Richardson second the motion. Both motion was carried unanimously.

VII. Management Report
Chief Executive Officer - Maurice Evans
Compliance and Academics Update – Dr. Ebony Walker
Dr. Walker reported that Winter NWEA testing is complete and used for benchmarking rather than accountability, but is required by the Lake Superior State University contract. MTSS supports are being expanded with targeted interventions and vendors for below-grade-level students, attendance is improving, and required LSSU documents and academic goals are being updated and submitted.

Building and Operations report – Mr. De'Angelo Alexander
Mr. Alexander reported that operations and facilities teams prepared the building for winter break cleaning and completed exterior door replacements, while security and truancy efforts led by Chief Grimes showed strong progress with Count Day tracking. Student activities are going well, school resumes February 23, and the Black History program will be held at Greater Grace Temple.

Human Resource – Ms. Kim Knight
Ms. Knight reported that most staffing positions are now filled, with only three paraprofessional openings remaining and a new paraprofessional starting in special education next week. She noted that several new staff tours are scheduled and encouraged managers and SICs to prepare to support and train incoming team members. She also emphasized ongoing staff development and internal advancement efforts, highlighting a focus on training and retention.

Early Childhood – Delicia Allen
Ms. Allen reported that the early childhood team is preparing Pre-K students for kindergarten transition with classroom visits and completing end-of-year home visits and field trips. Kindergarten classes are also beginning preparations for graduation and reinforcing student expectations and routines.

Executive President – Leo Carr
Mr. Carr reported that staff training is ongoing and includes instructional videos that model classroom routines such as bathroom breaks and student transitions. He noted that additional training materials and examples will be shared next week.

Chief of Security – Roderick Grimes
Mr. Grimes reported that a recent truancy parent engagement meeting had a strong impact: 51 of 75 invited parents attended, representing 64 students, all of whom were in class the next day. The meeting featured five speakers—including school staff, the truancy officer, and a Wayne County Youth attorney—highlighting the importance of attendance. Mr. Grimes emphasized the positive involvement of fathers and noted that these meetings will continue to help reduce absenteeism.

VIII. **LSSU Reauthorization update – Melissa Weisberger**
Ms. Weisberger reported that DSLA has submitted about 30% of the required documents for reauthorization into the DYKEMA portal. She also noted that the FOA to open a fourth site next year has been approved, and reminded staff to complete renomination/application forms as needed.

IX. **Board Matters**
Airlene Gross motioned to approval the Revised District School Calendar, Airlene Gross seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously

X. **Public Comment**
NA

XI. **Adjournment**
Airlene Gross motions to adjourn the meeting. Orlando Woods seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 5:39pm

XII. **Expulsion Hearing**

Signed, Board Secretary **Date** 3/12/26