

ST. CLAIR COUNTY INTERVENTION ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ST. CLAIR COUNTY INTERVENTION CENTER - TRAINING ROOM
1170 MICHIGAN RD., PORT HURON, MICHIGAN 48060
MINUTES

Thursday, April 17, 2025

The board meeting of the St. Clair County Intervention Academy Board of Directors, Port Huron, Michigan, was held on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at the St. Clair County Intervention Center, 1170 Michigan Rd., Port Huron, Michigan 48060.

Thomas Buckley called the meeting to order at **9:04** a.m.

**MEMBERS
PRESENT**

Thomas Buckley, Tracy DeCaussin, Heidi Fogarty, Mike McMillan, Tracie Eschenburg

**MEMBERS
ABSENT**

Stephen Guilliat

**INTRODUCTION
OF GUESTS**

Kate Peternel (PHASD), Olivia DeMoss, Monika Weaver, Troy Peyerker, Amy Townsend,
Donna Collins

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA –

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved: Heidi Fogarty
Support: Tracie Eschenburg

Motion Carried w/o dissent

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of March 20, 2025 Minutes SCCIA Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve the March 20, 2025 SCCIA Meeting Minutes as presented.

Moved: Heidi Fogarty
Support: Tracy DeCaussin

Motion Carried w/o dissent

DISCUSSION:

Approval of SCCIA March 2025 Financial Report:

Motion to accept the March 2025 Financial Report statements including check detail **12542** through **12549** including Adobe Fees / GED as presented by Troy Peyerk of the Romine Group.

Moved: Mike McMillan
Support: Tracie Eschenburg

Motion Carried w/o dissent

DISCUSSION:

The balance sheet reflects a sweep account with -\$6,236.26. The plan for this account is to have it closed. Troy has reached out to John Weier to find out the status of this account.

There has been a prior year adjustment for 25F, Strict Discipline Academy Funds. This was not anticipated but the state has indicated the new formula will eliminate this issue that has occurred over the years. Last year we received approximately \$120,000 in 25f and this year it will be approximately \$80,000.

Approval of the Financial Report Statement of Revenue and Expense:

Motion to accept the March 2025 Financial Report Statement of Revenue and Expense as presented by Troy Peyerk of the Romine Group.

Moved: Tracy DeCaussin
Support: Mike McMillan

Motion Carried w/o dissent

DISCUSSION:

Mike McMillan commented on the section 25F funding and wondered if they give a report for strict discipline enrollment trends over the last 3 years. Kate Peternel suggested reviewing the state aid status reports of the Strict Discipline Academies to get an estimate of what the per-pupil 25f funding will be. Tracie Eschenburg wondered if the MiSchoolData would provide that information. She suggested we look there to search for strict discipline academies.

Troy Peyerk commented that Section 25F funding will be based on enrollment going forward rather than the FID, which was used in prior years. There should be no more prior year adjustments based on how funds will now be allocated. He said this is going to be based on the August state aide status report enrollment number. The total 25f allocation of \$1.6 million will be dispersed on a per pupil basis, which will be determine by the total number of pupils enrolled in strict discipline academies.

Approval of the 2025-2026 SCCIA Calendar:

Motion to accept the 2025-2026 SCCIA Calendar as presented by Troy Peyerk of the Romine Group.

Moved: Heidi Fogarty
Support: Tracie Eschenburg

Motion Carried w/o dissent

DISCUSSION:

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES:

TRG Report- None at this time

Troy Peyer Report –

Troy Peyer reported data for the Intervention Academy. When students arrive after the February count and stay with us through the summer months, we receive no funding for students who attend school at the Intervention Academy. A school like ours operates from July 1st to June 30th of the following year.

Troy Peyer discussed the increasing rate of absenteeism for Intervention Academy students. Students with a lower rate of absenteeism are earning more credits than those with attendance issues. Intervention Academy students consistently have shown 1.5 - 2.0 grade level increases in Reading and in Math.

Mike McMillan commented that prior to COVID, truancy and incorrigibility cases were added to the juvenile docket. At that time, the county could put them in detention. Mike said that option is now taken away due to current juvenile justice legislation.

Tracy Eschenburg asked "How can we incentivize students to complete earn credits?" Amy Townsend explained that currently a student gets a week off their phase when they complete a course. Troy spoke motivating students to want to attend and mentioned students going to Flames or the YMCA as examples. Tracy Eschenburg said that she really supports that type of social engagement. Troy also mentioned students benefiting from stepping away from the computer at various times during the day rather sitting in front of a computer all day long.

Tom Buckley questioned if the judges are specifying education in their court orders? Mike McMillan commented that in every juvenile order, education expectations are spelled out. Mike did comment that the kids attending school now are completely different from 5 years ago.

Amy Townsend asked about having the student's academic performance being linked with the phases of the program. Mike McMillan commented about placing the emphasis on effort rather than academic performance when determining how a student moves through the phases. Those that don't try should be held accountable for not working. Troy Peyer commented that if the students are applying effort, he supports the teachers rewarding the students' effort just the same as earning credits or completing a certain percentage of a course.

Monika Weaver mentioned the mental health cases some students in program have, and the lack of parent follow through with the services that are provided.

Troy Peyer commented on the importance of finding a way to motivate and improve attendance of our students. He supports students getting involved with activities and outings throughout the week, but we need to be mindful of students missing class time and its effect on learning. We want them to catch up on credits and be ready to transition back to their home school.

Monika Weaver commented that currently there are 3 students that are not on probation, and they choose to attend SCCIA, which shows there are students who are motivated to continue to attend school at the Intervention Academy.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE:

The next Board Meeting is set for Thursday May 15, 2025 @ 9 am.


ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Tracy DeCausin
Support: Tracie Eschenburg

Motion Carried w/o dissent

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.
Donna Collins, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: 
(Secretary)