

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, November 21, 2024

The board meeting of the St. Clair County Intervention Academy Board of Directors, Port Huron, Michigan, was held on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at the St. Clair County Intervention Center, 1170 Michigan Rd., Port Huron, Michigan 48060.

Thomas Buckley called the meeting to order at **9:01 a.m.**

MEMBERS

PRESENT

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

MEMBERS

ABSENT

Stephen Guilliat

INTRODUCTION

OF GUESTS

Kate Peternel, Troy Peyer, Olivia DeMoss, Amy Townsend, Abby Terhune, Monika Weaver, Donna Collins

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA –

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved: Heidi Fogarty
Support: Mike McMillan

Motion Carried w/o dissent

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of October 17, 2024 Minutes SCCIA Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve the October 17, 2024 SCCIA Meeting Minutes as amended. Heidi Fogarty was present for the 10-17-2024 Board Meeting.

Moved: Tracy DeCaussin
Support: Tracie Eschenburg

Motion Carried w/o dissent

DISCUSSION:

Approval of SCCIA October 2024 Financial Report:

Motion to accept the October 2024 Financial Report statements including check detail **12492** and **12503** including **Chase Marysville Post Office and Adobe Fees** as presented by Troy Peyerck of the Romine Group.

Moved: Mike McMillan
Support: Tracy DeCaussin

Motion Carried w/o dissent

DISCUSSION:

It was discussed that the funds in the Huntington bank account are not insured. The recommendation is to move everything to the MiLAF account. As of this report, all accounts are fully insured.

There are 2 accounts at Huntington Bank. They are closing account number ending 9822. The other Huntington bank account will remain open.

Approval of the Financial Report Statement of Revenue and Expense:

Motion to accept the October 2024 Financial Report Statement of Revenue and Expense as presented by Troy Peyerck of the Romine Group.

Moved: Heidi Fogarty
Support: Mike McMillan

Motion Carried w/o dissent

DISCUSSION:

An amendment will be forthcoming at the next board meeting. Total expenses for the month were \$60,0602.27. Net operating cost for the month \$123,024.07.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES:

TRG Report- None at this time

Troy Peyerck Report –

Troy discussed enrollment. The jail side enrollment was down from previous years. The population of students to recruit from was much smaller than normal. The pool of possible students during the last count 21 students. The pool of possible students is usually between 30 to low 40s. There is no exact science or method to use regarding enrollment estimates on the jail side.

There will be a budget amendment upcoming. There will be a change to 25F funding and how the application process works. For Strict Discipline Academies like SCCIA, \$1.6 million dollars is to be spread over 7 strict discipline academies within the state of Michigan. The allocation formula is changing.

Mike McMillan commented that DTNW is a court run facility and no licensing is required for the detention side.

Monica Weaver commented that the county operated detention facility is a child care institution.

Troy mentioned the possibility of receiving Title 1D defunding again for students, ages 5 through 17 on the juvenile side.

Mike McMillan commented that they are currently waiting on the Bureau of Fire Safety for the date to open of detention facility.

Monica Weaver commented that the anticipation for the detention center opening is February of 2025.

Troy commented that SCCIA will have to hire a teacher for the Detention program. Based on the projected opening date, we will not receive funding for this program until the 25/26SY. This comes at a time when the budget is already a concern due to low enrollment.

Mike McMillan commented that the first year will be an adjustment. There would probably be a budget deficit shown and Mike said that there would be funding sources that might be able to help the school.

Troy commented that the SCCIA website received a facelift. Kate Peternel commented that a website update was part of an audit recommendation from the MDE.

Kate Peternel said that MDE is very pleased with how SCCIA is handling their documentation and keeping with the transparency of our facility.

Troy commented that the enrollment for any typical school year is usually between 120 to 150 students. We are only getting funding for about a third of those students.

Amy Townsend Report –

Amy Townsend reported that currently there are 8 students in her classroom, 5 in Stacie Parker's classroom, and 8 in Amy Donnellon's classroom on the juvenile side. She also reported that there has been a change made with the student's STAR testing assessments to get kids to apply more effort, which has helped with increased reading and math scores. Hopefully this trend will continue. She would like to see a high school diploma/GED plaque for the juvenile side.

Monika Weaver commented that there are a few new positions on the DTNW team. Mike Kehoe is currently the community liaison for DTNW and he is helping to provide community service contacts for our youth. This will allow those students to pay restitution and work at facilities in order to satisfy court-orders. Peer mentors along with 2 new parent support partners positions have been added. These newly added positions will help walk parents through the processes of the social security administration office, help move people to section 8 housing. Etc. This will help meet the needs of our families and hopefully decrease the recidivism rate among our students.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE:

Tracy DeCaussin commented on a few success stories on the jail side.

There was a corrections deputy in G Pod who worked with an individual to help them take the GED. This individual is now looking at enrolling at sc4 for future classes to continue their education once they are done with their jail sentence. Tracy shared that the facility is proud that the facility was able to help this person.

Tracy DeCaussin also commented that one of the corrections deputies had passed away unexpectedly. She shared how the facility is going through great grief over this sudden loss.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting: Thursday December 19, 2024 at 9 am.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Tracy DeCaussin
Support: Heidi Fogarty

Motion Carried w/o dissent

The meeting adjourned at **9:48** a.m.

Donna Collins, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: _____

(Secretary)

