

***Alternative Educational Academy of Iosco County Board Meeting***  
***9:00 a.m.-Alpena Community College,Oscoda, MI***  
***Minutes-February 6, 2024***

9:03 am– Call to order by Scott Moore

**Roll Call**

Board Present: Scott Moore, Mark Berdan, Mike Ehinger, John Klinger, Jeff Yorke

Staff Present: Tina Williams, Jaime Cain

Guest Present: Craig Douglas

The Mission and Vision statement were read aloud.

**Additions to Agenda**

Discussion item-graduation date

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion Mike Ehinger; Second by Mark Berdan to approve agenda as amended.

Motion passes 5-0

**Approval of Minutes from January 9, 2024:**

Motion by Mark Berdan; Second by John Klinger to approve the minutes.

Motion passes 5-0

**Discussion Items:**

- a. Staffing was discussed; Tina shared the following updates
  - i. Resignation of Robert Palmer, AEA Iosco Teacher/Mentor
  - ii. Placement of long-term sub at the Oscoda campus, Special Education Teacher/Mentor
  - iii. Charles Joslin, AEA Ogemaw student transporter, is needed to transport AEA Iosco students in the afternoon using the school van. Joslin is already an Iosco RESA employee.

Motion by Scott Moore; Second by Mike Ehinger to approve Charles Joslin as a part-time AEA Iosco student transporter for the remainder of the school year at the current rate of pay.

Motion passes 5-0

- b. Current Enrollment was discussed; Hale (7), Oscoda (80), Tawas (55), W-P (03), Alcona (12), Other (45)/Total 202
- c. Enrollment process was discussed; no concerns noted
- d. Supplemental student transportation services through local districts was discussed; A contract has been developed between AEA and Oscoda Area Schools to provide student transportation to the Oscoda AEA. Tina will schedule another meeting with Hale and Tawas Area Schools to follow up on previous discussions related to transporting student to the Tawas AEA.
- e. Tina shared the Annual Education Report and Cover Letter

- f. Tina shared the draft of a proposed College and Career Credit to be added to AEA graduation requirements. Scott Moore suggested the addition of a recommendation letter requirement; Jeff Yorke asked if this additional credit would be required for all seniors in 2025 if approved. Tina shared initial thoughts, that it would be required for the 2025 cohort.
- g. The graduation date of May 30, 2024, 6:00 p.m. was discussed. The ceremony will take place at Shoreline Theater in Oscoda if the venue is available. Scott Moore suggested that the Pledge of Allegiance or the National Anthem be added to the ceremony. He also suggested that graduates have their speeches preapproved by administration prior to the ceremony.

**Personnel Action Items:**

- a. Motion by Mike Ehinger; Second by John Klinger to approve the overnight travel request: MAEO Conference May 1-3, 2024.  
Motion passes 5-0
- b. Motion by Scott Moore; Second by Mark Berdan to approve the hiring of Sam Achtabowski as a long-term substitute teacher/mentor.  
Motion passes 5-0

**Discussion Items with Action:**

- a. Motion by Mark Berdan; Second by Mike Ehinger to approve the 2023-2024 February Budget Amendment as presented.  
Yeas: Moore, Berdan, Ehinger, Yorke, Klinger  
Nays: none  
Motion passes 5-0
- b. Motion by Scott Moore; Second by Jeff Yorke to approve the 2023-2024 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Account Activity.  
Yeas: Yorke, Moore, Klinger, Berdan, Ehinger  
Nays: none  
Motion passes 5-0

**Future Meeting Date**

Next Board Meeting-March 12, 2024 at 9:00 am

**Community Input**

none

**Board Comments**

Moore-We may be able to review and vote on the OAS/AEA transportation contract after strategic planning. A copy of the contract has been requested.

**Strategic Planning**

Craig Douglas-summarized the processes thus far noting good board dynamic and support for the College and Career Readiness credit. He sought board feedback about moving forward. Yorke noted Douglas's unique experiences that he brings to the table and Moore noted further discussion/direction on the role of the board, number of board members, and expectation. The possibility of having Douglas/IEE continue supports next year was introduced. His presence at every other board meeting for 2024-2025 was suggested.

The transportation contract between the Alternative Educational Academy of Iosco County and Oscoda Area Schools was reviewed and discussed.

Motion by Mark Berdan; Second by Mike Ehinger to approve the AEA of Iosco County and Oscoda Area Schools transportation contract through June 6, 2025 pending Oscoda Area Schools Board Approval.

Yeas: Berdan, Klinger, Ehinger, Yorke

Nays: none

Abstention: Moore

Motion passes 4-0-1

Adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Tina Williams*