

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET HEARING AND REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A Budget Hearing and a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors for Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Center Academy was held in-person at 30450 Telegraph Rd, Bingham Farms, MI 48025, on Wednesday, June 25, 2025.

BUDGET HEARING

Call to Order: The Budget Hearing was called to order at **6:15 PM**.

Presentation of Amended Budget (SY 2024-2025)

Tracey Ellis gave a detailed presentation of the final amended budget for the 2024–2025 fiscal year, highlighting total revenues from local, state, and federal sources of approximately \$3.6 million. Local revenue included significant additional Wayne County levy income not originally budgeted. The State revenue declined due to reduced student count. Federal revenue included deferred ESSER and Title allocations. Total expenditures were approximately \$4.29 million, with major changes explained. There were increased costs in instructional services, transportation, legal services, and facilities repairs. Also, notable new expenditures that included consulting services and professional support were not in the original budget. This resulted in a projected operating deficit of \$396,000. However, the operating deficit will be paid from the fund balance, which remains strong at over \$6.6 million. The Academy would end the fiscal year in good financial health despite the deficit.

Presentation of Projected Budget (SY 2025–2026)

Tracey Ellis then presented the proposed budget for FY 2025–2026. This included the Projected revenue: approximately \$3.2 million, Projected expenditures: approximately \$3.18 million and an Estimated surplus: approximately \$15,000. Ellis explained that local revenues were conservatively estimated without including uncertain Wayne County income. Federal funds were limited to known allocations. The proposed budget emphasizes stability and conservatism.

The Board members asked questions regarding Wayne County levy funds, and clarification of instructional and administrative costs. Ellis responded to all questions and explained line item changes and fund balance status.

Conclusion of Hearing

The Budget hearing concluded at 6:30 PM. All budget-related approvals were deferred to the Regular Board Meeting to follow.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Call to order/2. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Attorney Arthur Dudley, President of the Board. The roll call was conducted, and the following directors were present, constituting a quorum:

Arthur Dudley (President)
Deborah Easter (Treasurer)
Audrey Bibbs (Secretary)
Thelma Cobb (Chief Administrative Officer)

Also present were Dr. Constance Price, Academy Director, and Dawn Gillespie, Director of Operations for SVSU/SUPO. Jayme Haymes, MLKECA School leader briefly attended. With a quorum established, Dudley presided as chair of the meeting. The minutes were recorded by Jamila Peterson, MLKECA staff member.

3. Approval of Agenda:

The board of directors reviewed the agenda. Attorney Dudley entertained a motion to approve the agenda as presented. A motion was made by Cobb, Bibbs supported the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Approval of the Minutes:

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the previous board meeting held June 18, 2025. Easter moved to approve the minutes with support from Bibbs. All were in favor with none opposed and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Report from the Chair

There was no report from the Chair.

6. Committee Reports

No committee reports were presented

7. Reports from the Director

Dr. Constance Price introduced Jackie Haymes as the new school leader. Ms. Haymes is a certified, seasoned educator with administrative credentials. Dr. Price also discussed concerns regarding the organizational chart, specifically the role and placement of Dr. Coggins. Suggestions were made to revise the chart to more accurately reflect the school's administrative hierarchy.

8. Old Business

There was no old business

9. New Business

Approval of Final Amended Budget (FY 2024–2025)

Be it resolved, that this resolution shall be the general appropriations of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Center Academy for the **2024-2025** fiscal year, a resolution to make appropriations; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations and to provide for the disposition of all revenue received by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Center Academy.

Be it further resolved, that the total revenues and unappropriated fund balance estimated to be available for appropriation in the general fund of the school district for fiscal year **2024-2025** be used for operating purposes is as follows:

Fund Balance July 1, 2024 Available to Appropriate	\$6,684,741
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Revenues:

100 Local Sources	\$ 155,000
300 State Sources	\$ 3,296,935
400 Federal Sources	\$ 1,085,346

Total Revenues	<u>\$ 4,537,282</u>
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Total Available to Appropriate	<u>\$ 11,222,022</u>
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Be it further resolved, that **\$4,934,154** of the total available to appropriate in the general fund is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth below:

Expenditures:

111 Instruction:	
111 Basic Instructions	\$ 2,241,163

125 Added Needs	\$ 13,475
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200 Supporting Services:

210 Pupil Support	\$ 413,967
221 Instructional Staff Support	\$ 198,519
230 General Administration	\$ 232,000
240 School Administration	\$ 504,925
250 Business Services	\$ 210,225
260 Operations and Maintenance	\$ 712,934
270 Transportation	\$ 13,447
280 Central Services	\$ 124,643
290 Food Services	\$ 253,625
300 Community Services	\$ 15,230
450 Facilities	<u>\$ 0</u>

Total Expenditure Appropriation	<u>\$ 4,934,154</u>
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Projected Fund Balance June 30, 2025	\$6,287,869
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President Dudley asked for a motion to approve the amended 24/25 budget as presented during the Budget Hearing. Director Biibs made the motion, which was seconded by Cobb. All were in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Projected Budget (FY 2025–2026)

Be it resolved, that this resolution shall be the general appropriations of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Center Academy for the **2025-2026** fiscal year, a resolution to make appropriations; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations and to provide for the disposition of all revenue received by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Center Academy.

Be it further resolved, that the total revenues and unappropriated fund balance estimated to be available for appropriation in the general fund of the school district for fiscal year **2025-2026** be used for operating purposes is as follows:

Fund Balance July 1, 2025 Available to Appropriate	\$6,287,868
Revenues:	
100 Local Sources	\$ 35,000
300 State Sources	\$ 2,790,517
400 Federal Sources	\$ 378,065
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 3,203,582</u>
Total Available to Appropriate	<u>\$ 9,491,450</u>

Be it further resolved, that **\$3,188,298** of the total available to appropriate in the general fund is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth below:

Expenditures:

111 Instruction:	
111 Basic Instructions	\$ 1,579,295
200 Supporting Services:	
210 Pupil Support	\$ 88,413
221 Instructional Staff Support	\$ 75,000
230 General Administration	\$ 110,715
240 School Administration	\$ 328,406
250 Business Services	\$ 138,915
260 Operations and Maintenance	\$ 551,022
270 Transportation	\$ 16,304
280 Central Services	\$ 101,000
290 Food Services	\$ 176,727
300 Community Services	\$ 22,500
450 Facilities	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total Expenditure Appropriation	<u>\$ 3,188,298</u>
Projected Fund Balance June 30, 2026	\$6,303,153

President Dudley asked for a motion to approve the projected 25/26 budget as presented during the Budget Hearing. Director Cobb made the motion, which was seconded by Easter. All were in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Monthly Financial Statements

Tracey Ellis presented the May financial statements. After, review by the directors the Chair requested a motion. The motion was made by Cobb and supported by Easter. The motion was unanimously approved.

Food Service Contract Renewal

The Board of Directors asked what safeguards are in place regarding past issues with the vendor. They also discussed compliance, training, and corrective actions taken regarding food services. After reviewing the renewal service contract, along with discussion and a commitment to continued monitoring by the administration, the Chair asked for a motion. A motion was made by Cobb and supported by Bibbs to approve the renewal. All were in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval and Adoption of Local Wellness Policy

The Board reviewed the Local Wellness Policy as presented in response to the federal administrative review. The policy outlines a framework to promote healthy food, nutrition education, and physical activity. After reviewing the policy, the Chair requested a motion. A motion was made by Bibbs, supported by Easter, and unanimously approved

Summer Program and Summer Camp

The Board of Directors requested a report on the Summer School and Summer Camp. Jackie Haymes was not available for a detailed discussion on Summer School. However, Jamila Peterson informed the Board of the current Summer School enrollment numbers and camp participants. She explained that the Academy is in the first week of the summer program and enrollment numbers typically increase during the second week. Jamila Peterson indicated that the Academy's enrollment is reasonable based on historic results.

10. Open Forum/Public Comment

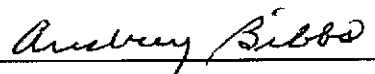
Dawn Gillespie distributed board binders with SVSU charter contract documents, compliance tools, bylaws, and other important resources for board governance and training. Questions were asked about board certification and notary processes for new member appointments.

Oath of Office

The ceremonial swearing-in of Director Audrey Bibbs was conducted by Dawn Gillispie, who also notarized her Oath of Office form.

11. Adjournment

With no further business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.


Audrey Bibbs, Board Secretary