

Hope Academy of West Michigan Board of Directors
Approved Regular Meeting Minutes

Mission: Hope Academy of West Michigan is a safe place for students to grow and achieve academic success.

Date: January 24, 2022

Time: 7:00 AM

Place: Hope Academy of West Michigan
240 Brown St SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call.** *Barth Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.*
- A. **Board Members Present.** Barth Roberts, Dennis Cuson, Barbara Foster, Peter Kladder and Bernard Ayoola (*joined at 7:02 a.m.*).
- B. **Board Members Absent (with prior notice).** Todd Medendorp.
- C. **Others Present.** Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings, Executive Director of School Business; Dr. Michele Siderman, FSU Representative; Cindy Hillary, Assistant Principal; Deborah Schuitema, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Elisa DeMaar, Interventionist; Ray O'Laughlin, Author of Plan to Win; and Amanda Shyne, Recording Secretary.
- II. Public Comment* (limited to agenda items only).** *None.*
- III. Approval of Agenda.** *A motion to approve the agenda was made by Peter Kladder and supported by Barb Foster. The motion passed unanimously.*
- IV. Consent Calendar**
- A. Approval of December 6, 2021 Proposed Regular Minutes. *A motion to approve the December 6, 2021 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Peter Kladder and supported by Dennis Cuson. The motion passed unanimously.*
- V. Old Business**
- A. New Member Needed. *No update was provided.*
- VI. New Business**
- A. Student Achievement. *Debbie Schuitema reviewed a letter reporting an increased student participation rate in the KCTC programs.*
- B. School Monthly Summary. *Cindy Hillary presented the School Monthly Summary which included community sponsors and partners, new staff and the 2022 Class project.*
- C. DAN Updates. *Dr. Heidi Cate noted the new Science Curriculum vision is still being planned.*

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D. Integrity Educational Services Reports

1. Financial Reports

- a. Monthly Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the November and December financial reports with the Board. A motion to approve the November and December check register was made by Peter Kladder and supported by Barb Foster. The motion passed unanimously.*
- b. Discuss GR Diocese Lease. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the option to renew the lease for another 2 years, which the Board was in support of.*
- c. Revised 2021-2022 Budget. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the revised 2021-2022 Budget with the Board. A motion to approve the revised General Appropriation Resolution was made by Peter Kladder and supported by Dennis Cuson. The motion passed unanimously. A motion to approve the School Lunch Appropriation Resolution was made by Barb Foster and supported by Bernard Ayoola. The motion passed unanimously.*
- d. Auditor RFP. *Leslie reviewed the Auditor RFP document with the Board. The results of the RFP process will be shared with the Board to select the audit firm in the March Board Meeting.*

2. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie Cummings reported that the Academy is still fully staffed. Positive COVID-19 cases has greatly impacted staff during January.*

E. Plan to Win. *Ray O’Laughlin presented on the Plan to Win book, including an overview of it’s history, intention and contents.*

F. Strategic Planning.

1. Visionary Planning Committee Report. *Barth Roberts gave an update on the Visionary Planning Committee’s progress toward presenting a report to the Board. Currently, the Committee is assessing the concerns over building space.*
2. Building Space Committee Report. *None.*
3. Academic Planning Committee Report. *None.*

G. FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report–Dr. Michele Siderman. *Dr. Siderman reviewed the Ferris Board Communication.*

VII. **Correspondence.** *Award Letter: Hope Academy of West Michigan has been granted a 5-year reauthorization by Ferris State University.*

VIII. **Extended Public Comment* (limited to non-agenda items only).** *None.*

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IX. Reconfirmation of Next Regular Meeting Date

February 28, 2022 at 7:00 a.m.
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X. Adjournment. *A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bernard Ayoola and supported by Barb Foster. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 a.m.*

Individuals wishing to address the Board of Directors under Items II and IX above are requested to sign in with the Board Secretary prior to the start of the meeting. Individual comments are limited to no more than three (3) minutes each and a total time allowance not to exceed thirty (30) minutes, unless extended by a vote of the Board. The Board will not verbally respond to public comments but may follow up in the most appropriate and time-effective manner.

Complaints or concerns regarding Board members or school employees associated with the Academy shall first be addressed in writing and delivered to the Board President at least five (5) days prior to the Board meeting or such complaints or concerns shall not be heard by the Board. The Board will not verbally respond to public comments but may follow up in the most appropriate and time-effective manner. (Source: Board Policy 0167.3)

Proposed minutes of this meeting will be available for public inspection at the Hope Academy of West Michigan/Integrity Educational Services Central office at 3300 36th Street, SE Grand Rapids, MI 49512, eight (8) business days after the meeting. Approved minutes are available within five (5) business days after the meeting at which they are approved (in accordance with Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267.)

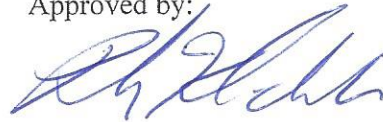
Submitted by:



Amanda Shyne
Recording Secretary

Date: 1/24/2022

Approved by:



Peter Kladder
Board Secretary

Date: 3/1/2022