

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: October 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, Todd Medendorp, Peter Kladder III and Dr. Bernard Ayoola (joined at 7:04 a.m.).
 - B. **Board Members Absent (with prior notice).** Barbara Foster.
 - C. **Others Present.** Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings, Executive Director Business Office; Dr. Michele Siderman, FSU Representative; Dr. Arthur Garner, Jr., Principal; Doug Vredevelde, Vredevelde Haefner Partner; Amanda Shyne, Recording Secretary and Janet Piccolo, Family Engagement Coordinator (joined at 7:36 a.m.).
- II. **Public Comment* (limited to agenda items only).** *None.*
- III. **Approval of Agenda.** *A motion to move the F.1.b. Audit Results to A. under New Business and approve the agenda was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Dennis Cuson. The motion passed unanimously.*
- IV. **Consent Calendar**
 - A. Approval of September 26, 2022 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes. *A motion to approve the September 26, 2022 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Peter Kladder III and supported by Todd Medendorp. The motion passed unanimously.*
- V. **Old Business**
 - A. New Member Needed. *Dr. Heidi Cate gave an update on a potential new Board Member that the individual has been unresponsive to further communication. She will attend the next community meeting and ask for interest in opening.*
- VI. **New Business**
 - A. Audit Results. *Doug Vredevelde reviewed the financial audit with the Board. The academy received an unqualified opinion with no adjustments and no internal control issues were identified. A motion to accept the 2021-2022 audit statements was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Peter Kladder III. The motion passed unanimously.*

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- B. Student Achievement. *Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed the Fall 2022-2023 NWEA testing score summaries with the Board. Dr. Michele Siderman also reviewed 2021-2022 Contract Performance Report with the Board. As an outcome of the report, Hope Academy of West Michigan was placed in Tier IV of the School Support Protocol. The School Support Team and Academy Leadership will be working together to develop targeted strategies for academic growth. Dr. Heidi Cate presented the strategies to be implemented to address student academic achievement.*
- C. School Monthly Summary. *Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed the school monthly summary which included current student projects, the co-ed running team and parent night for kindergarten.*
- D. Parent/Community Partners Update. *Janet Piccolo reported on The Parents of Hope current efforts on forming a Girl Scouts Troop and starting up Popcorn days again.*
- E. DAN Updates and Strategic Plan Goals Progress Update. *Dr. Heidi Cate reported that the Ambassadors group is currently working on standards. PCBE is on hold for now.*
- F. 98C Grant and Learning Loss Plan. *Dr. Heidi Cate notified the Board that a grant is being written to benefit ELL's and that some of this funding may come from the 98C Grant and Learning Loss Plan.*
- G. Integrity Educational Services Reports
 - 1. Financial Reports
 - a. Monthly Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the September financial reports with the Board. A motion to approve the check register was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Peter Kladder III. The motion passed unanimously.*

Leslie Cummings also reported that the traditional donation from Lacks Industries for student Christmas Gifts will be about half of what it usually is, and that this will be the last year they make a donation. Barth Roberts suggested looking for other donors within the community.
 - 2. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie Cummings reported on current recruiting efforts including the Assistant Principal position.*
- H. Strategic Planning.
 - 1. Visionary Planning Committee Report. *Dr. Heidi Cate and Peter Kladder III held a meeting for Parents in September to provide input into possible alternative locations for the high school.*
 - 2. Building / Academic Planning Committee Report. *No update from this Committee.*
- I. FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report–Dr. Michele Siderman. *Dr. Michele Siderman reviewed the School Safety Checklist findings with the Board. These findings, if not already addressed, will be corrected. All Board Member Conflict of Interest forms have been received. The Board has also satisfied it's educational requirements for the year.*

VII. Correspondence. None.

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VIII. Extended Public Comment* (limited to non-agenda items only).

IX. Reconfirmation of Next Regular Meeting Date.

December 5, 2022 at 7:00 a.m.
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X. Adjournment. *A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Peter Kladder III and supported by Dr. Bernard Ayoola. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 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)

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Submitted by:



Amanda Shyne
Recording Secretary

Date: 10/24/2022

Approved by:



Peter Kladder
Board Secretary

Date: 12/5/2022

