

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: December 4, 2023

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, Mark Brouwer, Barbara Foster, Todd Medendorp and Dr. Bernard Ayoola.
 - B. **Board Members Absent (with prior notice).** *None.*
 - C. **Others Present.** Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings, Executive Director of Business Office; Dr. Arthur Garner, School Principal (joined at 7:02 a.m.); Joshua Barnhart, Assistant School Principal (joined at 7:03 a.m.); Dr. Michele Siderman, FSU Representative; Gloria Cassleman, Teacher; Debra Smelling, Member of the Public; and Amanda Shyne, Recording Secretary.
- II. **Public Comment* (limited to agenda items only).** *None.*
- III. **Approval of Agenda.** *A motion to approve adding "Safe Return to Learn Plan Update" and "ML Vision" to the agenda under IV. New Business A. Student Achievement was made by Barbara Foster and supported by Todd Medendorp. The motion passed unanimously.*
- IV. **Consent Calendar.**
 - A. Approval of the October 23, 2023 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes. *A motion to approve the October 23, 2023 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Dr. Bernard Ayoola and supported by Barbara Foster. The motion passed unanimously.*
- V. **Old Business.**
 - A. New Board Member Search. *Board Members and IES are continuing to search for additional Board Members.*
- VI. **New Business.**
 - A. Student Achievement. *The Board requested a higher-level summary, with graph data, of student achievement.*
 - B. Safe Return to Learn Update. *A motion to approve the updated Safe Return to Learn Plan was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Barbara Foster. The motion passed unanimously.*

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- C. ML Vision. *Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed the proposed ML Vision which was created collaboratively between Teacher Representatives, the MML Director and Leadership. A motion to approve the ML Vision was made by Dr. Bernard Ayoola and supported by Barbara Foster. The motion passed unanimously.*
- D. Tier III (formerly Tier IV) AMP Plan Goals Update. *Dr. Heidi Cate presented the provided handout to the Board.*
- E. Review and Discuss 2022-2023 FSU-CSO Annual Performance Report. *Dr. Michele Siderman summarized the 2022-2023 FSU-CSO Annual Performance Report.*
- F. FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report – Dr. Michele Siderman. *Dr. Michele Siderman reviewed the provided handouts with the Board.*
- G. Reports. *Handouts provided prior to the meeting. There were no questions from the Board.*
 - 1. School Monthly Summary.
 - 2. Parent/Community Partners Update.
 - 3. DAN Updates.
- H. Integrity Educational Services Reports
 - 1. Financial Reports
 - a. Monthly Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the October financial reports with the Board. A motion to approve the October check register was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Barbara Foster. The motion passed unanimously.*
 - b. UIA Security Letter. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the UIA Security Letter with the Board.*
 - c. Approve Camera System. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the quote received for a new camera system at Hope Academy of West Michigan. She also informed the Board that Hope Academy of West Michigan successfully applied for the FSU-CSO Competitive Grant and received \$17,500.00 towards this expense. A motion to approve the purchase of a new camera system with installation, quoted at \$96,914.55, was made by Barbara Foster and supported by Todd Medendorp. The motion passed unanimously.*
 - 2. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the provided correspondence from FSU on the results of the 2023-2024 Fall QPRG Audit. Board Members were invited to participate in the IES Staff Holiday Gift event being held on December 13th.*

VII. Correspondence. *The Board received a letter from FSU-CSO announcing Hope Academy of West Michigan will receive additional funds in their November State Aid Payment for 100% compliance in the 2022-2023 school year.*

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

IX. Reconfirmation of Next Regular Meeting Date.

January 22, 2024 at 7:00 a.m.
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X. Adjournment. *A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Bernard Ayoola and supported by Todd Medendorp. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 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: 12/04/2023

Approved by:



Bernard Ayoola
Board Secretary

Date: 01/22/2023

