

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 06, 2021

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, Todd Medendorp, Dennis Cuson, Barbara Foster, Peter Kladder and Bernard Ayoola (*joined at 7:02 a.m.*).
- B. **Board Members Absent (with prior notice).** None.
- C. **Others Present.** Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings, Executive Director of School Business; Dr. Michele Siderman, FSU Representative; Teriena Schwartz, Principal; Cindy Hillary, Assistant Principal; Amanda Shyne, Recording Secretary; and Deborah Schuitema, Director of Curriculum and Instruction.
- II. Public Comment* (limited to agenda items only).** *None.*
- III. Approval of Agenda.** *A motion to approve the agenda was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Barb Foster. The motion passed unanimously.*
- IV. Consent Calendar**
- A. Approval of October 25, 2021 Proposed Regular Minutes. *A motion to approve the October 25, 2021 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Dennis Cuson. The motion passed unanimously.*
- V. Old Business**
- A. New Member Needed. *No update was provided.*
- VI. New Business**
- Teriena Schwartz provided an update to the Board of Directors concerning the threat against Hope Academy of West Michigan last week. Actions taken were shared, as well as the School Safety policy.*
- Teriena Schwartz, Cindy Hillary and Deb Schuitema left the meeting at 7:12 p.m.
- A. Student Achievement. *Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed the student achievement results noting that both the graduation rate and attendance rate have improved over the last two years.*

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- B. School Monthly Summary. *Dr. Heidi Cate presented the School Monthly Summary which included student celebrations and community engagement events.*
- C. Review College Discussion Summary. *Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed the information gathered from area colleges; including Ferris State University, Davenport University, Grand Valley State University and Cornerstone University, concerning potential partnerships and programs which could help improve the Teacher pipeline.*
- D. Review FSU-CSO Reauthorization Visitation Report. *The Board reviewed the FSU-CSO Reauthorization Visitation Report which recommends a 5-year reauthorization and suggested no changes. These results will be submitted to the FSU Board of Trustees in the upcoming weeks for approval.*
- E. Review and Approve Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services. *The Board reviewed the proposed Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services. A motion to approve the proposed plan was made by Peter Kladder and supported by Barb Foster. The motion passed unanimously.*
- F. Integrity Educational Services Reports
 - 1. Financial Reports
 - a. Monthly Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the October financial reports with the Board, noting that the Consolidated Application has been approved. A motion to approve the check register was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Barb Foster. The motion passed unanimously.*
 - 2. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie Cummings reported that the Academy is now fully staffed. LACKS has provided holiday gifts to every HAWM student this year, while Integrity Educational Services is providing holiday staff gifts; to be distributed next week.*
- G. Plan to Win. *Barth led a discussion of the third chapter of the book on personal accountability and goals.*
- H. 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.*
- I. FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report—Dr. Michele Sideman. *Dr. Sideman reviewed the Ferris Board Communication and AFS Scorecard.*

VII. Correspondence. None.

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

IX. **Reconfirmation of Next Regular Meeting Date**

January 24, 2022 at 7:00 a.m.
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X. **Adjournment.** *A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Bernard Ayoola. 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: 12/06/2021

Approved by:



Peter Kladder
Board Secretary

Date: 1/24/2022

