

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: April 24, 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 6:58 a.m.*
- A. **Board Members Present.** Barth Roberts, Barbara Foster, Dr. Bernard Ayoola, Todd Medendorp and Peter Kladder III.
- B. **Board Members Absent (with prior notice).** None.
- C. **Others Present.** Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings, Executive Director Business Office; Dr. Michele Siderman, FSU Representative; Dr. Arthur Garner, Principal (joined at 7:01 a.m.); Joshua Barnhart, Assistant Principal (joined at 6:59 a.m.); Kristen Albert, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; 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 Todd Medendorp and supported by Barbara Foster. The motion passed unanimously.*
- IV. Consent Calendar**
- A. *Approval of the April 7th, 2023 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes. A motion to approve the April 7th, 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 Member Needed. There are currently two vacancies on the Board.*
- VI. New Business**
- A. *Student Achievement. Josh Barnhart reviewed available student behavioral data with the Board. Behavioral staff are compiling data which will be reviewed for improvement opportunities.*
- B. *Tier IV Plan Goals Update. Kristen Albert presented current assessment efforts at Hope Academy of West Michigan, as well as planned improvements for academic interventions with students.*
- Dr Heidi Cate reviewed the Walkthrough data with the Board.*

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- C. School Monthly Summary. *Dr. Arthur Garner reviewed the school monthly summary which reported various student assessments and testing, as well as Open Enrollment progress.*
- D. FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report – Dr. Michele Siderman. *Dr. Michele Siderman summarized the May/June Board Communications to the Board. She reported that the EMC Letter to Provost was passed and will be included in the May 5th Board of Trustees meeting.*
- E. Parent/Community Partners Update. *Josh Barnhart reviewed the provided document and highlighted that Janet Piccolo successfully reduced existing waste of Kids Food Basket distributions.*
- F. DAN Updates. *Dr. Heidi Cate provided an update to the Board including the successful piloting of “Into Reading” curriculum. She presented the Board with a 1-year subscription quote for the curriculum which totals \$37,408.66. A motion to approve the purchase of “Into Reading” curriculum was made by Peter Kladder III and supported by Todd Medendorp. The motion passed unanimously.*
- G. Approval of 2023-2024 Annual Board Calendar. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the provided calendar with the Board. A motion to approve the 2023-2024 Annual Board Calendar was made by Barbara Foster and supported by Dr. Bernard Ayoola. The motion passed unanimously.*
- H. Approval of 2023-2024 School Calendar. *Josh Barnhart presented the Board with the proposed Calendar. A motion to approve the 2023-2024 School Calendar was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Peter Kladder III. The motion passed unanimously.*
- I. Approval of 2023-2024 Parent/Student Handbooks. *This item was tabled until the next Regular Board Meeting.*
- J. Integrity Educational Services Reports
 - 1. Financial Reports
 - a. Monthly Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the March financial reports with the Board. A motion to approve the March check registers was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Barbara Foster. The motion passed unanimously.*
 - b. Review DRAFT 2023-2024 Budget. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the DRAFT 2023-2024 Budget with the Board. No changes were requested.*
 - c. Bank RFP. *Leslie Cummings discussed options for Money Market accounts with various banks including Huntington, Mercantile and Choice 1 banks. A motion to approve opening a Sweep Account with Huntington Bank was made by Peter Kladder III and supported by Barbara Foster. Ayes: Barth Roberts, Barbara Foster, Peter Kladder III, and Dr. Bernard Ayoola. Todd Medendorp abstained from voting.*
 - d. Approve IES ESP Agreement. *A motion to approve the IES ESP agreement was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Peter Kladder III. The motion passed unanimously.*

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2. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie Cummings reported there is currently an opening for a Science Teacher, and current recruiting efforts are focused on the upcoming 2023-2024 school year.*

K. Strategic Planning. *The Board is choosing to hold the 2023-2024 Strategic Planning meeting directly after the July 24th 2023 Regular Board Meeting.*

1. Visionary Planning Committee Report. *No update from this Committee.*

2. Building / Academic Planning Committee Report. *No update from this Committee.*

L. Graduation Ceremony. *Barth Roberts reminded Board Members that the 2022-2023 Graduation Ceremony is being held on June 1st 2023 and encouraged attendance.*

VII. Correspondence. *Hope Academy of West Michigan received 100% compliance with the Kent County Health Department for the 2022-2023 Immunization Reporting period.*

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

IX. Reconfirmation of Next Regular Meeting Date.

May 22nd, 2023 at 7:00 a.m.
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X. Adjournment. *A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Barbara Foster and supported by Dr. Bernard Ayoola. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 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.

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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.)

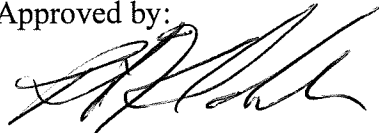
Submitted by:



Amanda Shyne
Recording Secretary

Date: 4/24/2023

Approved by:



Peter Kladder
Board Secretary

Date: 5/22/2023