

# 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:** May 22, 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, 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; Joshua Barnhart, Assistant Principal; Bonnie Coleman, Teacher; Emily DeWitt, Teacher; Allie Oswald, Instructional Coach; 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 24, 2023 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes. *A motion to approve the April 24, 2023 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Barbara Foster. The motion passed unanimously.*
- V. Old Business**
  - A.** New Member Needed. *Dr. Bernard Ayoola received a lead on a potential candidate. The vacancies were also advertised on social media and an additional potential candidate was found. Dr. Heidi Cate will follow up with both potential candidates.*
- VI. New Business**
  - A.** Student Achievement. *Bonnie Coleman, Emily DeWitt, and Allie Oswald presented on current academic strategies in kindergarten.*
  - B.** Tier IV Plan Goals Update. *Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed the report with the Board.*
  - C.** FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report – Dr. Michele Siderman. *None.*

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D. Reports.

1. School Monthly Summary. *Handouts provided prior to the meeting. There were no questions from the Board.*
2. Parent/Community Partners Update. *Handouts provided prior to the meeting. There were no questions from the Board.*
3. DAN Updates. *Handouts provided prior to the meeting. There were no questions from the Board.*

E. Approval of 2023-2024 Parent/Student Handbooks. *A motion to approve the 2023-2024 Parent/Student Handbooks was made by Peter Kladder III and supported by Dr. Bernard Ayoola. The motion passes unanimously.*

F. Integrity Educational Services Reports

1. Financial Reports

- a. Monthly Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the April financial reports with the Board. A motion to approve the April check registers was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Peter Kladder III. The motion passed unanimously.*
- b. 2023-2024 School Year Proposed Budget.
  - I. Motion to suspend rules for Public Hearing. *A motion to suspend the rules for Public Hearing was made by Peter Kladder III and supported by Barbara Foster. The motion passed unanimously.*
  - II. The purpose of this portion of the meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to review and comment on the 2023-2024 proposed budget. *Leslie discussed the key budget assumptions with the Board.*
  - III. Open the floor to public comment regarding the 2023-2024 proposed budget. *None.*
  - IV. Resumption of rules for Public Hearing. *A motion to resume the rules for Public Hearing was made by Peter Kladder III and supported by Barbara Foster. The motion passed unanimously.*
- c. Approval of the 2023-2024 Operating Budget. *A motion to approve the 2023-2024 General Appropriation Budget was made by Barbara Foster and supported by Dr. Bernard Ayoola. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion to approve the 2023-2024 School Lunch Appropriation Budget was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Peter Kladder III. The motion passed unanimously.*

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d. Bank RFP. *Leslie Cummings discussed Huntington Bank service issues. The Board decided to maintain its banking relationship with Huntington Bank. A motion to open the IntraFI account, rather than a sweep account, was made by Dr. Bernard Ayoola and supported by Barbara Foster. Ayes: Barth Roberts, Barbara Foster, Peter Kladder III, and Dr. Bernard Ayoola. Todd Medendorp abstained from voting.*

2. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie Cummings reported on recruiting efforts for the 2023-2024 school year.*

G. Strategic Planning.

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

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

H. Graduation Ceremony. *Barth Roberts reminded Board Members that the 2022-2023 Graduation Ceremony is being held on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 at Brookside Church and encouraged attendance.*

VII. **Correspondence.** *None.*

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

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

June 26, 2023 at 7:00 a.m.  
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240 Brown Street SE  
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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 8:04 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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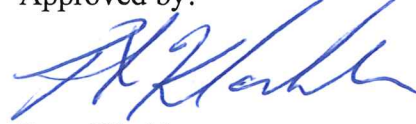
Submitted by:



Amanda Shyne  
Recording Secretary

Date: 5/22/2023

Approved by:



Peter Kladder  
Board Secretary

Date: 6/26/2023