

# 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:** July 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 6:59 a.m.*
  - A. **Board Members Present.** Barth Roberts, Todd Medendorp, Barbara Foster, Dr. Bernard Ayoola, and Peter Kladder III.
  - 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; Arthur Garner, School Principal; Joshua Barnhart, Assistant School Principal; Elisabeth DeMaar, EL Director; Gloria Cassleman, Teacher; Mark Brouwer, potential Board candidate; 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 Barbara Foster and supported by Peter Kladder III. The motion passed unanimously.*
- IV. **Consent Calendar**
  - A. Approval of the June 26, 2023 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes. *A motion to approve the June 26, 2023 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Dr. Bernard Ayoola. The motion passed unanimously.*
- V. **Old Business**
  - A. New Member Needed. *Mark Brouwer introduced himself to the Board. His application and resume were provided to the Board prior to the meeting. A motion to accept his application was made by Barbara Foster and supported by Peter Kladder III. The motion passed unanimously.*
- VI. **New Business**
  - A. Student Achievement. *Dr. Arthur Garner reviewed WIDA scores by grade with the Board. The Board asked to have service dates on students when sharing this data.*
  - B. Tier IV Plan Goals Update. *Dr. Heidi Cate shared that the PLC Meetings schedule for the 2023-2024 school year is in progress.*

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- C. Approval of Medication Dispensing in School Policy. *The Board reviewed the Medication Dispensing in School Policy. A motion to approve the policy was made by Dr. Bernard Ayoola and supported by Barbara Foster. The motion passed unanimously.*
- D. FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report – Dr. Michele Siderman. *Dr. Michele Siderman reported on the recruiting progress of Dr. White’s position.*
- E. 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.*
- F. Integrity Educational Services Reports
  - 1. Financial Reports
    - a. Monthly Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the June financial reports with the Board. A motion to approve the June check register was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Barbara Foster. The motion passed unanimously.*
  - 2. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie Cummings reported on recruiting efforts for the 2023-2024 school year and final per pupil state aid amounts. A motion to approve a 1% salary increase for staff was made by Barbara Foster and supported by Todd Medendorp. The motion passed unanimously.*

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

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

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

July 24, 2023 Strategic Planning Meeting (Immediately following the Regular Board Meeting)  
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240 Brown Street SE  
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**X. Adjournment.** *A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Peter Kladder III. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 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: 7/24/2023

Approved by:

~~Peter Kladder~~ Bernard Ayoola  
Board Secretary

Date: 

