

**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 25, 2022

**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 7:02 a.m.*
- A. Board Members Present.** Barth Roberts, Dennis Cuson, Todd Medendorp, Barbara Foster Dr. Bernard Ayoola, Peter Kladder and Barbara Foster (attending virtually in Ionia County, Saranac, Michigan due to ADA illness).
- B. Board Members Absent (with prior notice).** *None.*
- C. Others Present.** Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings, Executive Director Business Office (attending virtually); Dr. Michele Sideman, FSU Representative; Teriena Schwartz, School Principal; Kristine Stewart, Assistant School Principal; Sarah Bender, EL Director (attending virtually, joined at 7:11 a.m.); Steve Manett, Accountant; and Amanda Shyne, Recording Secretary (attending virtually).
- 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 Peter Kladder. The motion passed unanimously.*
- IV. Consent Calendar**
- A.** Approval of June 27, 2022 Proposed Regular Minutes. *A motion to approve the June 27, 2022 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Bernard Ayoola and supported by Todd Medendorp. The motion passed unanimously.*
- V. Old Business**
- A.** New Member Needed. *Hope Academy of West Michigan's Board of Directors currently has an opening for one additional member. Dr. Heidi Cate will reach out to Community Partners for interest.*
- VI. New Business**
- A.** MHSAA Resolution. *The MHSAA Resolution has not yet been received, this item has been moved to the August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 regularly scheduled Board Meeting.*

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**B. 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 check register was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Barbara Foster. The motion passed unanimously.*
- b. Approval of Bank Commitment Letter. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the Bank Commitment Letter and current cash flow with the Board. She recommended that the school not enter into a State Aid loan for the 22-23 school year. The Board and agreed and decided not to approve the Bank Commitment Letter.*

2. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie Cummings reported on current recruiting efforts and recommended that the additional State Aid funds passed in the final budget be passed along to staff. The Board supported this recommendation.*

**C. Plan to Win – Chapter 7.** *Barth Roberts led a discussion on Chapter 7 of the Plan to Win book which explores honest communication.*

**D. Strategic Planning.**

1. Visionary Planning Committee Report. *Dr. Heidi Cate and Leslie Cummings reviewed the Boys and Girls Club proposal to host an After-School Program for Hope Academy of West Michigan students. A motion to approve the Boys and Girls Club proposal was made by Dennis Cuson and supported by Bernard Ayoola. The motion passed unanimously.*
2. Building / Academic Planning Committee Report. *No update from this Committee.*

**E. FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report–Dr. Michele Sideman.** *None.*

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

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

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**IX. Adjournment.** *A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Peter Kladder and supported by Dennis Cuson. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 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*

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*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.)*

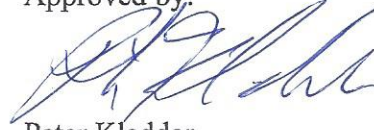
Submitted by:



Amanda Shyne  
Recording Secretary

Date: 7/25/2022

Approved by:



Peter Kladder  
Board Secretary

Date: 8/25/2022

