

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: September 26, 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 6:59 a.m.*
 - A. **Board Members Present.** Barth Roberts, Dennis Cuson, Todd Medendorp, Barbara Foster, Peter Kladder III and Dr. Bernard Ayoola.
 - 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. Chris White, FSU Representative, Dr. Arthur Garner, Jr., Principal; 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 August 22, 2022 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes and August 30, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes. *A motion to approve both the August 22, 2022 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes and the August 30, 2022 Proposed Special Meeting Minutes was made by Dr. Bernard Ayoola and supported by Barbara Foster. The motion passed unanimously.*
- V. **Old Business**
 - A. New Member Needed. *Barth Roberts reported that Dr. Heidi Cate and himself met with a potential new Board Member but no formal application has been submitted.*
- VI. **New Business**
 - A. Student Achievement. *Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed the Fall 2022-2023 NWEA testing scores and recommended restarting the after-school programing to continue to impact these scores. Barth requested that the scores be summarized and compared with prior year results. The Boys and Girls club opening has been delayed due to staffing issues.*
 - B. School Monthly Summary. *Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed the school monthly summary which included PBIS celebrations and a firetruck on site for students to experience.*

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- C. Parent/Community Partners Update. *Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed the summary of Parent Engagement updates including multiple donations from community organizations which benefit the students and the desire to start a girl scout troop.*
- D. DAN Updates and Strategic Plan Goals Progress Update. *Dr. Heidi Cate provided an update on the status of school strategic goals being set by staff for the school year.*
- E. Board Sign-Up for Monthly Activities. *The Board reviewed the monthly activities calendar and requested setting up monthly lunches with staff and Board Members.*
- F. Integrity Educational Services Reports
1. Financial Reports
 - a. Monthly Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the August financial reports with the Board. A motion to approve the check register was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Peter Kladder III. The motion passed unanimously.*

Leslie Cummings presented the Board with a Social Studies Curriculum Quote of \$31,917.80 for 7-12th grade materials. A motion to approve the purchase of a new Social Studies Curriculum was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Barbara Foster. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Preliminary Audit Results. *Leslie Cummings notified the Board that the preliminary audit results were not yet available and would be presented at the October Regular Board Meeting.*
 2. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie Cummings reported on current recruiting efforts. The Assistant Principal position is being actively recruited.*
- G. Strategic Planning.
1. Visionary Planning Committee Report. *Dr. Heidi Cate and the Board (limited to 3 Board Members) will be holding an open meeting next week for Parents to attend and provide input into possible alternative locations for the high school.*
 2. Building / Academic Planning Committee Report. *No update from this Committee.*
- H. FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report–Dr. Michele Siderman. *Dr. Michele Siderman notified the Board of various development and network opportunities for Board Members and school leaders hosted by Ferris. She also reviewed the School Safety Checklist which will be utilized to increase awareness of building specific safety approaches. Finally, she shared with the Board that FSU is offering a competitive grant of up to \$25,000.00 to its charter schools.*
- VII. Correspondence.** *The Board received a letter from Michigan’s Multi-Tiered System of Supports which awarded Hope Academy of West Michigan a Bronze Award for implementation and impact of MTSS.*

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VIII. Extended Public Comment* (limited to non-agenda items only). *Dr. Arthur Garner, Jr., new Principal, introduced himself to the Board Members and provided a description of his professional history.*

IX. Reconfirmation of Next Regular Meeting Date.

October 24, 2022 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 Dennis Cuson. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 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.)

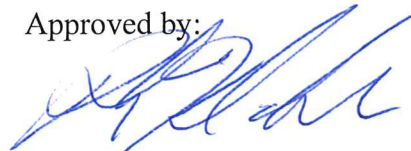
Submitted by:



Amanda Shyne
Recording Secretary

Date: 9/26/2022

Approved by:



Peter Kladder
Board Secretary

Date: 10/24/2022

