

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: October 28, 2024

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, Dr. Bernard Ayoola, Mark Brouwer and Michelle Eddie.
 - B. **Board Members Absent (with prior notice).** Todd Medendorp.
 - C. **Others Present.** Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings (via telephone), Executive Director of Business Office; Dr. Arthur Garner, School Principal; Joshua Barnhart, Assistant Principal; Dr. Michele Siderman, FSU Representative; and Mackenzie Dailey, Behavior Interventionist (left at 7:25 a.m.).
- II. **Public Comment* (limited to agenda items only).** *None.*
- III. **Approval of Agenda.** *A motion to approve the agenda was made Michelle Eddie and supported by Mark Brouwer. The motion passed unanimously.*
- IV. **Consent Calendar.**
 - A. Approval of the September 23, 2024 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes. *A motion to approve the September 23, 2024 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Mark Brouwer and supported by Michelle Eddie. The motion passed unanimously.*
- V. **Old Business.** *None.*
- VI. **New Business.**
 - A. Student Achievement. *Joshua Barnhart presented the NWEA Fall 2024 results. Mackenzie Dailey presented the attendance and behavior measures and initiatives.*
 - B. AMP Plan Update. *Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed the provided AMP Plan Update with the Board. Dr. Michele Siderman stated that Hope was identified as Tier III by the authorizer based on the 2023-24 results.*
 - C. FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report – Dr. Michele Siderman. *Dr. Michele Siderman reported on the provided Board Communications. She also reviewed the School Safety and Security Checklist from her September visit. She provided the 100% compliance plaque for the 2023-24 school year. Chris Loiselle will attend the December 2nd meeting.*

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- D. Enrollment Update. *Dr. Arthur Garner provided current enrollment numbers for the 2024-2025 school year of 282 students.*
- E. FSU-CSO mid-contract Academy Internal Review DRAFT. *The Board discussed the document and requested a few edits. A motion was to approve the document with the recommended edits was made by Mark Brouwer and supported by Michelle Eddie. The motion passed unanimously. The mid-contract review is scheduled for December 13th and will be virtual.*
- F. Reports. *Handouts provided prior to the meeting. There were no questions from the Board.*
1. School Monthly Summary.
 2. Parent/Community Partners Update.
 3. DAN Updates.
- G. Board Development Credits/Reports (as applicable). *Michelle Eddie provided a report from her training on Navigating Roles as a New Board Member. Mark Brouwer provided a report from his trainings of Why Can't We All Get Along? and the in-person Governance training.*
- H. Integrity Educational Services Reports
1. Financial Reports
 - a. Monthly Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the September financial reports with the Board. A motion to approve the September check register was made by Dr. Bernard Ayoola supported by Mark Brouwer. The motion passed unanimously. She also presented the one-year building lease extension provided by the Diocese. A motion was made by Michelle Eddie and supported by Mark Brouwer to send the extension to the FSU CSO for review and non-disapproval. The motion passed unanimously.*
 - b. FSU Competitive Grant. *Leslie Cummings provided an update that the school would be applying for the grant before the November 15th deadline. FSU is allowing the school to submit the grant with a contingency if the school does not receive the EGLE grant for the mandated water filtration equipment.*
 - c. RFP for Annual Audits. *Leslie Cummings asked the Board if they had any additional firms they would like the RFP sent to other than those firms that responded to the RFP request three years ago. The Board did not ask for any additional firms to be included.*
 2. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie Cummings reported that Human Resources is recruiting for a Secondary Science Teacher and a paraprofessional. She also invited the Board to attend the Fall meal on November 19th.*

VII. Correspondence. *The Board received the 2023-24 Contract Performance Report from the authorizer.*

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

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IX. Reconfirmation of Next Regular Meeting Date.

December 2, 2024 at 7:00 a.m.
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X. Adjournment. *A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Bernard Ayoola and supported by Mark Brouwer. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 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: 10/28/2024

Approved by:



Bernard Ayoola
Board Secretary

Date: 12/02/2024