

**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 22, 2024

**Time:** 7:00 AM (Immediately following the Organizational Meeting)

**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 7:09 a.m.*
  - A. Board Members Present.** Barth Roberts, Dr. Bernard Ayoola, Mark Brouwer, Michelle Eddie, and Todd Medendorp (joined at 7:44 a.m.).
  - B. Board Members Absent (with prior notice).**
  - C. Others Present.** Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings, Executive Director of Business Office; Dr. Arthur Garner, School Principal; Dr. Michele Siderman, FSU Representative; Elisabeth DeMaar, ML Director; and Amanda Shyne, Recording Secretary.
- II. Public Comment\* (limited to agenda items only).**
- III. Approval of Agenda.** *A motion to add "Vredeveld Haefner Audit Board Questionnaire" under Financial Reports and approve the agenda was made by Mark Brouwer and supported by Michelle Eddie. The motion passed unanimously.*
- IV. Consent Calendar.**
  - A.** Approval of the June 24, 2024 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes. *A motion to approve the June 24, 2024 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Michelle Eddie and supported by Mark Brouwer. The motion passed unanimously.*
- V. Old Business.**
- VI. New Business.**
  - A.** Student Achievement. *Elisabeth DeMaar presented the 2024 WIDA Testing Results for all grade levels to the Board.*
  - B.** AMP Plan Update. *Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed the provided AMP Plan Update with the Board. A motion to approve the AMP Plan End of Year Progress was made by Dr. Bernard Ayoola and supported by Michelle Eddie. The motion passed unanimously.*
  - C.** FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report – Dr. Michele Siderman. *None.*
  - D.** Enrollment Update. *Dr. Arthur Garner provided current enrollment numbers for the 2024-2025 school year.*

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- E. Introduce new Special Education Director – Angela Graham. *Tabled as Angela was not in attendance.*
- F. 2023-2024 Crime Statistics Report. *Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed the 2023-2024 School Crime Statistics with the Board.*
- G. 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.
- H. Integrity Educational Services Reports
  - 1. Financial Reports
    - a. Monthly Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the June preliminary financial reports with the Board. A motion to approve the 2023-2024 June check register was made by Mark Brouwer and supported by Michelle Eddie. The motion passed unanimously.*
    - b. Vredeveld Audit Board Questionnaire. *The Board completed the Vredeveld Audit Board Questionnaire.*
  - 2. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie Cummings reported that Human Resources is recruiting for the 2024-2025 school year.*

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

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

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

August 26, 2024 at 7:00 a.m.  
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**X. Adjournment.** *A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mark Brouwer and supported by Michelle Eddie. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 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: 7/22/2024

Approved by:



Bernard Ayoola  
Board Secretary

Date: 08/26/2024

