

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: August 26, 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 7:01 a.m.*
 - A. Board Members Present.** Barth Roberts, Dr. Bernard Ayoola, and Mark Brouwer.
 - B. Board Members Absent (with prior notice).** Michelle Eddie and Todd Medendorp.
 - C. Others Present.** Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings, Executive Director of Business Office; Dr. Arthur Garner, School Principal; Joshua Barnhart, Assistant Principal; Dr. Michele Siderman, FSU Representative; and Amanda Shyne, Recording Secretary.
- II. Public Comment* (limited to agenda items only).**
- III. Approval of Agenda.** *A motion to add "Approval of the July 22, 2024 Proposed Organizational Meeting Minutes" under the consent calendar and "Approval of 2024-2025 Boys and Girls Club Agreement" under Financial Reports and approve the agenda was made by Mark Brouwer and supported by Dr. Bernard Ayoola. The motion passed unanimously.*
- IV. Consent Calendar.**
 - A.** Approval of the July 22, 2024 Proposed Regular and Organizational Meeting Minutes. *A motion to approve the July 22, 2024 Proposed Regular and Organizational Meeting Minutes was made by Dr. Bernard Ayoola and supported by Barth Roberts. The motion passed unanimously.*
- V. Old Business.**
- VI. New Business.**
 - A.** Student Achievement. *Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed the provided NAF handout with the Board.*
 - B.** AMP Plan Update. *Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed the provided AMP Plan Update with the Board.*
 - C.** FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report – Dr. Michele Siderman. *Dr. Michele Siderman reported on the new Compliance Support Indicators that FSU-CSO will be using.*
 - D.** Enrollment Update. *Joshua Barnhart provided current enrollment numbers for the 2024-2025 school year.*
 - E.** Introduce new Special Education Director – Angela Graham. *Tabled as Angela was not in attendance.*

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- F. Update on COGNIA Accreditation and FSU-CSO Mid-contract Self-assessments. *Dr. Heidi Cate updated the Board on current efforts.*
- G. Approval of New Career Awareness, Exploration, and Preparation Courses. *Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed the proposed courses with the Board. A motion to approve the Career Awareness, Exploration and Preparation courses was made by Mark Brouwer and supported by Dr. Bernard Ayoola. The motion passed unanimously.*
- H. Approval of Board Policies. *There were no updates to the policies. A motion to approve the Board Policies was made by Dr. Bernard Ayoola and supported by Mark Brouwer. The motion passed unanimously.*
- I. Approval of 2024-2025 School Improvement Plan. *A motion to approve the 2024-2025 School Improvement Plan was made by Dr. Bernard Ayoola and supported by Barth Roberts. The motion passed unanimously.*
- J. 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.
- K. Integrity Educational Services Reports
1. Financial Reports
 - a. Monthly Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the July financial reports with the Board. A motion to approve the July check register was made by Mark Brouwer and supported by Dr. Bernard Ayoola. The motion passed unanimously.*
 - b. Approval of 2024-2025 Technology Services Agreement. *A motion to approve the 2024-2025 Technology Services Agreement was made by Mark Brouwer and supported by Dr. Bernard Ayoola. The motion passed unanimously.*
 - c. Approval of 2024-2025 Boys and Girls Club Agreement. *A motion to approve the 2024-2025 Boys and Girls Club Agreement was made Dr. Bernard Ayoola and supported by Mark Brouwer. The motion passed unanimously.*
 2. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie Cummings reported that Human Resources is still recruiting for Teachers and a Student Advocate. The Board supported the proposed 1.65% lumpsum salary increase for staff.*
- VII. **Correspondence.** *Dr. Heidi Cate invited the Board to attend the MAPSA Symposium being held in December this year.*
- VIII. **Extended Public Comment* (limited to non-agenda items only).** *None.*

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IX. Reconfirmation of Next Regular Meeting Date.

September 23, 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.

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: 8/26/2024

Approved by:



Bernard Ayoola
Board Secretary

Date: 9/23/2024

