

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 23, 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, Todd Medendorp, Dr. Bernard Ayoola, Mark Brouwer and Michelle Eddie.
 - B. Board Members Absent (with prior notice).** None.
 - C. Others Present.** Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings, Executive Director of Business Office; Dr. Arthur Garner, School Principal (joined at 7:01 a.m.); Joshua Barnhart, Assistant Principal; Dr. Michele Siderman, FSU Representative; Matt Vredevelde, Vredevelde Representative; and Amanda Shyne, Recording Secretary.
- II. Public Comment* (limited to agenda items only).**
- III. Approval of Agenda.** *A motion to approve the agenda was made Dr. Bernard Ayoola and supported by Michelle Eddie. The motion passed unanimously.*
- IV. Consent Calendar.**
 - A.** Approval of the August 26, 2024 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes. *A motion to approve the August 26, 2024 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Mark Brouwer. The motion passed unanimously.*
- V. Old Business.**
- VI. New Business.**
 - A.** Auditor Review of 2023-2024 Audited Financial Statements. *Matt Vredevelde reviewed the outcome of the financial and single audits which had no findings and received an unqualified opinion. A motion to accept the Audited Financial Statements was made by Mark Brouwer and supported by Todd Medendorp. The motion passed unanimously.*
 - B.** Student Achievement. *Josh Barnhart reviewed the provided NWEA Scores for the Fall 2024 testing.*
 - C.** AMP Plan Update. *Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed the provided AMP Plan Update with the Board.*
 - D.** FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report – Dr. Michele Siderman. *Dr. Michele Siderman reported on the provided Board Communications including the FSU-CSO Competitive Grant deadline.*

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- E. Enrollment Update. *Joshua Barnhart provided current enrollment numbers for the 2024-2025 school year.*
- F. FSU-CSO mid-contract Academy Internal Review DRAFT. *This item has been tabled until the regularly scheduled October Board Meeting.*
- G. Seal of Biliteracy Policy Approval. *Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed the provided Seal of Biliteracy Policy with the Board. A motion to approve the policy was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Michelle Eddie. The motion passed unanimously.*
- H. Title IX Revised Policy Approval. *A motion to approve the revised Title IX Policy was made by Dr. Bernard Ayoola and supported by Mark Brouwer. The motion passed unanimously.*
- I. Strategic Planning. *The Board discussed topics for the Strategic Planning meeting to be held later this year and requested that an agenda item be added to the December meeting to discuss strategic matters.*
- 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 August financial reports with the Board. A motion to approve the August check register was made by Todd Medendorp supported by Michelle Eddie. The motion passed unanimously.*
 - 2. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie Cummings reported that Human Resources is still recruiting for a Secondary Science Teacher and is currently planning staff celebration events for the school year.*

VII. Correspondence. *None.*

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

IX. Reconfirmation of Next Regular Meeting Date.

October 28, 2024 at 7:00 a.m.
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X. Adjournment. *A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Michelle Eddie and supported by Mark Brouwer. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 a.m.*


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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: 9/23/2024

Approved by:



Bernard Ayoola
Board Secretary

Date: 10/28/2024