

# 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:** January 22, 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 7:00 a.m.*
  - A. Board Members Present.** Barth Roberts, Mark Brouwer, Barbara Foster, and Dr. Bernard Ayoola.
  - B. Board Members Absent (with prior notice).** Todd Medendorp.
  - C. Others Present.** Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings, Executive Director of Business Office; Dr. Arthur Garner, School Principal; Joshua Barnhart, Assistant School Principal; and Dr. Michele Siderman, FSU Representative.
- II. Public Comment\* (limited to agenda items only).** *None.*
- III. Approval of Agenda.** *A motion to approve the agenda was made by Dr. Bernard Ayoola and supported by Barbara Foster. The motion passed unanimously.*
- IV. Consent Calendar.**
  - A.** Approval of the December 4, 2023 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes. *A motion to approve the December 4, 2023 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Dr. Bernard Ayoola and supported by Barth Roberts. The motion passed unanimously.*
- V. Old Business.**
  - A.** New Board Member Search. *Barbara Foster announced her intention not to serve another term, she will allow her term to expire in June of 2024.*
- VI. New Business.**
  - A.** Reappointment of Todd Medendorp. *A motion to approve the reappointment of Todd Medendorp was made by Barbara Foster and supported by Bernard Ayoola. The motion passed unanimously.*
  - B.** Student Achievement – Fall to Winter NWEA MAP Growth Results by Grade Level. *Joshua Barnhart reviewed the provided handout with the Board.*

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- C. Tier III (formerly Tier IV) AMP Plan Goals Update. *Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed the provided handout to the Board.*
- D. Review and Discuss 2022-2023 FSU-CSO Annual Performance Report. *This item was tabled until the regular February Board Meeting.*
- E. Annual Education Report. *Dr. Arthur Garner reviewed the provided handout with the Board. A motion to approve the 2023-2024 Annual Education Report was made by Dr. Bernard Ayoola and supported by Barbara Foster. The motion passed unanimously.*
- F. FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report – Dr. Michele Siderman. *Dr. Michele Siderman reviewed the provided handouts with the Board and handed out Board Member appreciation gifts.*
- 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 November and December financial reports with the Board. A motion to approve both the November and December check registers was made by Barbara Foster and supported by Dr. Bernard Ayoola. The motion passed unanimously.*
    - b. Approve REVISED 2023-2024 Budget. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the 2023-2024 REVISED Budget with the Board. A motion to approve the 2023-2024 REVISED General Appropriation Budget was made by Mark Brower and supported by Dr. Bernard Ayoola. The motion passed unanimously.*  
  
*A motion to approve the 2023-2024 REVISED School Lunch Appropriation Budget was made by Barbara Foster and supported by Mark Brower. The motion passed unanimously.*
    - c. Approve Two-Year Lease Extension. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the two-year lease extension with the Board. The Board was in agreement with the extension.*
  - 2. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie Cummings provided the Board with an update on current HR recruiting efforts.*

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

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

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

February 26, 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 Barbara Foster. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 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.)*

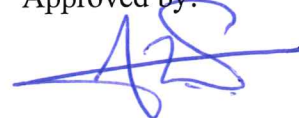
Submitted by:



Amanda Shyne  
Recording Secretary

Date: 1/22/2024

Approved by:



Bernard Ayoola  
Board Secretary

Date: 2/26/2024

