

# Hope Academy of West Michigan Board of Directors

## Approved Meeting Minutes

**Mission:** *Hope Academy of West Michigan is a safe environment for students and families, where students can reach their full potential academically and as individuals.*

**Date:** June 23, 2025

**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, Dr. Bernard Ayoola and Mark Brouwer, Michelle Eddie
  - 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; Dr. Michele Sideman, FSU Field Representative; Tracy Clawson, Recording Secretary
- II. **Public Comment\* (limited to agenda items only):** *None*
- III. **Approval of Agenda.** *Motion to approve the agenda was made by Michelle Eddie and supported Dr. Bernard Ayoola. The motion passed unanimously.*
- IV. **Consent Calendar**

**Approval of the May 19, 2025 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes and the June 11, 2025 Proposed Special Meeting Minutes:** *A motion was made by Dr. Bernard Ayoola to approve the proposed May 19, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes and the June 11, 2025 Special Meeting minutes as presented and was supported by Mark Brouwer. The motion passed unanimously.*
- V. **Old Business** *The Board reviewed and discussed the application for the new, potential Board candidate, Dr. Nygil Likely. Barth Roberts made a motion to submit Dr. Likely's application to FSU for endorsement and the motion was supported by Dr. Bernard Ayoola. The motion passed unanimously.*
- VI. **New Business**
  - A. **Student Achievement.** *Dr. Arthur Garner presented the 2024-25 MAP assessment results and outlined the areas of student growth and achievement. He also presented the annual comparison data highlighting growth in positive student attendance.*
  - B. **AMP plan progress update.** *Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed the 2024-25 AMP Plan. The Board discussed the best method to track growth and achievement in the upcoming school year. A motion was made by Michelle Eddie to approve the 2024-25 AMP Plan and was supported by Dr. Bernard Ayoola. The motion passed unanimously.*

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C. FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report. *Dr. Michele Siderman discussed the results of the QPR and congratulated the Board for maintaining Level 1 status. She also highlighted the Ferris changes to the Charter Contract Policies.*

D. 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

E. Enrollment Update: *Dr. Arthur Garner discussed the projected student enrollment numbers for the upcoming school year. He shared the marketing efforts utilized to reach more families. Galapagos sent out postcards to over 3,000 households.*

F. MHSAA Resolution: *A motion was made by Dr. Bernard Ayoola to adopt the MHSAA Resolution as presented and was supported by Mark Brouwer. The motion passed unanimously.*

G. Board development credits/reports (as applicable). *None*

H. Millage Resolution: *A motion was made Barth Roberts to adopt the Kent ISD Millage Resolution and was supported by Michelle Eddie. The motion passed unanimously*

L. Integrity Educational Services Reports

1. Finance reports

a. Monthly Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the monthly financial report and discussed the May financial activity. A motion was made by Dr. Bernard Ayoola to approve the monthly check register and the motion was supported by Mark Brouwer. The motion passed unanimously.*

b. Approval of the 2024-2025 Final Operating and School Service Funds Budgets:

1. *A motion was made by Michelle Eddie to approve the 2024-2025 HAWM final school year operating budget as presented, and was supported by Mark Brouwer. The motion passed unanimously.*

2. *A motion was made by Michelle Eddie to approve the 2024-2025 HAWM final school year food service budget as presented, and was supported by Dr. Bernard Ayoola. The motion passed unanimously.*

c. Update Financial and Internal Control Policies: *Leslie Cummings discussed with the Board the updates or modification that have been made to the financial and internal control policies. A motion was made by Dr. Bernard Ayoola to adopt the policies with the addressed modifications and was supported by Mark Brouwer. The motion passed unanimously.*

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- d. Food Program Update: *Leslie Cummings provided the Board with an update regarding the status of the new food service provider for the upcoming school year. Leslie discussed the requirement for forming a school food wellness committee, which will need to meet in the fall.*

2. Human Resources: *Leslie Cummings provided an update on the status of staff contracts for the new school year. She thanked the Board for their continued support.*

### **VII. Correspondence:**

- a. Updated Charter Contract Sections from FSU-CSO: *Dr. Michele Siderman discussed the Charter Contract changes in her FSU CSO overview.*
- b. QPR Audit Results: *The Board received the results of the FSU QPR audit.*

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

### **IX. Reconfirmation of Next Regular and Organizational Board Meeting Date**

July 28, 2025 at 7:00 a.m.

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- VII. Adjournment:** *Motion was made by Michelle Eddie to adjourn the meeting and was supported by Mark Brouwer. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:17 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:



Tracy Clawson  
Recording Secretary

Date: 6/26/2025

Approved by:



Bernard Ayoola  
Board Secretary

Date: 6/27 7/28/2025