

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 27, 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, Mark Brouwer and Michelle Eddie.
 - B. **Board Members Absent (with prior notice).** Todd Medendorp (joined virtually).
 - C. **Others Present.** Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings, Executive Director Business Office; Dr. Arthur Garner, School Principal; Joshua Barnhart, Assistant Principal; Dr. Michele Siderman, FSU Representative; Amanda Shyne, Recording Secretary (joined 7:45 a.m.); Elisa DeMaar, ML Director; Scott West, Elementary Teacher (left at 7:15 a.m.).
- II. **Public Comment* (limited to agenda items only).** *None.*
- III. **Approval of Agenda.** *Added under VII. Correspondence the letter received from Thrun. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Dr. Bernard Ayoola and supported by Michelle Eddie. The motion passed unanimously.*
- IV. **Consent Calendar.**
 - A. Approval of the December 2, 2024 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes. *Approval of the December 2, 2024 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes. A motion to approve the December 2, 2024 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Mark Brouwer and supported by Dr. Bernard Ayoola. The motion passed unanimously.*
- V. **Old Business.** *None.*
- VI. **New Business.**
 - A. Reappointment of Board Members – Michelle Eddie and Dr. Bernard Ayoola. *A motion was made by Barth Roberts and supported by Mark Brower to recommend reappointment of Michelle Eddie to the Board. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Barth Roberts and supported by Mark Brower to recommend reappointment of Dr. Bernard Ayoola to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.*
 - B. Student Achievement. *Joshua Barnhart reviewed the Winter preliminary NWEA results. Scott West presented the results for second grade.*

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- C. AMP Plan Progress Update. *Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed the 2024-25 AMP Plan. She also presented the 23-24 State index reports for Hope Academy of West Michigan and several of the area schools.*
- D. FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report – Dr. Michele Siderman. *Dr. Michele Siderman reported on the provided Board Communications. She informed the Board that FSU-CSO was celebrating Board Appreciation month.*
- E. Review and Approve Annual Education Report. *A correction was made to the reauthorization date. Dr. Bernard Ayoola made a motion to approve the amended report and the motion was supported by Michelle Eddie. The motion passed unanimously.*
- F. Review FSU-CSO Mid-Contract Review DRAFT Report. *The Board had received the report in advance of the meeting. Michelle Eddie made a motion to approve the report and the motion was supported by Mark Brouwer. The motion passed unanimously.*
- 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. Review and Approve MSP Emergency Operations K-12 School Site Plan. *A motion to approve the MSP Emergency Operation K-12 School Site Plan was made by Michelle Eddie and supported by Mark Brouwer. The motion passed unanimously.*
- I. Board Development Credits/Reports (as applicable). *None.*
- J. 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 the November and December check registers was made by Dr. Bernard Ayoola and supported by Michelle Eddie. The motion passed unanimously.*
 - b. Approve Revised 2024-2025 Budget. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the Revised 2024-25 Budget. A motion to approve the General Appropriation Resolution was made by Mark Brouwer and supported by Michelle Eddie. The motion passed unanimously. A motion to approve the School Lunch Appropriation Resolution was made by Michelle Eddie and supported by Dr. Bernard Ayoola. The motion passed unanimously.*
 - c. Review Auditor RFP Results. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the auditor proposals. A motion to approve Vredevelde Haefner as the school's audit firm for the years ending June 30, 2025, 2026 and 2027 was made by Michelle Eddie and supported by Mark Brouwer. The motion passed unanimously.*

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2. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie Cummings reported that interviews are ongoing for a Secondary Science Teacher. The planned Popcorn Praise event will be on March 5th afterschool and the Board is invited to join.*

VII. Correspondence. *The Board received the Thurn letter regarding immigration enforcement in schools.*

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

IX. Reconfirmation of Next Regular Meeting Date.

February 24, 2025 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 adjourned at 8:01 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:



Amanda Shyne
Recording Secretary

Date: 1/27/2025

Approved by:



Bernard Ayoola
Board Secretary

Date: 2/24/2025

