

# 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:** March 25, 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, 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; Dr. Michele Sideman, FSU Representative and Amanda Shyne, Recording Secretary.
- 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 February 26, 2024 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes. *A motion to approve the February 26, 2024 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Barbara Foster and supported by Mark Brouwer. The motion passed unanimously.*
- V. Old Business.**
- VI. New Business.**
  - A.** Oath of Office – Todd Medendorp. *Todd Medendorp's reappointment was approved by the FSU-CSO office. Todd will take his Oath of Office at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting that he is in attendance for.*
  - B.** Student Achievement.
    - 1.** Acadience Results. *Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed current Acadience Data and Growth with the Board.*
    - 2.** Discuss FSU Academic Goals. *Barth Roberts led the Board in a review of the FSU-CSO Contractual Educational Goals and current Academic Achievement results. The Board requested to see additional data related to the goals.*

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- C. AMP Plan Update. *Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed the provided AMP Plan Update.*
- D. FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report – Dr. Michele Siderman. *Dr. Michele Siderman summarized the provided April 2024 Board Communication.*
- E. Survey Feedback. *Dr. Heidi Cate reported that potential and current families are still being interviewed. Results of the survey will be included in the April Board Meeting.*
- F. Enrollment Update. *Leadership is working with potential students and their families to obtain completed Enrollment Packets.*
- G. Reports. *Handouts provided prior to the meeting, Barth Roberts asked about the NAF Board Member/Student meetings.*
  - 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 February financial reports with the Board. A motion to approve the February check register was made by Mark Brouwer and supported by Barbara Foster. The motion passed unanimously.*
    - b. 2024-2025 ESP Agreement. *A non-disapproval letter was shared with Barth Roberts prior to the March Board Meeting. A motion to approve the 2024-2025 ESP Agreement was made by Dr. Bernard Ayoola and supported by Mark Brouwer. The motion passed unanimously.*
    - c. Student Loan Program Resolution. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the Student Loan Program Resolution with the Board. A motion to approve the Student Loan Program Resolution was made by Barbara Foster and supported by Mark Brouwer. The motion passed unanimously.*
    - d. Draft 2024-2025 Budget. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the draft 2024-2025 budget with the Board.*
    - e. Berrien Springs Letter. *A motion to approve the renewal of the Berrien Springs agreement was made by Barbara Foster and supported by Mark Brouwer. The motion passed unanimously.*
  - 2. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie Cummings reported that Human Resources is currently attending Career Fairs in anticipation for the 2024-2025 School Year. The Board was invited to attend the Staff Appreciation event being held on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 a.m.*

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**VII. Correspondence.** *Michelle Eddie Nichols' application to the Board was sent to FSU-CSO and will go to the FSU-CSO Board of Trustees in May of 2024.*

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

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

April 22, 2024 at 7:00 a.m.  
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**X. Adjournment.** *A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Barbara Foster and supported by Dr. Bernard Ayoola. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 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: 3/25/2024

Approved by:



Bernard Ayoola  
Board Secretary

Date: 4/22/2024

