

**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:** June 24, 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 6:57 a.m.*
- A. **Board Members Present.** Barth Roberts, Todd Medendorp, Mark Brouwer, and Michelle Eddie.
- B. **Board Members Absent (with prior notice).** Dr. Bernard Ayoola.
- C. **Others Present.** Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings, Executive Director of Business Office; Dr. Arthur Garner, School Principal; Joshua Barnhart, Assistant School Principal (attending virtually and left at 7:43 a.m.); Dr. Michele Siderman, FSU Representative; Chris Loiselle, Ferris State University Director of Charter Schools Office; Beth Taylor, School Support Specialist; 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 by Todd Medendorp and supported by Michelle Eddie. The motion passed unanimously.*
- IV. Consent Calendar.**
- A. Approval of the May 20, 2024 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes. *A motion to approve the May 20, 2024 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Michelle Eddie and supported by Todd Medendorp. The motion passed unanimously.*
- V. Old Business.**
- VI. New Business.**
- A. Student Achievement. *Josh Barnhart reviewed the provided handout with the Board and answered questions from the Board.*
- B. AMP Plan Update. *Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed the provided AMP Plan Update.*
- C. FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report – Dr. Michele Siderman. *Dr. Michele Siderman reminded the Board of the Mid-Contract Review taking place during the 2024-2025 School Year. Chris Loiselle and Beth Taylor introduced themselves to the Board.*
- D. Enrollment Update. *Dr. Arthur Garner provided current enrollment numbers for the 2024-2025 school year.*

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- E. MHSAA Resolution. *A motion to approve the 2024-2025 MHSAA Resolution was made by Mark Brouwer and supported by Michelle Eddie. The motion passed unanimously.*
  - F. 2024-2025 Parent and Student Handbooks Approval. *A motion to approve the GSRP, Elementary, and Secondary Parent and Student Handbooks was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Mark Brouwer. The motion passed unanimously.*
  - G. Strategic Planning Dates and Topics. *The Board would like to hold the Strategic Planning meeting in early 2025 after the FSU Mid-Contract Review and the Cognia Accreditation visit.*
  - H. Return to Learn Plan Updates Approval. *A motion to approve the Return to Learn Plan Updates was made by Michelle Eddie and supported by Todd Medendorp. The motion passed unanimously.*
  - I. 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.
  - J. Integrity Educational Services Reports
    - 1. Financial Reports
      - a. Monthly Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the May financial reports with the Board. A motion to approve the 2023-2024 May check register was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Barth Roberts. The motion passed unanimously.*
      - b. 2023-2024 Final Budget Approval. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the final 2023-2024 budget with the Board. A motion to approve the General Appropriation Resolution was made by Michelle Eddie and supported by Todd Medendorp. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion to approve the School Lunch Appropriation Resolution was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Michelle Eddie. The motion passed unanimously.*
    - 2. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie Cummings reported that Human Resources met with all employees for contract renewals and have been recruiting for the 2024-2025 school year.*
- VII. Correspondence.** *Dr. Heidi Cate informed the Board of a new FOIA request and a new Office of Civil Rights Complaint.*
- VIII. Extended Public Comment\* (limited to non-agenda items only).** *None.*

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

July 22, 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 8:27 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: 6/24/2024

Approved by:



Bernard Ayoola  
Board Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

