

# 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:** July 28, 2025

**Time:** Immediately following the Organizational Meeting

**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 7:15 a.m.*

A. **Board Members Present:** *Barth Roberts, Dr. Bernard Ayoola and Mark Brouwer, Michelle Eddie, and Todd Medendorp.*

B. **Board Members Absent (with prior notice):** *None.*

C. **Others Present:** *Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings, Executive Director of Business Office; Dr. Arthur Garner, School Principal; Joshua Barnhart, Assistant Principal, Dr. Michele Siderman, FSU Field Representative; Tracy Clawson, Recording Secretary; and Dr. Nygil Likely, new Board candidate.*

**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 Mark Brouwer. The motion passed unanimously.*

**IV. Consent Calendar**

**Approval of the June 23, 2025 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes.** *A motion was made by Dr. Bernard Ayoola to approve the proposed June 23, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes as presented and was supported by Todd Medendorp. The motion passed unanimously.*

**V. Old Business.** *None.*

**VI. New Business**

A. **Student Achievement.** *Dr. Arthur Garner presented the 2024-25 results for PSAT/SAT assessments. Overall, the results showed a significant increase in student growth.*

B. **AMP plan progress update.** *Dr. Heidi Cate discussed setting targets for the 2025-2026 AMP plan. She recommended that the Board consider forming a subcommittee to determine growth and achievement goals. Todd Medendorp and Barth Roberts agreed to be a part of the subcommittee for this work.*

C. **FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report.** *Nothing to report.*

D. **Reports.**

1. **School Monthly Summary** - *None*

2. **Parent/community partners' update** - *None*

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3. DAN updates - *Handouts provided prior to the meeting. There were no questions from the Board.*

E. Enrollment Update. *Dr. Arthur Garner and Joshua Barnhart discussed the current student enrollment numbers for the upcoming school year.*

F. ESP evaluation survey. *The Board requested to participate in the Educational Service Provider (ESP) survey offered by Ferris State University.*

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

H. Board policies: *Dr. Heidi Cate discussed the Board policies and informed the board that at this time there was no need to make any changes to the policies as they are currently written. Michelle Eddie made a motion to reaffirm the board policies with no changes and was supported by Barth Roberts. The motion passes unanimously.*

### L. Integrity Educational Services Reports

#### 1. Finance reports

- a. Monthly Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the June 2025 preliminary financial reports. Todd Medendorp made a motion to approve the June 2025 check register and was supported by Michelle Eddie. The motion passed unanimously.*
- b. Food Service Policies. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the school food service policies with the Board. A motion to adopt the food service policies as presented was made by Michelle Eddie and was supported by Mark Brouwer. The motion passed unanimously.*
- c. Boys and Girls Club contract approval. *This agenda item was tabled by the Board until the new contract is received.*
- d. Comprehensive Therapy 2025-2026 Service Agreement: *Leslie Cummings reviewed with the Board the 2025-2026 service agreement for comprehensive therapy services. Todd Medendorp made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Comprehensive Therapy Services Agreement and it was supported by Mark Brouwer. The motion passed unanimously.*

2. Human Resources: *Leslie Cummings reported that all positions are currently filled.*

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

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

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

August 25, 2025 at 7:00 a.m.

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- VII. Adjournment.** *A 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 8:08 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:



Tracy Clawson  
Recording Secretary

Date: 7/31/25

Approved by:



Bernard Ayoola  
Board Secretary

Date: 8/28/25

