

# Hope Academy of West Michigan Board of Directors

## Approved Special Meeting Minutes

**Mission:** *Hope Academy of West Michigan is a safe place for students to grow and achieve academic success.*

**Date:** July 24, 2023

**Time:** 8:00 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 8:04 a.m.*
  - A. **Board Members Present:** Barth Roberts, Todd Medendorp, Barbara Foster, Dr. Bernard Ayoola, and Peter Kladder III.
  - B. **Board Members Absent (with prior notice):** None.
  - C. **Others Present:** Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings, Executive Director Business Office; Dr. Michele Sideman, FSU Representative; Dr. Arthur Garner, School Principal; Joshua Barnhart, Assistant School Principal; Elisabeth DeMaar, EL Director; Gloria Cassleman, Teacher; Mark Brouwer, potential Board candidate; 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 Todd Medendorp and supported by Peter Kladder III. The motion passed unanimously.*
- IV. **Consent Calendar.** *None.*
- V. **Old Business.** *None.*
- VI. **New Business.**
  - A. **Review Mission, Vision and Values.** *The Board reviewed the current Mission, Vision and Values. Peter Kladder III suggested changes to the Mission Statement to read "Hope Academy of West Michigan provides a safe environment where each student realizes their full potential academically and with respect to their personal growth and character."*
  - B. **Review Summer 2022 Disher Strategic Planning.** *The Board reviewed the Summer 2022 Disher Strategic Planning document.*
    1. **Goals set from last year's session:**
      - a) Attendance
      - b) Behavior
      - c) Language Acquisition

# Hope Academy of West Michigan Board of Directors

## Approved Special Meeting Minutes

d) Data Dashboard and Schedule Regular Conversation about Data

- C. NWEA MAP (compare last year to 21-22 and to 18-19) and Acadience (tell us how we are using this, how does Ferris see it?). *The Board reviewed the NWEA Map and Acadience Data.*
- D. Set Student Achievement Target 2023-2024. *The Board discussed student achievement targets. Dr. Arthur Garner, Joshua Barnhart and Dr. Heidi Cate will make a recommendation of student achievement targets to the Board.*
- E. Vision for Hope Secondary (Doc and Josh Presentation). *Dr. Arthur Garner and Joshua Barnhart presented their vision for Hope Academy of West Michigan Secondary Students. This included requiring all Secondary students to either complete the Early Middle College or Career Readiness (attending Kent Career Technical School).*
- F. ESSER Planning. *Leslie Cummings discussed the amount of ESSER funds being received and utilized currently. Strategic spending of the funds was discussed by the Board.*
- G. Physical Facilities. *Joshua Barnhart reported with the current enrollment numbers, better utilization of the existing space is possible. All plumbing within the building has been updated, as well as routine maintenance while the students are out for the summer.*
- H. ESP Evaluation. *The Board will complete the ESP Evaluation when Ferris State University provides the new format.*

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

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

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

August 28, 2023 at 7:00 a.m.  
Hope Academy of West Michigan  
240 Brown Street SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

**X. Adjournment.** *A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Barbara Foster and supported by Peter Kladder III. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 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.*

## Hope Academy of West Michigan Board of Directors Approved Special Meeting Minutes

*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: 7/24/2023

Approved by:

~~Peter Kladder~~ Bernard Ayoola  
Board Secretary

Date: 

