

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: August 28, 2023

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 7:01 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).

C. Others Present. Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings, Executive Director Business Office; Arthur Garner, School Principal; Joshua Barnhart, Assistant School Principal; Kristen Petrick, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; 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

A. Approval of the July 24, 2023 Proposed Regular, Organizational and Special Meeting Minutes. *A motion to approve the July 24, 2023 Proposed Regular, Organizational and Special Meeting Minutes was made by Peter Kladder III and supported by Barbara Foster. The motion passed unanimously.*

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

A. Student Achievement. *Dr. Arthur Garner reviewed the provided 2022-2023 attendance, behavioral and academic scores by grade with the Board.*

B. Tier IV Plan Goals Update. *Dr. Heidi Cate gave an update on Tier IV Plan Goals, data is currently being compiled and will be shared out at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting.*

C. MICIP Plan. *Dr. Heidi Cate gave a brief recap on the provided MICIP Plan, with the three main goals being Social and Emotional Learning, Math academic achievement and Reading academic achievement.*

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- D. DRAFT revised Mission, Vision and Values Statements. *The Board reviewed the suggested Mission and Vision statements.*
- E. Review Board Polices. *The Board reviewed their current Board Policies. A motion to accept the Board Policies was made by Barbara Foster and supported by Dr. Bernard Ayoola. The motion passed unanimously.*
- F. FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report – Dr. Michele Siderman. *None.*
1. School Monthly Summary. *Handouts provided prior to the meeting. There were no questions from the Board.*
 2. Parent/Community Partners Update. *Handouts provided prior to the meeting. There were no questions from the Board.*
 3. DAN Updates. *Handouts provided prior to the meeting. There were no questions from the Board.*
- G. Integrity Educational Services Reports
1. Financial Reports
 - a. Monthly Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the July financial reports with the Board. A motion to approve the June check register was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Barbara Foster. The motion passed unanimously.*

Leslie Cummings also reviewed the completed Audit Questionnaire which was completed by Barth Roberts in advance of the 8/28/2023 Board Meeting.
 2. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie Cummings reported on recruiting efforts for the 2023-2024 school year including the search for a Secondary Math Teacher and a JMG Teacher. The 8/11/2023 DPPD, which all Hope and Lighthouse staff attended, was successful and received positive staff feedback from the event. The Board asked that staff feedback from the 8/11/2023 event be shared with the Board.*
- VII. Correspondence.** *Barth Roberts asked to hold monthly Board Luncheons with staff, to schedule staff more frequently to present at Board Meetings and inquired about Parents of Hope status and upcoming fundraisers they're holding.*
- VIII. Extended Public Comment* (limited to non-agenda items only).** *None.*
- IX. Reconfirmation of Next Regular Meeting Date.**
- September 25, 2023 at 7:00 a.m.
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- X. Adjournment.** *A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Peter Kladder III and supported by Todd Medendorp. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 a.m.*

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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: 8/28/2023

Approved by:



Bernard Ayoola
Board Secretary

Date: 9/25/2023

