

# 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:** September 25, 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 6:59 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. Arthur Garner, School Principal (joined at 7:11 a.m.); Joshua Barnhart, Assistant School Principal (joined at 7:05 a.m. and left at 7:30 a.m.); Gloria Cassleman, Teacher; Dr. Michele Siderman, FSU Representative; Doug Vredeveld, Vredeveld Representative; Matt Vredeveld, Vredeveld 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 Peter Kladder III and supported by Barbara Foster. The motion passed unanimously.*
- IV. **Consent Calendar**
  - A. Approval of the August 28, 2023 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes. *A motion to approve the August 28, 2023 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Dr. Bernard Ayoola. The motion passed unanimously.*
- V. **Old Business**
- VI. **New Business**
  - A. Audit Presentation. *Doug Vredeveld presented the results of the June 30, 2023 audit and single audit. The Academy received an unqualified opinion with no adjustments and no internal control issues were identified. A motion to accept the audit results was made by Barbara Foster and supported by Todd Medendorp. The motion passed unanimously.*
  - B. Student Achievement. *Josh Barnhart reviewed the provided NWEA Math and Reading data, as well as the provided behavioral data with the Board.*
  - C. Tier IV Plan Goals Update. *Dr. Heidi Cate presented the provided handout to the Board.*

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D. FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report – Dr. Michele Siderman. *Dr. Michele Siderman reviewed the completed School Safety and Security Checklist findings with the Board. Conflict of Interest forms will be emailed out this month to Board Members for completion. FSU-CSO is offering a grant of up to \$25,000.00 per Academy.*

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.*

E. Integrity Educational Services Reports

1. Financial Reports
  - a. Monthly Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the August financial reports with the Board. A motion to approve the August check register was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Barbara Foster. The motion passed unanimously.*
2. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie Cummings reported on recruiting efforts for the 2023-2024 school year including the search for a Math, JMG and Music Teachers. The Board reviewed the provided Stay Survey and DPPD Survey handouts.*

**VII. Correspondence.** *Barth Roberts attended a professional development session hosted through FSU-CSO.*

**VIII. Extended Public Comment\* (limited to non-agenda items only).** *Dr. Heidi Cate reminded the Board that Lack's Enterprises will no longer be donating holiday gifts for students. A suggestion to approach local businesses for donations was made.*

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

October 23, 2023 at 7:00 a.m.  
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240 Brown Street SE  
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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 7:58 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*

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*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: 9/25/2023

Approved by:



Bernard Ayoola  
Board Secretary

Date: 10/23/2023

