

Lighthouse Academy Board of Directors
Approved Regular Meeting Minutes

Mission: *A safe harbor that provides innovative whole-child education and ensures success despite life's storms.*

Date: November 23, 2021

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Place: Lighthouse Academy – North Campus
1260 Ekhart St NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

I. Call to Order and Roll Call. *Robert VanWieren called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m..*

Board Members Present. Robert VanWieren, Peter VanGelderren, Aaron Toffoli, Todd Penning and Angela Bunn.

Board Members Absent (with prior notice). Dr. Brenda King.

Others Present. Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings, IES Executive Director; Dr. Michele Sideman, FSU Representative; Stacey Martinez, Assistant Superintendent of Community Youth School Programs; Lucas Yax, Assistant Superintendent of Juvenile Justice and Youth Residential Programs; Matthew Milanowski, School Principal; Ronda Dyer, School Principal.

II. Public Comment* (limited to agenda items only). *None.*

III. Approval of Agenda. *A motion to approve the agenda was made by Peter VanGelderren and supported by Aaron Toffoli. The motion passed unanimously.*

IV. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of October 26, 2021 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes. *A motion to approve the October 26, 2021 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Aaron Toffoli and supported by Angela Bunn. The motion passed unanimously.*

V. Old Business. *None.*

VI. New Business

A. School Spotlight and Student Achievement (Ronda Dyer) – Lighthouse Academy Eagle Village. *Ronda Dyer presented a summary of the Eagle Village program.*

B. DAN Updates. *Dr. Heidi Cate gave an update on current DAN efforts including the collaboration with Kent ISD on the Science Vision for High Quality Instruction.*

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C. Strategic Planning Updates.

1. Review College Discussion Summary. *Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed the provided handout on exploring additional programs with area colleges to improve the Teacher pipeline. In addition, she discussed investigating an early middle college option for Lighthouse Academy – North students.*

D. Review and Approve Mid-Contract Self-Review Draft. *A motion to approve the proposed draft was made by Peter VanGeldereren and supported by Angela Bunn. The motion passed unanimously. Todd Penning, Aaron Toffoli, and Bob VanWieren will participate in an interview by the FSU team on January 18th.*

E. Review and Approve Safe Return to In-Person Instructions and Continuity of Services. *A motion to approve the proposed draft was made by Angela Bunn and supported by Aaron Toffoli. The motion passed unanimously.*

F. Integrity Educational Services Reports.

1. Financial Reports.

- a. Monthly Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the October financial reports with the Board. An MDE audit of all federal funds will be taking place on December 13th and 14th and Central Office is currently working on the Consolidated App.*

2. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie Cummings reported on the status of current recruiting efforts. Staff holiday gifts have been ordered and are scheduled to be distributed in early December. Stay Surveys have been sent out to staff and the DAN team will be reviewing the results at their next meeting.*

G. Review and Approve Muskegon County Transition Center RFP Response. *The Board discussed the RFP. A motion to submit the RFP response was made by Peter VanGeldereren and supported by Todd Penning. The motion passed unanimously.*

H. FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report–Dr. Michele Siderman. *Dr. Siderman reviewed the Ferris Board Communication and fiscal scorecard. Lighthouse Academy received a yellow rating due to the lower student counts in the fall of 2021. The Board has completed the required Professional Development credits.*

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VII. Correspondence. *None.*

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

IX. Reconfirmation of Next Regular Meeting Date

January 25, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.
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1260 Ekhart St. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

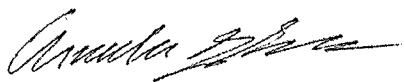
X. Adjournment. *A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Aaron Toffoli and supported by Todd Penning. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.*

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.)

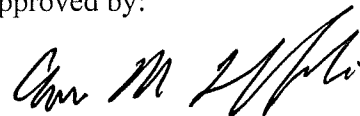
Submitted by:



Amanda Shyne
Recording Secretary

Date: 11/29/2021

Approved by:



Aaron Toffoli
Board Secretary

Date: 2-22-22