

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: July 27, 2021

Time: 12:07 p.m. (immediately following the Organizational Meeting)

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 12:07 p.m., immediately following the Organizational Meeting.*

Board Members Present. Robert VanWieren, Aaron Toffoli, Todd Penning, Gregory Lambert, Angela Bunn, Peter VanGelderren and Dr. Brenda King

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

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; Ronda Dyer, Principal (attending remotely via Zoom); Matt Milanowski, Principal; Kaylee Mesbergen, HR Generalist

- 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 Dr. Brenda King. The motion passed unanimously.*

IV. Consent Calendar

- A. Approval of June 29, 2021 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes. *A motion to approve the June 29, 2021 Proposed Meeting Minutes was made by Angela Bunn and supported by Dr. Brenda King. The motion passed unanimously.*

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

VI. New Business

- A. School Spotlight – Lighthouse Academy Eagle Village. *Ronda Dyer provided an overview of the handouts provided prior to the Board meeting in the Board package. Dr. Heidi Cate discussed the educational plan for the first trimester. Lighthouse Academy will be working proactively with Eagle Village personnel to stabilize student behaviors. Dr. Heidi Cate and Ronda Dyer will report monthly to the Board on the progress being made.*

- B. DAN and Strategic Plan updates. *Dr. Heidi Cate reported that Syd Harvey will be giving a presentation in August to the Hope Academy Board covering critical race curriculum. She asked if the Lighthouse Board would be interested in having a presentation by Mr. Harvey. Discussion occurred and it was decided that Dr. Cate would share articles*

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regarding critical race curriculum with the Board. This will be revisited at a later Board meeting.

C. Educational Goal Reports. *The Educational Goal Reports were submitted in the Board package for each of the locations. A motion to approve the Educational Goal Reports was made by Peter VanGelderens and supported by Angela Bunn. The motion passed unanimously.*

D. Integrity Educational Services Reports.

1. Financial Reports.

a. Monthly Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the preliminary June financial reports with the Board. The Board was requested to approve an Edgenuity invoice in the amount of \$43,506.16. The invoice represents a three-year license for the Edgenuity software. A motion to approve the invoice was made by Todd Penning and supported by Peter VanGelderens. The motion passed unanimously.*

b. Approval of Bank Commitment Letter. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the Bank Commitment letter from Huntington Bank for a state aid loan in the amount of \$350,000. The rationale for the loan was discussed. A motion was made by Dr. Brenda King to allow Dr. Heidi Cate to sign the Commitment Letter. The motion was supported by Angela Bunn and was passed unanimously*

2. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie Cummings reported on the proposed adjustment in teacher salaries utilizing the increase in the 2021-22 state aid allocation. The Board was supportive of the recommendation. Kaylee Mesbergen provided an update on recruiting for the 2021-2022 school year.*

E. FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report—Dr. Michele Sideman. *Dr. Sideman reviewed the August FSU communication newsletter. There will be a session held on August 18th at 6:30 p.m. where Dr. White will discuss fiscal responsibility from a Board perspective.*

VII. Correspondence. *Dr. Heidi Cate presented the Ferris State University correspondence regarding the visit by Dr. Ron Rizzo and Dr. Christopher White to determine that the new Ottawa JDC and JJI sites were ready to open.*

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

IX. Reconfirmation of Next Regular Meeting Date

August 24, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.
Lighthouse Academy - North
1260 Ekhart St. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

X. Adjournment. *A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Angela Bunn and supported by Aaron Toffoli. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.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: July 27, 2021

Approved by:



Aaron Toffoli
Board Secretary

Date: August 24, 2021

