# 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:** March 29, 2022 **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 12:03 p.m.

**Board Members Present.** Robert VanWieren, Aaron Toffoli, Todd Penning, Steven Bossenbroek II, Angela Bunn and Dr. Brenda King (attending via zoom per medical accommodations)

Board Members Absent (with prior notice). Peter VanGelderen

Others Present. Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings, IES Executive Director; Dr. Michele, Siderman, 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 (virtual); 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 Angela Bunn and supported by Aaron Toffoli. The motion passed unanimously.

### IV. Consent Calendar

- A. Approval of February 22, 2022 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes. A motion to approve the February 22, 2022 Proposed Regular Minutes was made by Angela Bunn and supported by Steven Bossenbroek. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. Old Business. None.

#### VI. New Business

- A. Approval of Reappointment for Aaron Toffoli and Peter VanGelderen. A motion to approve the reappointment of Aaron Toffoli was made by Angela Bunn and supported by Todd Penning. The motion passed unanimously. A motion to approve the reappointment of Peter VanGelderen was made by Aaron Toffoli and supported by Angela Bunn. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. School Spotlight Lighthouse Academy Eagle Village (Ronda Dyer). Ronda Dyer reviewed the provided School Spotlight which included student, STEM and Sports successes.

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- C. Recon Report Review. Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed the Recon Report for Lighthouse Academy South including the purpose and results.
- D. Emergency Operations Plans Review. Dr. Heidi Cate provided a brief history on the requirements of an Emergency Operations Plan and its purpose. A motion to approve the Emergency Operations Plan for each site was made by Angela Bunn and supported by Todd Penning. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. DAN and Strategic Plan Updates. *Dr. Heidi Cate shared that the ELA and Math curriculums have been updated, Science and Social Studies curriculums will also be reviewed and, if necessary, updated.*
- F. Integrity Educational Services Reports.
  - 1. Financial Reports.
    - a. Monthly Financial Reports. The Board reviewed the monthly reports for February. The Board supported repaying the outstanding State Aid Loan balance.
    - b. IES Services Agreement. A motion to send the proposed IES Services Agreement to FSU for review was made by Todd Penning and supported by Angela Bunn. The motion passed unanimously.
    - c. 2022-2023 School Year DRAFT Budget. Leslie reviewed the 2022-2023 Draft Budget with the Board.
    - d. Auditor RFP Update. Leslie presented the summary of the bids for the three firms that responded to the request for proposal. Based on reference checks, proposed fees and the West Michigan client list, she recommended Vredeveld Haefner. A motion to approve Vredeveld Haefner as the audit firm for fiscal years 2022, 2023 and 2024 was made by Steven Bossenbroek and supported by Aaron Toffoli. The motion passed unanimously.
  - 2. Human Resources Reports. Leslie reported that recruiting for Paraprofessionals and few leadership level positions is ongoing.
- G. FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report—Dr. Michele Siderman. *Dr. Siderman reviewed the Ferris April Board Communication with the Board*.
- VII. Correspondence. Dr. Heidi Cate reviewed the EMC approval letter from FSU. In an effort to expand our capacity to serve youths in Muskegon county, Dr. Heidi Cate proposed searching for a building within the county which could serve community youth. To aid in this search, she asked the board to engage Doug Taatjes, Wisinski. A motion to approve sending the proposed agreement to FSU for review was made by Angela Bunn and supported by Steven Bossenbroek. The motion passed unanimously.

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

IX. Reconfirmation of Next Regular Meeting Date

April 26, 2022 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 Aaron Toffoli and supported by Angela Bunn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 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

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Date: 03/29/2022

Approved by:

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Aaron Toffoli Board Secretary

Date: How 4-26-22