

**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:** August 24, 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 12:04 p.m..*

**Board Members Present.** Robert VanWieren, Aaron Toffoli, Todd Penning, Gregory Lambert, and Dr. Brenda King

**Board Members Absent (with prior notice).** Angela Bunn and Peter VanGelderren.

**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 (attending remotely via Zoom); Ronda Dyer, Principal (attending remotely via Zoom); Lucas Yax, Assistant Superintendent of Youth Residential Programs (attending remotely via Zoom); 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 Greg Lambert and supported by Dr. Brenda King. The motion passed unanimously.*

**IV. Consent Calendar**

A. Approval of July 27, 2021 Proposed Regular and Organizational Meeting Minutes. *A motion to approve the July 27, 2021 Proposed Organizational Meeting Minutes was made by Aaron Toffoli and supported by Greg Lambert. The motion passed unanimously. A motion to approve the July 27, 2021 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Dr. Brenda King and supported by Todd Penning. The motion passed unanimously.*

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

**VI. New Business**

A. School Spotlight – Lighthouse Academy The Pier, Waalkes, Ottawa JDC and Wedgwood. *Lucas Yax presented a summary of youth residential programs including barriers to educational delivery due to Community Partner COVID-19 precautions. The Pier and Waalkes will be partnering with Goodwill for student Job Placement and Skills, Ottawa JDC is already seeing credits earned and art courses offered at Wedgwood Residential will be expanding to include more students.*

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- B. DAN and Strategic Plan updates. *Dr. Heidi Cate reported on a new lead for partnering with a company offering CTE courses to our students. Dr. Heidi Cate and NextStep will start regular meetings to explore the possible partnership.*
- C. 2021-2022 COVID-19 Prevention Strategies. *Lucas Yax, Ronda Dyer and Stacey Martinez reviewed the completed COVID-19 Prevention Strategies Forms, which will replace last year's checklist, with the Board. Upon review, the Board identified one change to be made to two separate forms. Both the Ottawa JJI and Eagle Village forms will be changed to "Not at this time" in the "Wearing masks consistently and correctly over the nose and mouth". A motion to approve all forms with the changes identified was made by Greg Lambert and supported by Dr. Brenda King. The motion passed unanimously.*
- D. Plan Strategic Planning Retreat in Early Fall. *The Board discussed holding this retreat for a half-day, dates and times will be sent out to Board Members to choose from in order to set the date for this retreat.*
- E. Board Policy Handbook Update. *The current Board Policies were reviewed and no additions or changes were necessary.*
- F. Integrity Educational Services Reports.
  - 1. Financial Reports.
    - a. Monthly Financial Reports. *Leslie Cummings reviewed the July financial reports with the Board.*
    - b. State Aid Loan Approval. *A motion to approve the State Aid Loan was made by Dr. Brenda King and supported by Todd Penning. The motion was passed unanimously.*
  - 2. Human Resources Reports. *Leslie Cummings reported on the status of the teacher salaries increases and the need for Paraprofessionals and Teachers.*
- G. FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report—Dr. Michele Siderman. *Dr. Siderman reviewed the September FSU communication newsletter in which Lighthouse Academy was recognized for maintaining 100% on-time EpiCenter compliance. The annual conflict of interest questionnaire will be sent out electronically this year and the Reauthorization Review will be held virtually on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022.*
- VII. **Correspondence.** *Dr. Heidi Cate called the Board's attention to recent correspondence from MDHHS and Thurn Law Firm regarding COVID-19 precautions and masking.*
- VIII. **Extended Public Comment\* (limited to non-agenda items only).** *None.*
- IX. **Reconfirmation of Next Regular Meeting Date**  
September 28, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.  
Lighthouse Academy - North  
1260 Ekhardt 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 1:05 p.m.*

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*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.)*

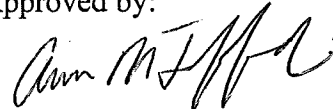
Submitted by:



Amanda Shyne  
Recording Secretary

Date: August 30, 2021

Approved by:



Aaron Toffoli  
Board Secretary

Date: 9-28-21

