

West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics
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Board Meeting Minutes – January 30, 2018 – 6:30 PM-Approved

- I. Call to Order – President Marcia Rappleye called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM
- II. Roll Call – Present – Marcia Rappleye (President), Jamie LeRoux (Vice-President), Matt Butler (Secretary / Treasurer), Susan Fuller (Board Member). Absent – Leon Stille (Board Member), John Hayes (Board Member).
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approval of Agenda – There was discussion among the board members to change the February board meeting up to February 22, 2018. A motion was made by M. Butler, supported by J. LeRoux to change the February board meeting date. All in favor 4-0. Motion passed. Added under Old Business was interview board candidate Marjorie Stonecypher. The board interviewed Ms. Stonecypher. A motion was made by J. LeRoux, supported by M. Butler to recommend Marjorie Stonecypher as a board member. All in favor 4-0. Motion passed. Dan Warren explained the relationship the board and GVSU have, and also the vetting process.
- V. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Board Meeting Minutes – November 28, 2017 – A motion was made by M. Butler, supported by J. LeRoux to approve the November 28, 2017, board minutes as written. All in favor 4-0. Motion passed.
- VI. Financial Report - Liz Johnson referred to the presentation of the first amended budget.
- VII. Correspondence – M. Rappleye acknowledged that the board has received several emails. M. Rappleye will speak about the correspondence later in the meeting.
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - A. Interim Director’s Report – Steve Chartier spoke about the follow up visit from Shelley Patton from the Michigan Dept of Ed regarding the on site federal program audit held last February 2017. Mr. Chartier stated there were findings as a result of the audit. Ms. Patton stated in the follow up visit that there was not significant progress made towards resolution of the findings which included lack of curriculum and mis-alignment of curriculum in all areas specifically science and social studies, low level of parent involvement, school improvement, lack of group discussion / transparency on how to utilize the Title I & II funds, and written processes. As a result, the MDE has made the decision to withhold all of our Title I, Part A, funds for the 2018-2019 school year. Mr. Chartier reported that Ms. Patton extended the follow up and will return in late August, early September 2018, to verify if the findings have been corrected, at which time she will determine whether to release the Title I funds.
 - B. G.V.S.U. Report – Dan Warren spoke about the upcoming board reception. Mr. Warren also reported there are three board members up for re-appointment for another 3 year term. There are two members who will renew their terms, M. Rappleye and J. Hayes and they would require a nomination vote. The third member S. Fuller will not renew. A motion was made by M. Butler, supported by J. LeRoux to re-nominate M. Rappleye and J. Hayes for another 3 year term. All in favor 4-0. Motion passed.
- IX. Old Business
 - A. Board Member Search Update – M. Butler reported as a committee member to the discussion mentioned under approval of agenda. ~~M. Butler stated he and committee members~~ met with Marjorie Stonecypher prior to the interview in front of the full board. 2/22 correction – per L. Stille, M. Butler did not meet with Ms. Stonecypher, it was just L. Stille and J. Hayes.
- X. New Business

- A. Director Search Update – Dave Petersen Present – Dave Petersen reported to the board his findings from the focus group meetings and online survey results. He stated he broke up his report into three different categories 1) executive summary of general findings, 2) summary from individual focus groups, 3) summary of comments provided from the online survey, and that it was up to the board to determine how they wanted to move forward. A decision was made by the board members to move forward with the Director search.
- B. Approval of the Fall 2017 Board Updates – The fall updates included standard language. A motion was made by M. Butler, supported by J. LeRoux to approve the fall 2017 board updates. All in favor 4-0. Motion passed.
- C. Approval of the First Amended 2017-2018 Budget Resolution – L. Johnson presented the first amended budget based on a blended general ed student count of 451.16, state aide revenue would be \$3,442,802, increases in various grants including Title I, II, 31A, special Ed, and a new grant, Title IV. Total revenue is projected to be \$4,030,776. Expenditures included adjustments to salaries and benefits due to staffing changes over the summer, extensive building and maintenance upgrades / repairs such as new shingled roof, replacement of 3 HVAC units, and repair to a section of soffit and fascia. The Title IV grant will be used to purchase two chrome book mobile labs. Total expenditures are projected to be \$4,239,342. A motion was made by M. Butler, supported by J. LeRoux to approve the 2017-2018 first amended budget. All in favor 4-0. Motion passed.
- XI. Topics for Next Meeting
Curriculum update
A formal welcome to board member candidate Marjorie Stonecypher
- XII. Public Comments – Monica Verplank – 221 Cutler St., Grand Haven, MI 49417
Kathleen Karpin – 15383 Apple St., Grand Haven, MI 49417
Brandon Hardesty – 17305 Hickory St., Spring Lake, MI 49456
- XIII. Next Meeting Date – ~~February 27, 2018~~ February 22, 2018
- XIV. Adjournment – A motion was made by M. Rappleye, supported by J. LeRoux to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM. All in favor 4-0. Motion passed.

M Rappleye President
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