

**West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics**  
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**Board Meeting Minutes – March 27, 2018 – 6:30 PM-Approved**

- I. Call to Order – Matt Butler called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.
- II. Roll Call – Present: Matt Butler (Secretary / Treasurer), Jamie LeRoux (Vice-President), John Hayes (Board Member), Marjorie Stonecypher (Board Member).
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approval of Agenda – acceptance of board member resignations was added under item IV, new business item XI A was moved below acceptance of board member resignations, and discussion of board officers. A motion was made by J. Hayes, supported J. LeRoux to approve the agenda as amended. All in favor 4-0. Motion passed.
- V. Acceptance of Board Member Resignations – Leon Stille, Marcia Rappleye, Susan Fuller – A motion was made by J. Hayes, supported by J. LeRoux to accept the board member resignations. All in favor 4-0. Motion passed.
- VI. Discussion of Board Officers / Approval of Matt Butler as President– The board members decided that J. LeRoux would run the meeting and at a future date, they would further discuss this topic. A motion was made by J. Hayes, supported by M. Stonecypher to table the discussion. All in favor 4-0. Motion passed.
- VII. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Special Meeting Minutes – March 13, 2018 – A motion was made by J. Hayes, supported by M. Butler to approve the minutes as written. All in favor 4-0. Motion passed.
- VIII. Financial Report - L Johnson reported the Governors proposed foundation allowance for the next school year is between \$120-240, the Senate \$115-230. The House has not released their proposal yet. In addition, the security camera install should occur over spring break, there was an additional cost to the estimate because a video intercom unit to connect to the computer was added and the placement of the camera will be moved to the outside of the front doors. Information is being gathered for the draft 2018-19 budget. E. Goldman also reported that we will need to add \$2500.00 to the final budget for the arbitrage requirement for our bonds. He will also discuss possible bond savings at a future date.
- IX. Correspondence – no correspondence.
- X. Interview of Board Candidates – 7:03 PM – John Weaver, 7:28 PM – Chad Nader, 7:33 PM – Ross Reuterdahl, 7:47 PM – Thomas Stefanits. It was determined that the deadline to accept board member applications will be April 2, 2018. A motion was made by J. Hayes, supported by M. Stonecypher to schedule a Special Board meeting on April 10, 2018, 6:30 PM, to interview additional board candidates and vote to determine which applications to recommend to GVSU. All in favor 4-0. Motion passed.
- XI. Committee Reports
  - A. Interim Director’s Report – Presentation of the Teacher’s College, Math Expressions, & Holt Curriculum – S. Chartier reported that math teachers reviewed the Math Expressions and Holt curriculum and recommended we move forward with it. The Math Expressions would be a full curriculum replacement since our Go Math program is expired at the end of this school year and it will replace for grades K-5, Holt will be for grades 6-8, and not a full curriculum replacement. The reading and writing curriculum will be the Teachers College and every teacher, except for the arts has been piloting it. S. Chartier stated due to the urgency of putting a curriculum in place to meet compliance requirements, he did not meet with staff to select the curriculum. In addition to the new curriculum, it was proposed that 5 teachers attend the Teacher’s College Reading and Writing Workshops in New York over the summer. This training would be beneficial for any curriculum. M. Butler recommended that the board not approve any curriculum at this time until there is a full board and the permanent Director in place. Mr. Butler stated he spoke to Shelley Patton at the MDE who said progress is being made, knowing our current situation. It was recommended that the approval of the curriculum, under new business, item C, be broken out into two parts.

- a. 1) approval of 5 teachers to attend the Teachers College PD in New York this summer 2018– A motion was made by M. Butler, supported by J. Hayes to approve 5 teachers to attend the Teachers College PD in New York. All in favor 4-0. Motion passed.
  - b. 2) approval of the curriculum – A motion was made by J. Hayes, supported M. Stonecypher to approve the curriculum as presented. A roll call vote was taken – M. Butler – nay, J. Hayes – yea, J. LeRoux – yea, M. Stonecypher – yea. Motion failed 3 yeas to 1 nay.
- B. G.V.S.U. Report – D. Warren reported there are several upcoming events at GVSU.
- C. Board Committee Reports – no reports.
- XII. Old Business
- XIII. New Business
  - A. Interview Board Member Candidates – refer to above.
  - B. Approval of the GVSU Contract Amendments – D. Warren reported all their schools will have contract amendments to clear up language and add language such as allowing the President of the University to step in in times of financial distress. In addition, GVSU will be aligning with the State of Michigan for academic growth assessment by using MStep, rather than MAP. MAP will still be available if a school so chooses. The comparison schools will also be like schools.
  - C. Approval of the Teacher’s College, Math Expressions, & Holt Curriculum – refer to above.
- XIV. Topics for Next Meeting
  - April 10, 2018 interview to recommend 3 board members to GVSU
  - Topics for April 12, 2018 – a) closed session to review Director applicants and Board approval of finalists; b) curriculum discussion for 1) Math Expressions and 2) Teachers College and Holt curriculum.
- XV. Public Comments –
  - Monica Verplank – 221 N. Cutler St., Spring Lake, MI 49456, Robin VanSolkema – 15320 Hofma Dr., Grand Haven, MI 49417, Emily Conley – 14776 Timberlake Ct., Spring Lake, MI 49456, Mandy Keeler – 526 Pennoyer Ave., Grand Haven, MI 49417, Richard Tease – 17729 N. Shore Rd., Spring Lake, MI 49456, Trisha Larsen – 16156 Scenic Trail, Spring Lake, MI 49456
- XVI. Next Meeting Date – April 10, 2018
- XVII. Closed Session to Review Written Legal Opinion – A motion was made by J. Hayes, supported by M. Butler to move into closed session at 9:50 PM. A roll call vote was taken – M. Butler – yea, J. LeRoux – yea, J. Hayes – yea, M. Stonecypher – yea. A motion was made by J. Hayes, supported by M. Butler to exit closed session at 9:58 PM, A roll call vote was taken – M. Butler – yea, J. LeRoux – yea, J. Hayes – yea, M. Stonecypher – yea. All in favor 4-0. Motion passed.
- XVIII. Adjournment – A motion was made by J. Hayes, supported by M. Butler to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 PM. All in favor 4-0. Motion passed.

*Melvin Sess 4-26-18*