

West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics
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Board Meeting Minutes – May 22, 2018 – 6:30 PM-Approved

- I. Call to Order – Interim President Jamie LeRoux called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.
- II. Roll Call – Present: Jamie LeRoux (Interim President), Matt Butler (Secretary/Treasurer), John Hayes (Trustee), Marjorie Stonecypher (Trustee), Melisa Sass (Trustee), Andy Alt (Trustee)
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Public Comments (agenda items only) – No comments.
- V. Oath of Office Marjorie Stonecypher – G.V.S.U. Rep Bill Barker gave oath of office to Marjorie Stonecypher.
- VI. Approval of Agenda – J. LeRoux added under old business discussion of the professional development date for the board, Teachers College PD. Under new business added introduction of new director to committee, roman numeral X 2018-2019 school calendar, also add committee reports. A motion was made by M. Butler, supported by J. Hayes to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed 6-0.
- VII. Interview Board Member Candidates
 - A. 6:45 PM – Jeff Joannis – The Board interviewed Jeff Joannis at 6:40 PM.
 - B. 7:00 PM – Shelley Ostric – The Board interviewed Shelley Ostric at 7:00 PM.

A motion was made by M. Butler, supported by J. LeRoux to recommend Shelley Ostric as a Board Member to G.V.S.U. Motion passed 6-0.
- VIII. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Special Meeting Minutes – 4-12-2018 A
 - B. Board Meeting Minutes – 4-24-2018
 - C. Special Meeting Minutes – 4-26-2018

A motion was made by J. Hayes, supported by M. Butler to approve the minutes from 4-12-2018, 4-24-2018, and 4-26-2018. Motion passed 6-0.
- IX. Correspondence – No Correspondence.
- X. Old Business
 - A. Discussion of the Board Professional Development Update – J. LeRoux threw out some dates for the board to meet and has reviewed contracts of potential presenters. G.V.S.U. will finance the training, they are awaiting one more proposal, the board will try to meet in July. J. LeRoux will update the board with a date as it becomes available.
 - B. Teachers College PD – J. LeRoux stated the last teacher approved to attend at the April 26, 2018, board meeting is no longer able to go. A different teacher has been recommended to attend instead. S. Chartier said there would be a \$75.00 cancellation and \$75.00 replacement fee. The replacement teacher will need to verify that she will be accepted in the program. The deadline to cancel is May 25. A motion was made by J. Hayes, supported by M. Stonecypher to approve the replacement teacher contingent upon her acceptance to Teachers College. Motion passed 6-0.
 - C. Introduction of the New Director – J. LeRoux and E. Goldman met with Joey Bennink to discuss the transition process. It was discussed to hold a “meet and greet” on June 5, 2018, from 4-6 PM, before school is out for students and parents to meet Joey. J. LeRoux stated she will work with Joey on the details of the meet and greet and welcome letter.
- XI. New Business
 - A. Approval of the Croskey, Lanni Audit Engagement Letter – A motion was made by M. Stonecypher, no second to approve a 1 year contract vs three. Motion failed. A motion was made by M. Butler, supported by A. Alt to approve a three year contract. Motion passed 6-0.
 - B. 2018-2019 School Calendar – The starting date of school for 2018-2019 will be September 4, 2018. A motion was made by J. LeRoux, supported by M. Stonecypher to approve the calendar as written. Motion passed 6-0.

- XII. Topics for Next Meeting – Public budget hearing, final budget, proposed budget, recording minutes, organizational meeting.
- XIII. Public Comments – Mandy Keeler 526 Pennoyer Ave., Grand Haven, MI 49417– commented.. she is happy about the 7th board member, remind the Board parents are interested on serving on committees, asked for clarification about the teacher selection for Teachers College PD.
Robin VanSolkema – 15320 Hofma Dr., Grand Haven, MI 49417 - commented.. knows the 7th board member, Shelley Ostric and thinks she has wisdom, is concerned about the lack of literacy curriculum and how that will look moving forward with a new Director, is uneasy about the decision to send her kids here next year.
Kendra Streng – 13189 Carrier LN, Grand Haven, MI 49417 - commented.. concerned about teacher turn over and sending new staff to an expensive PD, is there assurance they will stay after being trained.
Richard Tease – 17729 N. Shore Rd., Spring Lake, MI 49456 – commented.. had opportunity to be a Watch D.O.G., spent time at the school, was eye opening experience, there is a lot of wear and tear on the building.
- XIV. Closed Session to Review Written Legal Opinion – A motion was made by M. Butler, supported by J. Hayes to move into closed session at 8:24 PM. Roll call – A. Alt – aye, M. Sass – aye, J. LeRoux – aye, M. Butler – aye, M. Stonecypher – aye, J. Hayes – aye. Motion passed 6-0.
A motion was made by M. Butler, supported by J. Hayes to exit closed session at 9:55 PM. A roll call vote – A. Alt – aye, M. Sass – aye, J. LeRoux – aye, M. Butler – aye, M. Stonecypher – aye, J. Hayes – aye. Motion passed 6-0.
- XV. Next Meeting Date – June 26, 2018
- XVI. Adjournment – A motion was made by A. Alt, supported by M. Butler to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 PM. Motion passed 6-0.

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