

West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics
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Board Meeting Minutes – June 26, 2018 – 6:30 PM-Approved

- I. Call to Order – Interim President Jamie LeRoux called the meeting to order at 6:44 PM.
- II. Roll Call – Present: Jamie LeRoux (Interim President), Matt Butler (Secretary/Treasurer), Andy Alt (Trustee), Melisa Sass (Trustee), Marjorie Stonecypher (Trustee), John Hayes (Trustee).
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approval of Agenda – J. LeRoux added under new business, item F, independent organizational review/performance review. A motion was made by M. Butler, supported by J. Hayes to approve the agenda as amended. All in favor 6-0 motion passed.
- V. Annual Organizational Meeting
 1. Nominate Temp Chairperson – A motion was made by J. LeRoux, supported by J. Hayes to nominate Errol Goldman as temp chairperson. All in favor 6-0 motion passed.
 2. Election of Officers – A slate motion was made by J. Hayes, supported by M. Stonecypher to nominate the following officers. All in favor 6-0 motion passed.
 - a. President – Andy Alt
 - b. Vice-President -Jamie LeRoux
 - c. Secretary/Treasurer – Matt Butler
 3. Compliance Statement – A motion was made by M. Butler, supported by J. Hayes to adopt the compliance statement. All in favor 6-0 motion passed.
 4. Board Meeting Calendar for 2018-2019 – A motion was made by M. Sass, supported by M. Butler to approve the 2018-2019 board meeting calendar. The August meeting will be held on August 28th. All in favor 6-0 motion passed.
 5. Local Depository Declaration – A motion was made by M. Butler, supported by J. Hayes, to use Chemical Bank as the local depository. All in favor 6-0 motion passed.
 6. Appointment of Legal Counsel – A motion was made by M. Butler, supported by J. Hayes to appoint Goldman & Associates, PLC as the boards legal counsel. All in favor 6-0 motion passed.
 7. Appointment of Auditing Firm – The Board approved Croskey, Lanni, and Company as the Board’s auditing firm at the 5/22/2018 board meeting.
 8. Designation of AHERA – A motion was made by M. Butler, supported by J. Hayes to designate the Academy Director as the AHERA contact. All in favor 6-0 motion passed.
 9. Designation of Freedom of Information Act, Sexual Harrassment, Title VI, and Section 504 contact, Civil Right – A motion was made by M. Butler, supported by J. Hayes to designate the Director and Assistant Director as contacts for sexual harassment, Title VI, and Section 504, Civil Right and the Director for Freedom of Information Act. All in favor 6-0 motion passed.
 10. Designation of Chief Administrative Officer – A motion was made by J. LeRoux, supported by J. Hayes to designate the Board Secretary/Treasurer as the Chief Administrative Officer. All in favor 6-0 motion passed.
 11. Adoption of the Board’s Principal Media Source – A motion was made by J. Hayes, supported by J. LeRoux to adopt the Grand Haven Tribune as the Board’s principal media source. All in favor 6-0 motion passed.
 12. Resolution Designating Eligible Board Officers and Academy Personnel to sign Academy Checks – A motion was made by J. LeRoux, supported by J. Hayes to designate the Board officers as eligible check signers for checks \$2000.00 and greater. All in favor 6-0 motion passed.
 13. Appointment of Board Recording Secretary – A motion was made by M. Butler, supported by J. Hayes to appoint Liz Johnson as the Board recording secretary and E. Goldman in her absence. All in favor 6-0 motion passed.
 14. Resolution to Adopt the Playground Safety Act and FERPA – A motion was made by J. Hayes, supported by M. Butler to adopt the Playground Safety Act and FERPA. All in favor 6-0 motion passed.
- VI. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Board Meeting Minutes – Special Meeting Minutes 5-22-2018 – A motion was made by J. LeRoux, supported by M. Butler to approve the minutes as written. All in favor 6-0 motion passed.
- VII. Financial Report - L. Johnson combined with the discussion under new business.
- VIII. Correspondence – J. LeRoux received correspondence regarding varmint living in the barn owned by the Academy.
- IX. Committee Reports
 - A. Director’s Report – Joey Bennink provided the Board with a brief update regarding curriculum, staffing, etc.

- B. G.V.S.U. Report – D. Warren stated that GVSU is still reviewing the curriculum approved and recommended to GVSU but it will not hold up GVSU’s approval. They are waiting for final mapping and making sure it aligns with the MDE. D. Warren said the curriculum could be ordered after the board approves the operating budget for 2018-2019.
- X. New Business
- A. Approval of the Final Amended 2017-2018 Budget Resolution – A motion was made by J. LeRoux, supported by J. Hayes to approve the final amended 2017-2018 budget resolution. All in favor 6-0 motion passed.
- B. Approval of the 2018-2019 Operating Budget Resolution – A motion was made by M. Butler, supported by M. Sass to approve the 2018-2019 operating budget resolution. All in favor 6-0 motion passed.
- C. Approval of the Final 2017-2018 Debt Retirement Resolution – A motion was made by M. Butler, supported by J. LeRoux to approve the 2017-2018 final debt retirement resolution. All in favor 6-0 motion passed.
- D. Approval of the 2018-2019 Debt Retirement Resolution – A motion was made by J. LeRoux, supported by J. Hayes to approve the 2018-2019 debt retirement resolution. All in favor 6-0 motion passed.
- E. Approval of the 2018-2019 Board Meeting Calendar – Approved during organizational meeting.
- F. Approval of the Director Evaluation – J. LeRoux emailed the evaluation to the board members. She stated the Director met all of his goals according to the rubric, therefore a recommendation of a highly effective rating. A motion was made by M. Stonecypher, supported by J. Hayes to approve the highly effective rating. All in favor 6-0 motion passed.
- G. School Diagnostics Review – A. Alt stated the Academy has fallen short of performance and academic results. He feels a thorough review of the Academy in several areas will help build a roadmap for best practices and to have a cohesive plan for all involved, coupled with Board development and having a new Director will be a good thing. This is not a mistrust in the Director. The cost range is potentially \$25-100k, depending on the scope of work. A committee of A. Alt, M. Butler, J. Hayes and J. Bennink will interview and decide on the potential consulting firm. A motion was made by A. Alt, supported by J. Hayes to create an RFP, at no cost, and create the school improvement committee for the school diagnostic review. All in favor 6-0 motion passed.
- XI. Topics for Next Meeting
Open board seat
Special board meeting on July 11, 2018, noon, GVSU Charter School Office
- XII. Public Comments – Mandy Keeler 526 Pennoyer Ave., Grand Haven, MI 49417– Commented on..... excited about Joey Bennink starting as Director, asked for clarification on the evaluation process for the former Director and how the rating resulted.
Kendra Streng 13189 Carrier LN Grand Haven, MI 49417– Commented on....concerns over the former Director evaluation and rating and how his evaluation was based solely on goals, asked why a parent and staff survey was not sent out regarding the Director and school climate.
- XIII. Next Meeting Date – July 11, 2018 – GVSU Charter School Office, 201 Front Ave., SW Grand Rapids, MI 49504
- XIV. Adjournment – A motion was made by M. Butler, supported by J. LeRoux to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM. All in favor 6-0 motion passed.

Melissa
8/28/18