

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

- I. Call to Order – Vice-President Jamie LeRoux called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM.
- II. Roll Call – Present: Jamie LeRoux (Vice-President), John Hayes (Trustee), Marjorie Stonecypher (Trustee), Melisa Sass (Trustee), Andy Alt (Trustee). Absent: Matt Buter (Secretary/Treasurer)
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Public Comments (agenda items only) – No comments.
- V. Approval of Agenda - J. LeRoux added under new business remove Marcia Rappleye as a check signer and add Melisa Sass. J. LeRoux, seconded by M. Stonecypher added curriculum discussion and discussion to send an additional teacher to the Teachers College PD in New York, after deliberation of the Director candidates. A motion was made by J. Hayes, seconded by M. Stonecypher to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed 5-0.
- VI. Correspondence – No correspondence.
- VII. New Business
 - A. 6:30 PM – Board Meets to Review Feedback Forms from Stakeholder Committees and Candidate’s Writing Sample
 - B. 7:00 PM – Joanna Bennink Presentation and Interview – The Board interviewed Joanna Bennink.
- VIII. Topics for Next Meeting
- IX. Public Comments – Mandy Keeler – 526 Pennoyer Grand Haven, MI 49417 – commented on the investment parents and staff have in the school as stakeholders, Jeff Bretz – 15366 Robbins Rd., Grand Haven, MI 49417 – commented on his longevity at the Academy and investment in the school, Kendra Oele – 391 Park Street, Fruitport, MI 49415 – commented on relationships that Academy stakeholders have created, Robin VanSolkema – 15320 Hofma Dr., Grand Haven, MI 49417 – commented on curriculum, relationships, Candice Tease – 17729 N. Shore Rd., Spring Lake, MI 49456 – she and her husband selected the right school for their son, Chris Michaels – 6374 Johnson Rd., Fruitport, MI 49415 – previously withheld opinion about candidates but clear tonight about Ms. Bennink, Monica VerPlank – 221 N. Cutler St., Spring Lake, MI 49456 – reflected on the opportunities for the future of the Academy, Kendra Streng – 13189 Carrier Lane, Grand Haven, MI 49417 –read a statement from Deb Jackson, she wanted to make sure the Board truly heard comments from the staff and parents while considering their decision.
- X. Deliberation of Director Candidates – The Board discussed the candidates. A motion was made by A. Alt, seconded by M. Sass to recommend Joanna Bennink as the Director of West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics to HRES, LLC. At a future date, there will be discussion about a bonus structure compensation. A roll call vote – A. Alt – aye, M. Sass – aye, J. LeRoux – aye, J. Hayes – aye, M. Stonecypher – aye. Motion passed 5-0.
- XI. Curriculum Discussion – A motion was made by J. Hayes, seconded by M. Stonecypher to approve the new curriculum Teachers College, Math Expressions, and Holt. A roll call vote – A. Alt – aye, M. Sass – aye, J. LeRoux – aye, J. Hayes – aye, M. Stonecypher – aye. Motion passed 5-0.
- XII. Approval to Send Additional Teacher to Teachers College PD in New York – A motion was made by J. Hayes, seconded by J. LeRoux to send Megan Sims to the Teachers College PD in New York, in August. Motion passed 5-0.
- XIII. Next Meeting Date – May 22, 2018
- XIV. Adjournment – A motion was made by M. Stonecypher, seconded by J. Hayes to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 PM. Motion passed 5-0.


Melisa Sass
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