

West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics

17350 Hazel Street, Spring Lake, MI 49456

Touching Hearts....Reaching Minds

Board Meeting – Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 6:30PM

MINUTES - Approved

- I. **Call to Order** – President Andy Alt called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.
- II. **Roll Call – Declaration of a Quorum** – Present: Andy Alt (President), John Hayes (Vice-President), Melisa Sass (Secretary), Brooke Karl (Treasurer). Absent: Sara Heacox (Trustee). Also Present: Joey Bennink (Director), Liz Johnson (Business Manager), Matt Cawood (GVSU Rep), Tim Tiefenbach (Prospective Trustee).
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Reading of West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics Mission Statement**
Empowering students to reach their ultimate personal success through the unique integration of arts and academics.
- V. **Public Comments for Agenda Items Only** – There were no comments.
- VI. **Approval of the Agenda** – A. Alt moved the GVSU presentation after correspondence, tabled the scatterplot presentation, and added a closed session. A motion was made by M. Sass, supported by J. Hayes to approve the agenda as amended. All in favor 4-0, motion passed.
- VII. **Correspondence** – There was no correspondence.
- VIII. **Action Items**
 - a. Approval Board Meeting Minutes: November 15, 2022 – A motion was made by M. Sass, supported by B. Karl to approve the minutes as written. All in favor 4-0, motion passed.
 - b. Approval Board Meeting Minutes: December 14, 2022 – A motion was made by B. Karl, supported by M. Sass to approve the minutes as written. All in favor 4-0, motion passed.
 - c. Review and Approval of the 2nd Revised 2022-23 Budget Resolution – L. Johnson presented the 2nd revised budget. There was a slight decrease to the revenue due to drop in enrollment and a slight increase to expenditures. A motion was made by B. Karl, supported by J. Hayes to approve the revised 2nd amended budget resolution. All in favor 4-0, motion passed.
- IX. **Director's Report**
 - a. Highlights of Written Report – J. Bennink presented academic data, Officer DeVries will return to do more CRAZE training with the staff, we received a grant from the Grand Haven Community Foundation for a mural project led by local artist Joel Tannis, she is finishing up PGP meetings and will be completed by the next board meeting, kitchen is fully operational, and we are preparing for a food program audit.
 - b. School Improvement Team Update – Jason Cooke and Staci Brown, teachers, reported that math is a struggle across the board and will become a focus area the team will work on. This will include various strategies like quick checking power standards, to monitor student progress and to realign groups.
 - c. Arts Integration Update – Mandy DeBoer, drama teacher / arts coordinator, presented what is arts integration and how it is used at the Academy. Students in Kindergarten see all artforms throughout the year, per semester, while kids, starting in 6th grade will declare a major and take more arts classes to fulfill their major. They also follow the National Core Art Standards, and will end with a focus project their 8th grade year.

- d. SEAB Presentation – J. Bennink reported that the State of Michigan requires that we teach kids about Aids and STD's (sexually transmitted disease). Bennink would also like to teach puberty class. This will require a committee made up of a teacher, member of the clergy, medical professional and a parent. Parents will be given an opportunity to review the materials before their kids take the class, in which they can opt out if they choose. A motion was made by M. Sass, supported by B. Karl to approve the puberty class. All in favor 4-0, motion passed.
- e. Scatterplot Presentation – Tabled until the next meeting.
- f. Review and Approve Emergency Operations – The Board reviewed this in closed session with J. Bennink. A motion was made by M. Sass, supported by J. Hayes to approve the Emergency Operations plan. All in favor 4-0, motion passed.

X. Committee Reports

- a. Finance, Facilities, & Audit – L. Johnson presented the monthly financials. GVSU compliance requirements and the Maintenance ticketing system will be added as a regular topic at the FFA meetings.

XI. GVSU Report

- a. Performance Report Overview – Courtney Stahl presented the annual performance report. WMAAA fared a little better in test scores from other “like” schools. The compliance reporting also fell to meets standards.
- b. Compliance Update – Reported under “a” of item XI.

XII. Potential Topics for March 21, 2023 Board Meeting

There will be a special meeting on Tuesday, February 28th, 6:30 PM, to review and discuss student test data, looking at two trends. The school improvement team will present at a later board meeting if progress is being made.

Estimated seat numbers will also be presented at the February meeting.

Scatterplot presentation

Recruitment and re-enrollment

Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items – there were no comments

XIII. Closed session pursuant to section 8(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by M. Sass, supported by J. Hayes to move into closed session at 7:30 PM. Roll call vote was taken – Andy Alt – aye, John Hayes – aye, Melisa Sass – aye, Brooke Karl – aye. All in favor 4-0, motion passed.

A motion was made by J. Hayes, supported by B. Karl to move out of closed session at 8:00 PM. A roll call vote was taken – Andy Alt – aye, John Hayes – aye, Melisa Sass – aye, Brooke Karl – aye. All in favor 4-0, motion passed.

XIV. Adjournment – A motion was made by M. Sass, supported by B. Karl to adjourn at 8:15 PM. All in favor 4-0, motion passed.

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