

West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics

17350 Hazel Street, Spring Lake, MI 49456

Touching Hearts....Reaching Minds

Board Meeting – Tuesday, March 22, 6:30PM

MINUTES - Approved

- I. **Call to Order** – Present Andy Alt called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.
- II. **Roll Call – Declaration of a Quorum** – Present: Andy Alt (President), John Hayes (Vice-President), Melisa Sass (Secretary), Brooke Karl (Treasurer), Sara Heacox (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. **Mission Moment** – The Board was presented a video made by middle school students.
- VI. **Public Comments for Agenda Items Only** – There were no comments.
- VII. **Approval of the Agenda** – A. Alt moved the interview with Doug McNeil to under correspondence, as item IX. A motion was made by J Hayes, supported by M. Sass to approve the agenda as amended. All in favor 5-0, motion passed.
- VIII. **Correspondence** – There was no correspondence.
- IX. **Interview Doug McNeil** – The Board interviewed Doug McNeil as a potential candidate for Board legal counsel.
- X. **Action Items**
 - a. Review and Approve Board Meeting Minutes: January 25, 2022 – A motion was made by M. Sass, supported by J. Hayes to approve the minutes as written. All in favor 5-0, motion passed.
 - b. Approval of Doug McNeil, Legal Counsel – A motion was made by J. Hayes, supported by M. Sass to approve Doug McNeil as the Board's legal counsel. All in favor 5-0, motion passed.
 - c. Approval to Reappoint Sara Heacox – A motion was made by J. Hayes, supported by B. Karl to nominate Sara Heacox for another 3 year term. All in favor 5-0, motion passed.
- XI. **Director's Report**
 - a. Highlights of Written Report – J. Bennink reported to the board facility repairs, summer work, and possible new curriculum.
 - b. MSTEP Schedule & Prep – J. Bennink reported the timing will change to occur after spring break.
 - c. Development of Data Metrics Template – update on consultant – J. Bennink has been working with the consultant and he will present at the next board meeting.
- XII. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Finance, Facilities, Audit Committee – B. Karl reported on the financial dashboard.
 - b. Arts & Academics Committee – The committee will meet at a future date.
 - c. Governance Committee
 - i. Doug McNeil – Attorney

- d. Marketing and Enrollment Committee – J. Bennink reported a big push with Facebook ads are under way. Current enrollment is 435, next year's enrollment is 432.
- XIII. **GV5U Report** – Matt Cawood reported the annual reception will be in person, there are still trainings available for the Board to attend. He also reminded the Board that S. Heacox's term is up June 30, 2022, and presented the school climate and culture survey results.
- XIV. **Potential Topics for May 24, 2022 Board Meeting**
- a. Arts Integration Overview
 - b. Preliminary Budget for 2022-23
 - c. Re-Enrollment/Enrollment Update
 - d. Leadership Team Structure Discussion
- XV. **Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items** – There were no comments.
- XVI. **Closed Session for Director Evaluation Discussion** – A motion was made by B. Karl, supported by M. Sass to go into closed session at 7:48 PM. A roll call vote was taken – A. Alt – aye, J. Hayes – aye, M. Sass – aye, B. Karl – aye, S. Heacox – aye. All in favor 5-0, motion passed.
- A motion was made by M. Sass, supported by S. Heacox to come out of closed session at 7:54 PM. A roll call vote was taken – A. Alt – aye, J. Hayes – aye, M. Sass – aye, B. Karl – aye, S. Heacox – aye. All in favor 5-0, motion passed.
- XVII. **Adjournment** – A motion was made by M. Sass, supported by S. Heacox to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. All in favor 5-0, motion passed.

Melissa Sass

6/16/22