

**West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics**  
17350 Hazel Street, Spring Lake, MI 49456  
*Touching Hearts....Reaching Minds*  
**Board Meeting – Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 6:00PM**

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**MINUTES - Approved**

- I. **Call to Order** – President Andy Alt called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.
- II. **Roll Call – Declaration of a Quorum** – Present: Andy Alt (President), John Hayes (Vice President), Brooke Karl (Treasurer), Melisa Sass (Secretary), Tim Tiefenbach (Trustee). Also present: Joanna Bennink (Director), Liz Johnson (Business Manager), Matt Cawood (GVSU Rep), Pete Haines (MLI Consultant). Absent: 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. **Public Comments for Agenda Items Only** – There were no comments.
- VI. **Approval of the Agenda** – A. Alt moved committee reports to after action items, added to action items approval of the 2022-23 and 2023-24 student activity budget resolutions, and approval for Joey to sign the vended meals contract. A motion was made by J. Hayes, supported by M. Sass to approve the agenda as amended. All in favor 5-0, motion passed.
- VII. **Correspondence** – There was no correspondence.
- VIII. **Approve Board Meeting Minutes: June 13, 2023** – A motion was made by M. Sass, supported by J. Hayes to approve the minutes as written. All in favor 5-0, motion passed.
- IX. **Board President's Report**
  - a. Update on Leadership Reorganization Efforts – A. Alt reported that the Board will interview two candidates this evening and depending on the outcome, will either move someone to second round or go back to the pool of candidates.
- X. **Director's Report**
  - a. Highlights of Written Report – J. Bennink reported we ordered emergency Go Bags, the ELA committee will meet to discuss new curriculum, had the community picnic, is finishing work on MiCIP. We will remain with one TK and 2 Kindergarten classes due to space issues.
  - b. Presentation of MAP Testing Results – J. Bennink reported students met 60% growth. 3 students in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile were removed. J. Bennink also presented the Board with a bonus plan structure, and meeting the growth goal will result in a bonus for staff.
  - c. Enrollment Update – Current enrollment is 473, there is now an online option to enroll students, we are currently full in grades TK, K, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Bennink said there will be some teacher movement within and will likely hire one additional position.
- XI. **Committee Reports**
  - a. Marketing Committee – M. Sass handed the Board a proposal for the signage project.
- XII. **Head of School Candidate Interviews**
  - a. 6:30PM - Nicole Reyherme – The Board interviewed Nicole Reyherme at 6:27 PM.  
Break
  - b. 7:45PM - Maggie Malone – The Board interviewed Maggie Malone at 7:35 PM.

A motion was made by J. Hayes, supported by T. Tiefenbach to briefly suspend the regular meeting at 8:32 PM.  
A motion was made by J. Hayes, supported by T. Tiefenbach to resume the regular meeting at 8:39 PM.

**XIII. Discussion of Candidates** – There was discussion among the Board members regarding the candidates. A motion was made by J. Hayes, supported by M. Sass to ask Maggie Malone back for a 2<sup>nd</sup> interview on Tuesday, July 18, 2023. All in favor 5-0, motion passed.

**XIV. Action Items**

- a. Approval of the Final 2022-23 Budget Resolution – A motion was made by B. Karl, supported by T. Tiefenbach to approve the Final 2022-23 General Fund Resolution. All in favor 5-0, motion passed.
- b. Approval of the Final 2022-23 School Service Lunch Fund Resolution – A motion was made by M. Sass, supported by T. Tiefenbach to approve the 2022-23 School Service Lunch Fund Resolution. All in favor 5-0, motion passed.
- c. Approval of the Final 2022-23 Student Activity Budget Resolution – A motion was made by M. Sass, supported by T. Tiefenbach to approve the 2022-23 Student Activity Budget Resolution. All in favor 5-0, motion passed.
- d. Approval of the 2023-24 Budget Resolution – A motion was made by B. Karl, supported by T. Tiefenbach to approve the 2023-24 General Fund Budget Resolution. All in favor 5-0, motion passed.
- e. Approval of the 2023-24 School Service Lunch Fund Resolution – A motion was made by B. Karl, supported by M. Sass to approve the 2023-24 School Service Lunch Fund Budget Resolution. All in favor 5-0, motion passed.
- f. Approval of the 2023-24 Student Activity Budget Resolution – A motion was made by T. Tiefenbach, supported by B. Karl to approve the 2023-24 Student Activity Budget Resolution. All in favor 5-0, motion passed.
- g. Approval of the Food Vendor Contract – A motion was made by M. Sass, supported by T. Tiefenbach to allow J. Bennink to sign the vendor contract with SFE. All in favor 5-0, motion passed.

**XV. GVSU Report**

- a. Upcoming Board Member Trainings
  - i. June 29<sup>th</sup> – Best Board Practices – Efficient Governance Committee Structure
- b. Compliance Status Update – M. Cawood said we are moving in the right direction. He also stated there is new legislation requiring Charter Schools to have 12 Board meetings per year.

**XVI. Potential Topics for Next Board Meeting**

Second round interview – Maggie Malone

**XVII. Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items**

Rachael Hobeck 15485 Royal Oak Dr., Grand Haven, MI 49417 – thanked the Board for allowing public input regarding the Head of School Search.

Candice Tease 17729 North Shore Rd., Spring Lake, MI 49456 – asked the Board for direction on getting the school ready during the search process.

Krista Gravois 1688 S Brooks Rd., Muskegon, MI 49442 – thanked everyone for their efforts as we go through the search process.

**XVIII. Adjournment** – A motion was made by T. Tiefenbach, supported by B. Karl to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 PM. All in favor 5-0, motion passed.

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