

# West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics

17350 Hazel Street, Spring Lake, MI 49456

*Touching Hearts....Reaching Minds*

**Special Board Meeting December 14, 2022, 6:30PM**

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## MINUTES - Approved

- I. **Call to Order** – President Andy Alt called the meeting to order at 6:33 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)  
Also present: Joanna Bennink (Director), Liz Johnson (Business Manager), Tim Tiefenbach (Prospective Board Member)
- 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** – Sarah Coyle 18603 174<sup>th</sup> Ave, Spring Lake, MI 49456 – expressed concern about class sizes and direction school is going.  
Dana Clark-Oatmen 1670 Ritter Dr., Norton Shores, MI 49441 – expressed concern about class sizes.
- VI. **Approval of the Agenda** – A motion was made by J. Hayes, supported by M. Sass to approve the agenda as written. All in favor 5-0, motion passed.
- VII. **Correspondence** – No correspondence.
- VIII. **Action Items**
  - a. Review and approve class totals – J. Bennink proposed the following reduced class numbers – TK – 31, Kindergarten – 60, 1<sup>st</sup> – 53, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 63, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 48, 4<sup>th</sup> – 48, 5<sup>th</sup> – 38, 6<sup>th</sup> – 40, 7<sup>th</sup> – 49, 8<sup>th</sup> – 31, grand total 461 total student capacity. For the 2022-23 school year, J. Bennink recommended the Governance committee set the class numbers in January. A motion was made by J. Hayes, supported by S. Heacox to approve the reduced class numbers. All in favor 5-0, motion passed.
- IX. **Potential Topics for January 24, 2023 Board Meeting**
  - a. Arts Integration Overview
  - b. SEAB Update
  - c. School Improvement Team update
  - d. 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised 2022-23 Budget
- X. **Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items** – Mindy Homan 2457 N. Chloe Circle, Muskegon, MI 49444 – expressed concern about safety at school.  
Sarah Coyle 18603 174<sup>th</sup> Ave., Spring Lake, MI 49456 – asked about a claim filed with the National Labor Relations Board, families are not comfortable coming forward and will lose families, lack of para pros to assist teachers in their classrooms.  
Kathleen Karpin 15383 Apple Street, Grand Haven, MI 49417 – asked about the budget and impacts with drop in enrollment.  
Candice Tease 17729 North Shore Rd., Spring Lake, MI 49456 – told a story about her child's educational journey.
- XI. **Adjournment** – A motion was made by J. Hayes, supported by M. Sass to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 PM. All in favor 5-0, motion passed.



Melisa Sass 1/25/22