



GERALD DAWKINS ACADEMY

October 17, 2023 – 10:00 am
Gerald Dawkins Academy
1050 Fisk Road SE
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507

Board Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am.

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Mr. Jerry McComb, Reverend Jerry Bishop (left meeting early, around 10:45 am), Dr. Andrea Smith, Mr. Brian Cloyd

Board Members Absent: None

Board Legal Counsel: Mr. Doug McNeil (virtual)

Center for Sound Literacy: Mr. John Kennedy, Mrs. Teresa Weatherall Neal, Ms. Angela O'Brien, Mrs. Kate Alles

GVSU Charter Schools Office: Mrs. Cheryl Edwards-Cannon, Mrs. Courtney Stahl (virtual)

Gerald Dawkins Academy: Mr. Mark Frost

Veritas: Mrs. Kelley Davis (virtual)

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY – There was no public comment.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Jerry Bishop made a motion to approve the October 17 agenda and Brian Cloyd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. PRINCIPAL UPDATE – Mark Frost and Kate Alles presented the Principal's Report.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. First Quarter Financials and Amended Budget – Kelley Davis explained the first quarter financials and amended budget in detail. The board members asked questions pertaining to the amended budget.
- b. Board Policies – more to come at November Meeting – Jerry McComb, Mark Frost, and Kate Alles have been working hard on completing the board policies. The board was presented with a batch of policies ready for approval. The board will be presented with an additional batch of new policies at the November meeting.
- c. Board Vacancies – potential candidates
 - a. Lisa Norris (conflict) – Lisa works for GVSU and therefore is unable to serve on the GDA board.

- b. Melissa Reid Roberts – Melissa has an accounting background and will try to attend the November board meeting.

VII. AUTHORIZERS COMMENTS

- a. Thursday, October 19, Mark Frost will attend the GVSU principal meeting.
- b. Cheryl Edwards-Cannon distributed the Board Training list and encouraged all board members to sign up.
- c. Cheryl Edwards-Cannon explained GVSU’s Academic Grant, which is an annual opportunity for schools to earn back some of their authorizer’s fee. Cheryl explained the three qualifying components: Governance Training, Student Assessment Performance (MSTEP), and Compliance Requirements. If awarded the grant, the funds must be used to advance students’ learning.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approval of the September 12, 2023, Meeting Minutes – Andrea Smith made a motion to approve the September minutes and Brian Cloyd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Approval of Amended Budget – Brian Cloyd made a motion to approve the amended budget and Andrea Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Adoption of Board Policies – Brian Cloyd made a motion to adopt the board policies and Andrea Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

X. CLOSED SESSION – The closed session was not necessary at this meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 @ 10:00 am
Gerald Dawkins Academy
1050 Fisk Road, SE
Grand Rapids, MI

Board Meeting Minutes Approved



Signature

11-7-23

Date