



GERALD DAWKINS ACADEMY

April 19, 2024 – 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 10:00 am.
- II. **SWEARING IN** – Jerry McComb read the oath aloud.
 - a. Dr. Andrea Smith – Accepted the oath and term.
- III. **ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present: Mr. Jerry McComb, Reverend Jerry Bishop, Ms. Melisha Reid Roberts, Dr. Andrea Smith, Mr. Brian Cloyd (virtual)

Board Members Absent: None

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

GVSU Charter Schools Office: Mrs. Cheryl Edwards-Cannon, Ms. Courtney Stahl

Gerald Dawkins Academy: Mr. Mark Frost
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY** – There was no public comment.
- V. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Jerry Bishop made a motion to approve the April 19 agenda and Melisha Reid Roberts seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- VI. **PRINCIPAL UPDATE** – Mark Frost presented the Principal's Report.
- VII. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - a. Financial Update – Angela O'Brien explained the monthly financial update and answered board members' questions. There was a large discussion around Title funds, as MDE's initial projections were significantly higher than the funds the school will receive.
 - b. Annual Audit Proposals – Angela O'Brien presented the three proposals to the board members. Board members would like to explore the option of using a local firm. This item will be discussed further at the May meeting.
 - c. 2024-2025 Enrollment Update – Angela O'Brien provided an update around enrollment for next school year. Re-enrollment of current students and marketing efforts were also discussed.
 - d. 2024-2025 Board Meeting Calendar – The 2024-2025 Board Meeting Calendar was reviewed for a final time.
 - e. Updated Board Policies – The updates to the board policies were reviewed and discussed.

- f. Summer School – Angela O’Brien presented the details around the GDA Summer School. The program will run from June 24-July 25 from 9-11:45 am, Monday-Thursday.

VIII. AUTHORIZERS COMMENTS

- a. GVSU Board Member Reception is on May 14.
- b. Celebrating School Leaders Event in Traverse City this summer.
- c. Cheryl Edwards-Cannon indicated the May Board Meeting is the annual meeting and there will be several resolutions to address.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approval of the March 5, 2024, Meeting Minutes – Jerry Bishop made a motion to approve the March minutes and Andrea Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Approval of the 2024-2025 Board Meeting Calendar – Andrea Smith made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Board Meeting Calendar and Jerry Bishop seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Annual Audit Firm Selection – The board decided to push this action item to the May Board Meeting.
- d. Approval of Updated Board Policies – Andrea Smith made a motion to approve the updated board policies and Jerry Bishop seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 @ 10:00 am
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Grand Rapids, MI

Board Meeting Minutes Approved



Signature



Date