



# GERALD DAWKINS ACADEMY

August 6, 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 10:04 am.
- II. **ROLL CALL**  
Board Members Present: Mr. Jerry McComb, Reverend Jerry Bishop, Ms. Melisha Reid Roberts, Dr. Andrea Smith (virtual), and Mr. Brian Cloyd  
Center for Sound Literacy: Mrs. Teresa Weatherall Neal, Mr. John Kennedy, and Ms. Angela O'Brien  
GVSU Charter Schools Office: Mrs. Cheryl Edwards-Cannon  
Gerald Dawkins Academy: Mr. Lacey James  
Board Legal Counsel: Mr. Doug McNeil (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 August 6 board meeting agenda and Brian Cloyd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. **PRINCIPAL UPDATE** – Lacey James presented the Principal's Update and answered the board members' questions.
- VI. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
  - a. Financial Update – Angela O'Brien explained due to the timing of the August meeting, July financials were not finalized. Therefore, the regular monthly financial report will be presented at the September meeting. The state aid per pupil allowance was discussed, along with the mental health funding.
  - b. Parent/Student Handbook Revisions – Angela O'Brien presented minor changes to the Parent/Student Handbook. The board members asked questions and discussed the changes. They also asked for a small detail to be included in handbook under the transportation section.
- VII. **AUTHORIZERS COMMENTS**
  - a. Cheryl Edwards-Cannon encouraged board members to complete the GVSU CSO evaluations if they have not already.
  - b. The GVSU academic grant parameters were also discussed for the upcoming year's grant.
  - c. Cheryl Edwards-Cannon also discussed a few tips for more effective board meetings.

**VIII. ACTION ITEMS**


- a. Approval of the July 16, 2024, Meeting Minutes – Brian Cloyd made a motion to approve the July minutes and Melisha Reid Roberts seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Approval of Parent/Student Handbook Revisions – Melisha Reid Roberts made a motion to approve the Parent/Student Handbook revisions with the board members' additions, Brian Cloyd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was no public comment.

**X. ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 am.

**Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday, September 10, 2024 @ 10:00 am  
Gerald Dawkins Academy  
1050 Fisk Road, SE  
Grand Rapids, MI

**Board Meeting Minutes Approved**



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