



GERALD DAWKINS ACADEMY

September 10, 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. **ROLL CALL**
Board Members Present: Mr. Jerry McComb, Reverend Jerry Bishop, Ms. Melisha Reid Roberts (arrived at 10:09 am), Dr. Andrea Smith, and Mr. Brian Cloyd
Center for Sound Literacy: Mrs. Teresa Weatherall Neal, Mr. John Kennedy, Mrs. Nancy Kennedy, and Ms. Angela O’Brien
GVSU Charter Schools Office: Mrs. Cheryl Edwards-Cannon
Gerald Dawkins Academy: Mr. Lacey James, Ms. Kristi Shear
Board Legal Counsel: Mr. Doug McNeil (virtual)
General Public: Mr. Joe Jones
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY** – There was no public comment.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Brian Cloyd made a motion to approve the September 10 board meeting agenda and Jerry Bishop 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 the update includes financials through the end of July. Board members were reminded the budget was built off 120 students and we currently have 150 students. Angela also explained that our consolidated application was approved.
 - b. Management Agreement Renewal – Doug McNeil explained the updated Management Agreement renewal. Board members discussed and asked questions.
 - c. Board Meeting Location – Discussed holding the board meetings at a different location, as the current room is being used by paraprofessionals. This topic will be revisited at the October meeting.
 - d. Reduce Enrollment Threshold for Third Grade – Angela O’Brien expressed the high number of needs in third grade and requested to cap the grade at 30 students, instead of 40 students to ensure all students in third grade would be provided with a quality educational experience.
 - e. GVSU CSO Evaluation Summary – Cheryl Edwards-Cannon presented the board’s self-evaluation summary.

VII. AUTHORIZERS COMMENTS

- a. Cheryl Edwards-Cannon indicated Jerry McComb ^{will attend} ~~attended~~ the board presidents' retreat hosted by GVSU.
- b. The board training calendar is active and Cheryl encouraged board members to sign up for trainings.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approval of the August 6, 2024, Meeting Minutes – Brian Cloyd made a motion to approve the August minutes and Jerry Bishop seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Approval of the Management Agreement Renewal – Melisha Reid Roberts made a motion to approve the Management Agreement Renewal for a one-year term and Andrea Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously for a one-year term.
- c. Approval of Reduction of Third Grade Enrollment Threshold – Jerry Bishop made a motion to cap the Third Grade enrollment threshold at 30 students and Brian Cloyd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

X. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 am.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 @ 10:00 am
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1050 Fisk Road, SE
Grand Rapids, MI

Board Meeting Minutes Approved



Signature



Date