



GERALD DAWKINS ACADEMY

December 3, 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 10:01 am.
- II. **ROLL CALL**
Board Members Present: Mr. Jerry McComb, Reverend Jerry Bishop, Ms. Melisha Reid Roberts, Dr. Andrea Smith, and Mr. Brian Cloyd (virtual)
Center for Sound Literacy: Mrs. Teresa Weatherall Neal, Mr. John Kennedy, and Ms. Angela O’Brien
GVSU Charter Schools Office: Mrs. Cheryl Edwards-Cannon (virtual)
Gerald Dawkins Academy: Mr. Lacey James
Veritas: Ms. Danielle Corbeil (virtual)
General Public: Mr. Joe Jones
- 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 December 3 meeting agenda and Andrea Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. **PRINCIPAL UPDATE** – Lacey James presented the principal update and answered the board members’ questions.
- VI. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - a. 2024-2025 Budget Revision 1 – Angela O’Brien introduced Danielle Corbeil to present the 2024-2025 Budget Revision 1 to the board members. Danielle presented the revision and answered the board members’ questions.
 - b. Financial Update – Danielle Corbeil presented the monthly financial update. Jerry Bishop would like to further discuss transportation for next school year.
 - c. Open Enrollment for 2025-2026 School Year – Angela O’Brien reviewed the open enrollment concept for the 2025-2026 school year.
 - d. Addition of One Seat to Third Grade Enrollment Threshold – Lacey James outlined the need to open one additional seat for the current third grade enrollment.
- VII. **AUTHORIZERS COMMENTS**
 - a. Cheryl Edwards-Cannon indicated the board members should have received information regarding several House Bills that will impact Charter Schools. She encouraged the board members to review and respond.
 - b. School Performance Report will be presented to GDA by the CSO.

- c. The board webinar series continues this month.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approval of the November 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes – Andrea Smith made a motion to approve the November 12 meeting minutes and Jerry Bishop seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Approval of the 2024-2025 Budget Revision 1 – Jerry Bishop made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Budget Revision 1 and Andrea Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Approval of Open Enrollment for 2025-2026 School Year – Jerry Bishop made a motion to approve the open enrollment for 2025-2026 school year and Andrea Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. Approval of Addition of One Seat to Third Grade Enrollment Threshold – Jerry Bishop made a motion to approve the addition of one seat to the third grade enrollment threshold and Andrea Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

X. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 am.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 7, 2025 @ 10:00 am
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Grand Rapids, MI

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