



# WASHINGTON-PARKS ACADEMY

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## A Cornerstone School

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**Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Public School Academy Corporation**

**Location:** 11685 Appleton Redford, MI 48235

### **Meeting Minutes**

May 22, 2024

7:30 a.m.

#### **1) BUSINESS ROUTINE**

**a) Call to Order** – The meeting called to order at 7:32 a.m.

**b) Board of Directors Roll Call**

**Present:** Steve Londo, Marcia Kreger, John George, TeShayla Coates (joined meeting virtually at 7:37 a.m.)

**Absent:** Kennis Wooten

**Attendees:** Andy Anuzis, President; Maggie Durant, Chief Strategy Officer; Clint McDaniel, GVSU Representative; John Kava, Legal Counsel; Dustin Quarrella, Director of Enrollment; Mary Ann Johnson, Finance Director; Grant Heugel, Director of Operations; Elizabeth Noa Carrion, Compliance Director; Jerusha Usry, Executive Assistant to Leadership

**c) Adoption of Agenda**

Kreger moved. George seconded. All approved

**d) Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes**

George moved. Kreger seconded. All approved

**e) Pledge of Allegiance**

Board and attendees said the pledge of allegiance.

**f) Sharing Gratitude**

Board and attendees expressed their gratitude's.

## **2) PUBLIC COMMENT** (Limited to agenda items)

There was no public comment.

## **3) PRESENTATIONS**

### **a) Organizational Update (Andy Anuzis)**

Anuzis discussed staff changes, Laura Frey-Greathouse has accepted a position as superintendent at Old Redford Academy. Anuzis introduced Elizabeth Noa Carrion as the new Compliance Director for Cornerstone Schools. Anuzis discussed the plan to include building leaders in the search for new, quality teachers for schools.

### **b) Academic Update (Maggie Durant)**

Durant discussed that we are still in our Spring benchmark testing window. We made early reading a priority through implementing a rigorous phonics program. We have also implemented a targeted tutoring program for 2-3 graders that are at a Kindergarten phonics level. Washington-Parks has increased 5-6% in K-3. In June we will thoroughly review the finalized MSTEP results for grades 3-8. Durant presented that the I-Ready curriculum is up for renewal, she explained to the board that there were no changes.

### **c) Enrollment Update (Dustin Quarrella)**

Quarrella mentioned that re-enrollment is climbing 1-2% weekly. The Enrollment Team has implemented an aggressive phone call and texting strategy to target parents in order to encourage re-enrollment, but also to inquire as to unsatisfied parents. 400 people attended the Enrollment barbeque, which took place 2 weeks ago. Dawn to Dusk program has been drawing in families. We have not heard from 70% of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Overall, we have heard from just under 80% of our families at Washington-Parks, less than 5% are considering going elsewhere. Washington-Parks has 100 new applications compared to 40 new applications at this time last year.

### **d) Financial Update (Mary Ann Johnson)**

## March Financials

Johnson explained that they have caught up the monthly financials up to March. The audit is still outstanding, it is mostly completed. Due to this there is some State funding is being withheld. Finance department is finalizing some of the language used in the audit. We have received loans from Lincoln-King, New Commons, and CEG to bridge funding gap until withheld State funding is released.

## **4) BOARD POLICY WORK**

a) Board meeting dates: All meetings are at 7:30am.

1. January 22, 2024
2. March 20, 2024
3. May 22, 2024
4. June 19, 2024

## **5) ACTION ITEMS**

a.) Approval of the Curriculum purchases as presented.

Londo moved and George seconded the motion to approve the I-Ready Curriculum Renewal purchase. All approved.

## **6) AUTHORIZER COMMENTS**

Budget Hearing notices are required to be posted in a newspaper of

general circulation at least 6 days prior to budget hearing. Notice should

list date, time, location, and where a copy of the proposed budgets can

be located.

Leah Breen officially appointed as the permanent Assistant Vice

President of Charter Schools.

Save the date for the Board Presidents Leadership Retreat, which is scheduled for October 3, 2024 at 11:30a – 12:30p. RSVP by September 3, 2024.

Legislative updates: Per pupil funding Proposal in the governor's office to increase funding.

Section 27L funding, charter schools have been excluded from this funding.

Washington-Parks has met the requirement of 2 board members completing the 1-hour online training, no one has to complete the training on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **7) ANNOUNCEMENTS**

a) Next Meeting: June 19, 2024, at 7:30a.m.

## **8) PUBLIC COMMENT** (related to non-agenda items)

There was no public comment.

**9) MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:10 a.m. by Londo. Kreger and George seconded. The above minutes were duly adopted on June 28, 2024 by the Cornerstone Washington-Parks Academy Board of Directors at a properly noticed meeting held at which a quorum was present.



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Submitted by TeShayla Coates, Secretary