



# WASHINGTON-PARKS ACADEMY

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## A Cornerstone School

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### Meeting of the Board of Directors

**Location:** 11685 Appleton, Redford Charter Twp, MI 48239

#### Meeting Minutes

October 30, 2024

8:30am

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

**a) Call to Order (President)**

The meeting called to order at 8:33 a.m.

**b) Board of Directors Roll Call**

**Present:** Steve Londo, Marcia Kreger, TeShayla Coates, John George

**Absent:** None

**Attendees:** Andy Anuzis, President; Clint McDaniel, GVSU Representative; John Kava, Legal Counsel; Dustin Quarrella, Director of Enrollment; Grant Heugel, Director of Operations; Elizabeth Noa Carrion, Compliance Director; Joe Valentic, Chief Financial Officer

**c) Adoption of Agenda**

George moved. Kreger and Coates seconded. All approved.

Londo revised the motion to accept this mornings agenda with the addition of action item 5a to accept the proposed Lease Agreement and extend it until June 30, 2028.

George moved. Coates seconded. All approved.

**d) Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes**

George moved. Kreger seconded. All approved.

**e) Pledge of Allegiance**

Board and attendees said the pledge of allegiance.

**f) Sharing of 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**

Last year there was a significant amount of parent dissatisfaction and poor parent communication. This year we have changed that through increased parent communication through Instagram and more teacher to parent contact.

#### **b) Academic Update - Andy Anuzis**

We instituted key programs at Washington-Parks Academy such as the Wayne State University Math program where Patrick Nelson and 6 college student tutors come in and assist the students where they are at academically. Last year we focused on phonics and getting back to teaching the students the basics.

#### **c) Enrollment - Dustin Quarrella**

In the Fall of 2023 Washington-Parks Academy had 586 students compared to the Fall of 2024 where we have 585 students, which means we are down by 1 student. We projected we would lose more students, between 50-100 students but we only lost 1. We were able to retain more students because we addressed the parent concerns through increasing parent communication, introducing Dawn to Dusk, and administering parent surveys.

#### **d) Finance - Joe Valentic**

Joe Valentic will serve as our Chief Financial Officer. Our expenditures are at about 20%. We are down \$350,000 from last year at this time, that is by design. The Improvement of Instruction is over the 25% threshold, this is due to WSU coming in with their program. The budget will be amended. Community Service is also over the threshold, this is due to an employee salary. We budgeted for 580 students and we are actually at 585. We will be getting outside financing to assist with our gap funding from Alliance Catholic Credit Union. WPA's audit will not be done on time due to the ESSER situation. We have brought in professional accountants to assist the Finance team.

### **4) BOARD POLICY WORK**

#### **a) Board Meeting Dates for 2024-2025: All on Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.**

1. January 21, 2025
2. March 25, 2025
3. May 20, 2025
4. June 24, 2025

### **5) ACTION ITEMS**

#### **a) Approval of extension of the Lease Agreement under the current terms until June 30, 2025.**

George moved. Kreger and Coates seconded. All approved.

### **6) CONSENT ITEMS**

None

### **7) AUTHORIZER COMMENTS – McDaniel**

This year there was a record number of charter school alumni enrolled at GVSU,

currently there are 326 charter school alumni students enrolled at GVSU. That is a 51% increase from last year.

We will review the results of the Annual School Performance Report beginning in January 2025.

We have an Early Teacher Career Cohort which started October 17, 2024. Any teachers in their first 5 years of teaching, receive support and guidance. Anyone interested can contact Jayme Lesperance.

2025 Core Values Award opens November 1<sup>st</sup>. This year's initiative will celebrate the value of international perspective.

Transparency Icons need to be displayed on the school website and need to be up to date.

Charter school bills of note: MAPSA anticipates discussion around the following bills this Fall: Senate bills 943 – 947.

The next virtual Board training will take on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **8) ANNOUNCEMENTS**

a) Next Meeting: January 21, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

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

There was no public comment.

## **9) MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:38 a.m. by Londo. George moved. Coates and Kreger seconded. The above minutes were duly adopted on \_\_\_\_\_  
by the Cornerstone Washington-Parks Academy Board of Directors at a properly noticed meeting held at which a quorum was present.