

Hope Academy of Northwest Arkansas School Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 21st, 2021

Time: 4:30 pm

Location: First Western Bank -2601 Champions Dr. Rogers, AR 72758

Meeting Type: Regular

Board Members Present: Will Hanna- President, Dr. Kathy Morledge- Board Member, Bill Lessly-Board Member, Chris Lamson- Board Member

Board Members Absent: Countess Hodges- Board Member

Staff in Attendance: Rebecca Mitchell- NWACS Director, Rick Brazile - Superintendent, Jake Gibbs - Principal, Lynne Snyder- Business Manager, Krystal Bequette - Human Resource Manager

Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 by Board President Will Hanna. The meeting was a regular school board meeting for Hope Academy of Northwest Arkansas at First Western Bank in Rogers, Arkansas.

Discussion

Principal Jake Gibbs discussed:

- Operation Update
 - Full enrollment for all grades
 - Kindergarten and 4th Grade shut down due to Covid exposure
 - School was put on direct support due to reading scores
 - Counselors from different schools visited Hope Academy to discuss our school model
 - Looking into funding to have an outside research firm to validate our program's model to further the future of Hope Academy.
- Charter Amendment Discussion
 - Amendment to Charter from K-6 to K-5
- FY22 Student Handbook

Human Resource Manager Krystal Bequette

- FY22 Diversity In Recruiting Plan

Superintendent Rick Brazile discussed:

- FY22 Federal Assurances
- FY22 Board Governance and Operations

Business Manager Lynne Snyder discussed:

- FY21 Annual Financial Report

