

Hope Academy of Northwest Arkansas School Board Meeting Minutes

Date: December 15th , 2022

Time: 4:33 pm

Location: Zoom

Meeting Type: Regular

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

Board Members Absent: Chris Lamson- Board Member

Staff in Attendance: Jake Gibbs - Superintendent/Principal, Rebekah Mitchell- NWACS Director, Jeff Smith-NWACS Director of Finance & Facilities

Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m. by Board President Will Hanna. The meeting was a regular school board meeting for Hope Academy of Northwest Arkansas via Zoom.

Discussion

Superintendent/Principal Jake Gibbs discussed:

- Operation update
 - Hiring issues
 - Three additional paraprofessionals to hire
 - Literacy scores are up from last month to 33% of students working on grade level
 - Beginning of the year there is 20% increase of students on grade level
 - Working on filling the 13 available student openings across all grade levels
 - After school program is going well
 - Roo's World is working on offering transportation for our families
 - Walton Foundation Grant
 - Working on creating training modules with the Articulate program
 - Creating a strategic plan for spending the money: training, potential personnel, consulting company
 - The KF-2nd grade playground has a new fence

Director of Finance & Facilities Jeff Smith discussed:

- Financial Report
 - Financial department has been short staffed
 - Hired another accountant to fill the shortage
 - 2022 July & August Financials
 - Under budget for the beginning of the year
 - Negative variance on the revenue side
 - Development team working hard to bring in revenue
 - Received the final installment of the Walton Foundation Grant
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Action Items

● **Financial Report**

- Board President Will Hanna asked for a motion to accept the
 - 2023 July & August financial report

Motion: Countess Hodges

Second: Kathy Morledge

Vote: 4:0

Motion Accepted

● **New Hires**

- Board President Will Hanna asked for a motion to accept the new hires
 - Kylee Patterson- Paraprofessional

Motion: Bill Lessley

Second: Kathy Morledge

Vote: 4:0

Motion Accepted

● **November 2022 School Board Minutes**

- Board President Will Hanna asked for a motion to approve the
 - November 2022 School Board Minutes

Motion: Countess Hodges

Second: Bill Lessley

Vote: 4-0

Motion Passes

Adjournment

There being no further business, Board President Will Hanna adjourned the meeting at 4:54 pm.