

Hope Academy of Northwest Arkansas School Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 31 , 2023

Time: 4:35 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:

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 4:35 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
 - Received two large anonymous donations
 - Challenge to the school board to engage with the community to help get more support
 - Meeting with new parents to potentially fill open available spot in all grades
 - After School Care through Roo's World
 - Program is up and running smoothly
 - Introduced a morning bus route for students who attend the after school program
 - Lottery for next school year 2023/2024
 - February 28th, 2023
 - Potential Legislation Bill in House
 - May require charter schools to offer transportation for students that live 35 miles away from school
 - Literacy scores
 - Goal for December was 50% of students on grade level
 - There were 43% of students were on grade level at the end of December
 - Goal for end of school is for 70% of students to be on grade level
 - Walton Foundation Grant
 - Training Programs and getting a Consultant still in the works
 - Personnel
 - Starting to fill open positions: Kindergarten teacher and Paraprofessionals

Director of Finance & Facilities Jeff Smith discussed:

- Financial Budget
 - Sending out an updated budget
 - Expenses are down
 - Closed the financial gap with end of year donations
 - Lydia Ruiz is new to the financial team is learning new system and doing a great job

Action Items

- **December 2022 School Board Minutes**
 - Board President Will Hanna asked for a motion to approve the
 - 2022 School Board Minutes
- Motion: Kathy Morledge
- Second: Countess Hodges
- Vote: 4-0
- Motion Passes

Adjournment

There being no further business, Board President Will Hanna adjourned the meeting at 5:02 pm.