

## Hope Academy of Northwest Arkansas School Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** March 9th , 2023

**Time:** 4:30 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, Jared Faciszewski - Board Member

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Staff in Attendance:** Jake Gibbs - Superintendent/Principal, Rebekah Mitchell- NWACS Director, Jeff Smith-NWACS Director of Finance & Facilities, Katie Drake- Special Education Director, Linda Fulps- Human Resources

### **Called to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 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
  - Completed 23-24 enrollment lottery
  - Discussion of appealing to the charter authorizing panel to cap the grade level at 4th grade
  - Utilizing grant money

Director of Finance & Facilities Jeff Smith discussed:

- Financial Budget
    - December Finances
      - Big donation push from development team helped close the gap in revenue
    - January Finances
      - Personnel turnover has lowered payroll expenses
    - Creating next year budget with new legislation in mind
    - Allocations from state funding and utilizing the carryover
    - Learns Act and determining how it will impact the financials in upcoming years
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**Action Items**

- **New Hire**
  - Board President Will Hanna asked for a motion to accept the new hire
    - Jordan Gartman- ParaprofessionalMotion: Kathy Morledge  
Second: Countess Hodges  
Vote: 5-0  
Motion Passes
- **February 2023 School Board Minutes**
  - Board President Will Hanna asked for a motion to approve the
    - 2023 February School Board MinutesMotion: Countess Hodges  
Second: Bill Lessley  
Vote: 5-0  
Motion Passes
- **Board Member**
  - Board President Will Hanna asked for a motion to approve
    - Jared Faciszewski- Board MemberMotion: Kathy Morledge  
Second: Bill Lessley  
Vote 5-0  
Motion Passes

**Open Discussion**

- Community Engagement
  - Awareness of Hope's Mission
  - Funding
  - Utilizing the 8 different types of community and create an outreach plan

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Board President Will Hanna adjourned the meeting at 5:04 pm.