

Hope Academy of Northwest Arkansas

School Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 26th, 2023

Time: 4:30 pm

Location: Zoom

Meeting Type: Regular

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

Board Members Absent: Jared Faciszewski - Board Member

Staff in Attendance: Rebekah Mitchelle- NWACS Executive Director, Katie Drake- Interim Principal, Sarah Fletcher- Human Resources Director, Jeff Smith- Finance Director, Doug Hes- Education Director, Horizon Academy

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:

Interim Principal, Katie Drake

- Feedback session
 - Enrollment: promoting the school in social media, flyers, contact with surrounding schools.
 - Discussed enrollment process and timeline.
 - Kathy Morledge recommended attendance at the Superintendent meeting and instructional team meetings at the NWAESC to advertise needs
 - Transportation: Discussing solutions with surrounding districts
 - Kathy Morledge recommended consideration of a hub system for transportation
 - Hiring staff: two qualified candidates currently being considered for the 4th grade teaching position

Executive Director, Rebekah Mitchell

- Discussed Superintendent/ Principal division of duties
 - Plan to present finalized job descriptions and request candidate approvals at the November meeting

Finance Director, Jeff Smith

- Presented the September budget
- discussed CSP reimbursements

- Discussed declining enrollment impact on future funding

Interim Principal, Katie Drake and Human Resources Director, Sarah Fletcher

- Introduced new hire and gave an update on staffing

Executive Director, Rebekah Mitchell

- Update on proposed new board member, Maribel Childress

Action Items

- **New Hire**

- Board President Will Hanna asked for a motion to accept new hire contract for Cruz Marquez, Paraprofessional

Motion: Kathy Morledge

Second: Countess Hodges

Vote: 3-0

Motion Passes

- **New Board Member Approval**

- Board President Will Hanna asked for a motion to approve the recommendation of new School Board member, Maribel Childress

Motion: Kathy Morledge

Second: Countess Hodges

Vote: 3-0

Motion Passes

- **September Board Meeting Minutes**

- Board President Will Hanna asked for a motion to approve the August board meeting minutes

Motion: Kathy Morledge

Second: Countess Hodges

Vote: 3-0

Motion Passes

Adjournment

There being no further business, Board President Will Hanna requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made and seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.