

Hope Academy of Northwest Arkansas

School Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 21st, 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

Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by Board President Will Hanna. The meeting was a regular school board meeting for Hope Academy of Northwest Arkansas via Zoom.

Closed Session

Board President, Will Hanna, called a closed session meeting to discuss the hiring of a full time superintendent

Discussion:

Interim Principal, Katie Drake

- Discussed Parent-teacher conference success

Finance Director, Jeff Smith

- Presented the August budget and discussed expenditures related to the closing out of the CSP grant, with reimbursement expected the following month

Executive Director, Rebekah Mitchell

- Discussed student enrollment

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

- Introduced new hires and gave an update on staffing

Finance Director, Jeff Smith

- Discussed the yearly audit and the move to using the state-funded auditor
- Discussed our move to contract with the Arkansas Public School Resource Center for financial management and payroll services

Action Items

- **New Hires**

- Board President Will Hanna asked for a motion to accept new hire contracts for the following:

- Tiffany Williams- Paraprofessional
- Lucas Paulsen- Paraprofessional
- Heather Foster- Paraprofessional

Motion: Kathy Morledge

Second: Countess Hodges

Vote: 3-0

Motion Passes

- **August Budget Approval**

- Board President Will Hanna asked for a motion to approve the August budget

Motion: Kathy Morledge

Second: Countess Hodges

Vote: 3-0

Motion Passes

- **August 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

- **Approval of the use of the state auditor**

- Board President Will Hanna asked for a motion to approve the use of the state provided auditor

Motion: Kathy Morledge

Second: Countess Hodges

Vote: 3-0

Motion Passes

- **Acceptance of the yearly audit**

- Board President Will Hanna asked for a motion to approve the yearly audit

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 5:13pm.