

West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science
4463 Leonard NW Walker, MI 49534
Dr. Philip A. Wheeler Environmental Center

WMAES Special Board Meeting
6:00 p.m. January 17, 2023

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

M. Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Board Members	Present	Absent
M. Smith – President	X	
P. Wheeler – Vice President		X
B. Laursen – Secretary	X	
J. Kingma – Treasurer	X	
Vacant – Director		

Others Present: Erin Conley – CMU; Al Bosker - WMAES; Mark Slotman – WMAES;
Nicole (Hahn) MacEachron – CSA; Ali DuBois - CSA

3. WMAES Mission Statement

West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science strives to provide an environment that will foster creativity, promote academic achievement, and develop sound character and citizenship principles emphasizing responsibility to the environment and society while improving each child's self-esteem and self-concept.

M. Smith read aloud the mission statement.

4. Public Comment for Agenda Items Only

None

5. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Member J. Kingma and supported by Member B. Laursen to approve the agenda as amended to include "10.B. Stakeholder Feedback".

3 Yes 0 No - Motion Carried Unanimously

6. Marketing & Communications Update - Nicole (Hahn) MacEachron

The Communications Team presented how they support WMAES with Communications & Marketing.

7. Approval of Minutes of the December 13, 2022 Regular Meeting

It was moved by Member J. Kingma supported by Member B. Laursen to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for December 13, 2022, as submitted.

3 Yes 0 No - Motion Carried Unanimously

8. Correspondence

None

9. Finances

A. December 2022 Financial Statements

It was moved by Member J. Kingma supported by Member B. Laursen to approve the December 2022 Financial Statements, pending audit.

3 Yes 0 No - Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Debt Payoff

The Board reviewed current debts and loans.

10. Old Business

A. Master Planning (Standing Item)

Discussed current projects: potential playground, landscaping, pedestrian path in the parking lot.

B. Stakeholder Feedback

Board reviewed process for Stakeholder feedback.

11. New Business

A. Board Member Vacancy (Discussion)

Discussed.

B. Re-Enrollment/New Enrollment Schedule/Approval of Enrollment Caps & Lottery Procedures - action item

Moved by Member J. Kingma, supported by Member B. Laursen, to approve the enrollment dates.

Re-enrollment: 2/6/23 – 3/3/23 – Open Enrollment: 3/6/23 – 4/7/23 – Lottery Date & Time: 4/11/23 at 6:00 p.m.;

Enrollment Caps: K-115, 1st – 81, 2nd - 81, 3rd - 81, 4th – 81, 5th – 81, 6th – 75, 7th – 75, 8th – 50, 9th – 50, 10th – 50, 11th – 40, 12th 40; Total - 900

3 Yes 0 No - Motion Carried Unanimously

C. Graduation Updates

Graduation credits for the class of 22/23 were discussed. A reduction in elective credits from 4 down to 2 and all Michigan Merit Credits requirements are reflected for a total of 23 credits.

It was moved by Member J. Kingma supported by Member B. Laursen to approve the Graduation Credits to be 23 credits for the 22-23 class.

3 Yes 0 No - Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Other Business

None

13. CMU Representative Update

None

14. Management Company Report – Information Only

- Principals' Report
- Area Superintendent's Report

15. Extended Public Comment

None

16. Closed Session (If Requested)

None

17. Next Regular Board Meeting: 6:00 p.m. – Tuesday, February 14, 2023 – Dr. Philip A. Wheeler
Environmental Center, WMAES

Confirmed

18. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by M. Smith – 8:11 p.m.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes of the January 17, 2023 Special Board Meeting are accurate and correct.

Bethany Laurson

Board Secretary
January 17, 2023

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