

Academy Mission Statement: Provide students an environment for new beginnings and positive educational experiences focused on career exploration and preparation.

BRIDGE ACADEMY OF SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN

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Board Meeting Minutes

Date:	September 14, 2021
Time:	12:00noon
Location:	Michigan Works!
	499 W. Main Street
	Benton Harbor, MI 49022

MEETING TYPE Regular Special

MINUTES TYPE Proposed Approved

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm.

II. Roll Call

Board Member Attendance:

Mike Hagerty	President	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Patrick Bird	Vice President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Gwen Wood	Secretary/Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Kimberly Penny-Word	Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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Other Attendees in attendance:

Lily Brewer, Allie Knapp, Gill Korfmacher, Paula Polaskey, and Joe Thienes

III. Approval of Agenda (if items are added, they should be included under other business)

Motion	G. Wood		
Support	K. Penny-Word		
Vote	Ayes	Nays	Abstentions
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IV. Public Comment (reserved for agenda items only)

The board heard comments from ___N/A___ related to ___N/A___.

V. Approval of August 10, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

Action requested: Motion to approve/accept the August 10, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.

Motion	G. Wood
Support	K. Penny-Word

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Vote	<i>Ayes</i>	<i>Nays</i>	<i>Abstentions</i>
	3	0	0

VI. Board Update

- a. Item #1 Bridge Academy of Southwest Michigan (BASWM) In the News – L. Brewer reported that A. Knapp was featured on WSBT TV regarding the BASWM.
- b. New Board Member Recommendation – L. Brewer recommended Brian J. Maynard, Owner & Founder of Forte Coffee to the BASWM Board of Directors.

Action requested: Motion to approve/accept the nomination to appoint Brian J. Maynard, Owner & Founder of Forte Coffee to the BASWM Board of Directors as submitted.

Motion	G. Wood		
Support	K. Penny-Ward		
Vote	<i>Ayes</i>	<i>Nays</i>	<i>Abstentions</i>
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VII. Finance Report

- a. Item #1 Financial Report – G. Korfmacher provided an overview of the Statement of Activities by Function and Objective Codes, the CSP Grant and preparation for a re-budget for year one.

VIII. School Leader Report(s)

- a. Item #1 Building – A. Knapp reported approval has been received from BCC and BFS at the State of Michigan to begin construction. Completion of occupancy is expected in January 2022.
- b. Item #2 Enrollment – A. Knapp reported that the BASWM has received 78 applications. Post orientation, six students are allowed onsite until building is up to code.
- c. Item #3 Operations
 - i. Mask Mandate – A. Knapp reported that the Berrien County Health Department issued a public health order requiring face masks for all individuals in indoor Pre-K through grade 12 school setting starting September 6, 2021.
 - ii. Attendance Policy – A. Knapp reported on the new BASWM Attendance Policy noting that the BASWM is hybrid, offering virtual and in-person options.
 - iii. CMU New School Support Visit – A. Knapp announced that CMU provides new school support visits. The visit to the BASWM will be held virtually on October 11, 2021.

IX. Discussion Items

- a. None.

X. Action Item

Action requested: Motion to approve/accept the BASWM Attendance Policy as submitted.

Motion	G. Wood		
Support	K. Penny-Word		
Vote	<i>Ayes</i>	<i>Nays</i>	<i>Abstentions</i>
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XI. Authorizer Update – CMU

J. Thienes presented a basket to A. Knapp on behalf of CMU to start the new school year and to welcome board members. Mr. Thienes reported that Recon will conduct a facilities and site review. A report will be presented to the board when finalized.

XII. Extended Public Comment *(limited to 3 minutes per person on any item/matter not listed on the agenda)*

Gwen Wood commented on the CMU Center for Charter Schools Conference held on August 17th. Eric Hoppstock, Superintendent of Berrien RESA was present and commented during public comments.

XIII. Other Business

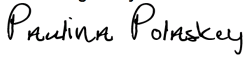
None.

XIV. Adjournment

The board adjourned at 12:33pm

Minutes Certification:

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted:

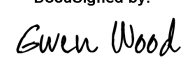
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Board Secretary / Recording Secretary

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Date

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Board Secretary

10/13/2021

Date

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