

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

499 W. Main Street
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Telephone: 269-266-9091

Email Address: knappa@miworks.org

Website: miworks.org/public-information

BRIDGE ACADEMY OF SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN

Board Meeting Minutes

| | |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Date: | June 8, 2021 |
| Time: | 12:00noon |
| Location: | Virtual Meeting via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89735950871?pwd=Qk13aDZmRmFBa251ZW9jWHhieUF4dz09 |
| | |

MEETING TYPE Regular Special

MINUTES TYPE Proposed Approved

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:01pm.

II. Roll Call

Board Member Attendance:

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <u>Mike Hagerty – Grand Rapids, Michigan</u> | President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| <u>Patrick Bird – Portage, Michigan</u> | Vice President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| <u>Gwen Wood – Buchanan, Michigan</u> | Secretary/Treasurer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| <u>Kimberly Penny-Word, Benton Harbor, MI</u> | Director | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| <u>Andrew Robinson – St. Joseph, Michigan</u> | Director | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |

Other Attendees in attendance:

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

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

| | | | |
|---------|---------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Motion | G. Wood | | |
| Support | K. Penny-Word | | |
| Vote | <i>Ayes</i> | <i>Nays</i> | <i>Abstentions</i> |
| | 5 | 0 | 0 |

IV. Public Comment *(reserved for agenda items only)*

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

V. Approval of May 11, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

Action requested: Motion to approve/accept the May 11, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.

A copy of the meeting minutes are available for public inspection at Bridge Academy of Southwest Michigan, 499 W. Main Street, Benton Harbor, MI 49022 within 8 business days for proposed minutes and within 5 business days of approval for approved minutes.

The Academy shall comply with subtitle A of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Public Law 101-336, 42 USC § 12101 et seq or any successor law. Should you require specific accommodation(s) please contact Allie Knapp at 269-266-9091 prior to the meeting.

<Academy Name>

Board Meeting Minutes

Page | 2

| | | | |
|---------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Motion | P. Bird | | |
| Support | A. Robinson | | |
| Vote | <i>Ayes</i> | <i>Nays</i> | <i>Abstentions</i> |
| | 5 | 0 | 0 |

VI. Motion to Suspend the Board Meeting

Action requested: Motion to approve/accept the motion to suspend the Board Meeting for the purpose of a public budget hearing as submitted.

| | | | |
|---------|---------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Motion | G. Wood | | |
| Support | K. Penny-Word | | |
| Vote | <i>Ayes</i> | <i>Nays</i> | <i>Abstentions</i> |
| | 5 | 0 | 0 |

VII. Motion to Reconvene the Board Meeting

Action requested: Motion to approve/accept the motion to reconvene the Board Meeting as submitted.

| | | | |
|---------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Motion | P. Bird | | |
| Support | A. Robinson | | |
| Vote | <i>Ayes</i> | <i>Nays</i> | <i>Abstentions</i> |
| | 5 | 0 | 0 |

VIII. Board Updates

- a. Item #1 BASM – In the Media – M. Hagerty commented on an article in the Herald Palladium regarding the BASM.
- b. Item #2 Board Training and Development – M. Hagerty recommended postponing the Board training and development until later in the year. Virtual workshops will be offered, and Board members were encouraged to read the book, “*Governing for Greatness*”. J. Thienes reported that new board member orientation will be offered on July 13th and July 20th.
- c. Resume in-person Board meetings – M. Hagerty stated by law and Board policy, the board is required to meet in person once a month. The legalities of providing a virtual option will be researched.

IX. Financial Report

- a. Item #1 Finance Committee Report Out – G. Wood reported the Finance Committee met on June 2nd to review the proposed budget. G. Korfmacher reviewed the 2021-2022 Budget Financial Assumptions (Narrative).

X. School Leader Report(s)

- a. Item #1 Open Enrollment – A. Knapp reported the BASWM website launched on June 1, 2021. Open enrollment began on June 1st through June 30th. First day of school is August 30th.
- b. Item #2 Facilities Update – A. Knapp reported the plans to bring the 499 W. Main Street building up to education code has been submitted to MDE. The RFP for the construction was

A copy of the meeting minutes are available for public inspection at Bridge Academy of Southwest Michigan, 499 W. Main Street, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022 within 8 business days for proposed minutes and within 5 business days of approval for approved minutes.

The Academy shall comply with subtitle A of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Public Law 101-336, 42 USC § 12101 et seq or any successor law. Should you require specific accommodation(s) please contact Allie Knapp at 269-266-9091 prior to the meeting.

released to the public.

- c. Item #3 Charter Schools Program (CSP) Grant Update – A. Knapp reported that a request for additional clarification on the charter school was requested. No announcements have been made regarding the CSP Grant for \$1.25M.

XI. Discussion Items

- a. No discussion items.

XII. Action Items

Action requested: Motion to approve/accept the Account Designation Resolution as submitted.

| | | | |
|---------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Motion | G. Wood | | |
| Support | P. Bird | | |
| Vote | <i>Ayes</i> | <i>Nays</i> | <i>Abstentions</i> |
| | 5 | 0 | 0 |

Action requested: Motion to approve/accept the General Appropriations Resolution as submitted.

| | | | |
|---------|---------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Motion | P. Bird | | |
| Support | K. Penny-Word | | |
| Vote | <i>Ayes</i> | <i>Nays</i> | <i>Abstentions</i> |
| | 5 | 0 | 0 |

Action requested: Motion to approve/accept the 2021-2022 School Calendar as submitted.

| | | | |
|---------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Motion | G. Wood | | |
| Support | A. Robinson | | |
| Vote | <i>Ayes</i> | <i>Nays</i> | <i>Abstentions</i> |
| | 5 | 0 | 0 |

XIII. Authorizer Update – CMU

J. Thienes reported new board member orientation will be held July 13th and July 20th and recommended reading the book “*Governing for Greatness*”. Mr. Thienes informed the Board the annual conference will be held on August 17th in Novi, Michigan.

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

No public comments.

XV. Other Business

M. Weinberg commented that he is pleased how well the BASWM is operating and the progress to date.

P. Bird thanked staff, the Board, and Kinexus Group for their hard work.

XVI. Adjournment

The board adjourned at 12:45pm

A copy of the meeting minutes are available for public inspection at Bridge Academy of Southwest Michigan, 499 W. Main Street, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022 within 8 business days for proposed minutes and within 5 business days of approval for approved minutes.

The Academy shall comply with subtitle A of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Public Law 101-336, 42 USC § 12101 et seq or any successor law. Should you require specific accommodation(s) please contact Allie Knapp at 269-266-9091 prior to the meeting.

<Academy Name>
Board Meeting Minutes
Page | 4

Minutes Certification:

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted:

DocuSigned by:

Paulina Polnskey

Board Secretary / Recording Secretary

6/18/21

Date

Approved by the Board of Directors on (DATE):

DocuSigned by:

Ewen Wood

Board Secretary

7/14/2021

Date

A copy of the meeting minutes are available for public inspection at Bridge Academy of Southwest Michigan, 499 W. Main Street, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022 within 8 business days for proposed minutes and within 5 business days of approval for approved minutes.

The Academy shall comply with subtitle A of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Public Law 101-336, 42 USC § 12101 et seq or any successor law. Should you require specific accommodation(s) please contact Allie Knapp at 269-266-9091 prior to the meeting.