

**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**

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| <b>Date:</b>     | July 13, 2021           |
| <b>Time:</b>     | 12:00noon               |
| <b>Location:</b> | 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 12:01pm.

**II. Roll Call**

Board Member Attendance:

|                     |                     |   |                                 |
|---------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Mike Hagerty        | President           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input 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 |
|                     | Director            | <input type="checkbox"/> Present            | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |

Other Attendees in attendance:

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> |
|         | 4             | 0           | 0                  |

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

The board heard comments from \_\_\_N/A\_\_\_ related to \_\_\_N/A\_\_\_.

**V. Approval of June 8, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes**

**Action requested:** Motion to approve/accept the June 8, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.

|         |             |             |                    |
|---------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Motion  | P. Bird     |             |                    |
| Support | G. Wood     |             |                    |
| Vote    | <i>Ayes</i> | <i>Nays</i> | <i>Abstentions</i> |
|         | 4           | 0           | 0                  |

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**VI. Approval of June 8, 2021 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes**

**Action requested:** Motion to approve/accept the June 8, 2021 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes as submitted.

|         |             |             |                    |
|---------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Motion  | P. Bird     |             |                    |
| Support | G. Wood     |             |                    |
| Vote    | <i>Ayes</i> | <i>Nays</i> | <i>Abstentions</i> |
|         | 4           | 0           | 0                  |

**VII. Board Update**

- a. Item #1 Board Resignation – M. Hagerty stated that Andrew Robinson resigned from the BASWM Board of Directors effective June 30, 2021.

**Action requested:** Motion to approve/accept Andrew Robinson’s resignation from the BASWM Board of Directors effective June 30, 2021.

|         |               |             |                    |
|---------|---------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Motion  | G. Wood       |             |                    |
| Support | K. Penny-Word |             |                    |
| Vote    | <i>Ayes</i>   | <i>Nays</i> | <i>Abstentions</i> |
|         | 4             | 0           | 0                  |

**VIII. Financial Report**

- a. Item #1 General Update – G. Korfmacher reported a bank account has been established and funds are in the account.
- b. Item #2 Competitive Bids – G. Korfmacher reported four competitive bids were received to provide special services for students. A recommendation will be presented at the August meeting for board approval.
- c. Item #3 Signatory Authority – G. Korfmacher reported on the signatory authority for the school leader.

**IX. School Leader Report(s)**

- a. Item #1 Charter Schools Program (CSP) Grant – A. Knapp reported the BASWM was awarded the CSP Grant for \$1.25M.
- b. Item #2 Staffing – A. Knapp reported two teachers have been hired, leaving one vacancy to be filled.
- c. Item #3 Recruitment Effort – A. Knapp announced there are currently 22 students enrolled. Recruitment efforts include the BASWM website, newspapers, and radio.
- d. Item #2 Facilities Update – A. Knapp reported the bidding has concluded to bring the 499 W. Main Street building up to education code. Currently waiting for approval from the State. A contingency plan has been discussed with CMU to start remotely if school is not complete by August 30.

**X. Discussion Items**

- a. Annual Conference – Joe Thienes announced that the CMU Center for Charter Schools Annual Conference will be held in person on August 17, 2021.

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**XI. Action Item**

**Action requested:** Motion to approve/accept the BASWM Board Policies as submitted.

|         |               |             |                    |
|---------|---------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Motion  | K. Penny-Word |             |                    |
| Support | P. Bird       |             |                    |
| Vote    | <i>Ayes</i>   | <i>Nays</i> | <i>Abstentions</i> |
|         | 4             | 0           | 0                  |

**XII. Authorizer Update – CMU**

J. Thienes reported bi-weekly discussions are being held with new schools. Mr. Thienes commended the BASWM team for their hard work that has led to this success. Mr. Thienes recommended identifying potential board members that have ties to the business and live locally.

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

M. Weinberg gave great kudos for achieving the grant.

K. Penny-Word commented that she attended the Bridge Academy graduation, and it was amazing.

**XIV. Other Business**

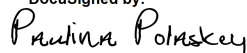
None.

**XV. Adjournment**

The board adjourned at 12:40pm

**Minutes Certification:**


**Proposed** minutes respectfully submitted:

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 Board Secretary/Recording Secretary

07/26/21

Date

**Approved** by the Board of Directors on (DATE):

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 Board Secretary

08/10/21

Date

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