



Board of Directors Minutes

Hope Tolson Campus
Regular Board Meeting/Virtual Zoom Meeting
Thursday, May 18, 2023
5:30 p.m. ET

I. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Board Chair at 5:36 PM.

II. Roll Call

Board Member	Present	Absent
Anisa Bailey	X	
Shereefat Balogun	X	
Allison Barr	X	
Eric Johnson	X	
Lorraine Oyetubo		X
Neha Patel		X
Kerry Smith	X	

a. Approval of Board Agenda

**The agenda was amended to include an approval for the purchase of new locks throughout the building.*

Motion: Shereefat Balogun Support: Eric Johnson

The board unanimously voted to approve the amended agenda.

b. Approval of Board Minutes from March 16, 2023 and May 4, 2023

Motion: Allison Barr Support: Shereefat Balogun

The board unanimously voted to approve the board minutes.

III. New Business/Action Items

a. Approval of Locksmith Services **Amended item*

Motion: Eric Johnson Support: Allison Barr

The board unanimously voted to approve \$15,288.00 (Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars) for locksmith services.

b. Approval of Student Chromebook Purchase

Motion: Allison Barr

Support: Anisa Bailey

The board unanimously voted to approve the purchase of 85 Chromebooks in the amount of \$32,583.65 (Thirty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars and Sixty-Five Cents).

c. Approval of Contract Renewal Agreement for Meal Service

Motion: Shereefat Balogun

Support: Allison Barr

The board unanimously voted to approve the renewal agreement for meal services with Whitsons Culinary Group.

d. Approval of 2023-2024 Board Meeting Calendar

Motion: Anisa Bailey

Support: Eric Johnson

The board unanimously voted to approve the 2023-2024 Board Meeting Calendar.

IV. CMO Report

a. Financial Report – FY24 Budget Overview

Dan Theisen, EdOps CEO, presented the SY23-24 budget.

Motion: Eric Johnson

Support: Anisa Bailey

The board unanimously voted to approve the FY24 budget.

ACTION ITEM: Allison Barr requested a one-page summary of the process before an approval is presented to the finance committee and board (i.e., what steps do EdOps and PLA take prior to bringing items for approval?)

b. Academic and State of School Update

The academic support update was provided by Joshua Christian.

Joshua, PLA Instructional Specialist, reported on recent successes and celebrations, opportunities for improvement and action steps, and upcoming testing dates. Joshua congratulated Mr. Moore and Ms. Nolasco for being selected as Teacher and Support Staff of the Year! Principal Owens also congratulated Mr. Moore for earning 1st place at the STEM Cybersecurity competition at Bowie State University!!

V. Department Updates

a. Recruitment and Enrollment

Tiffany Walter, PLA National Director of Scholar Enrollment, presented the recruitment and enrollment update.

ACTION ITEM: Shereefat Balogun requested that the updated enrollment and recruitment plan be presented at the next board meeting. The board is looking for a more detailed, internal strategic plan.

ACTION ITEM: Kerry Smith requested updated and accurate enrollment numbers before the next board meeting.

ACTION ITEM: The marketing team to look into tracking where applications are coming from and why applicants are applying to Hope.

ACTION ITEM: The marketing team to provide an update on the recent campaign with My School DC, and the plan for summer recruitment going into next school year.

ACTION ITEM: Kerry requested a Summer Advantage update and an overview of the program at the next board meeting.

b. Discipline Data

Joshua Christian presented the discipline data report.

ACTION ITEM: Kerry would like to see the discipline data presented more consistently.

VI. Committee Updates

None

VII. Open Communication/Public Comments

None

VIII. Closed Session

The Board voted to move to a Closed Session to discuss legal, personnel, and contractual business matters.

Motion: Anisa Bailey

Support: Shereefat Balogun

The board unanimously voted to move to a Closed Session.

IX. Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Motion: Shereefat Balogun

Support: Anisa Bailey