

Kalamazoo Covenant Academy
Board of Directors

Date: December 3rd, 2024
Time: 11 am – 2pm
Location: Radisson in Downtown Kalamazoo
- Gilmore Room on 2nd Floor

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: Regular Special Proposed Approved

A: Call to Order – the meeting was called at 11am.

B: Roll Call

Casey Alger, President	*Present	oAbsent
Marc Schupan, Vice President	*Present	oAbsent
Luchara Wallace, Secretary	*Present	oAbsent
Sandy Standish, Treasurer	*Present	oAbsent
Jason Luke, Member	*Present	oAbsent
Sara Amy, Member	*Present	oAbsent
Marcus Kole, Member	*Present	oAbsent

Other Attendees Present:

Ross Keilen, KCA Legal Counsel
Dr. Matt Cawood, GVSU

C. Public Comment on Agenda - None

D. Approval of Agenda (12/3/24)

Motion: Marc Second: Sandy
Ayes: 7 Opposed: 0

E. GVSU Board and Governance Training - Completed

F. Covenant Academies Foundation (CAF) Update - Discussed

- a) Role of Management Company / Educational Service Provider (ESP).
- b) Current Issues & Investigations were discussed that are happening within the CAF organization.
- c) Issues with the current & new CAF staff.

G. KCA Items – Discussed in length.

- a) Educational Consultant Evaluation.
 - School Smarts, LLC
Rajeshri G. Bhatia, Lead Thinker
 - This will be done in partnership with GVSU & MCA.

- b) Warner Norcross + Judd.
 - DeAndre' Harris to investigate our operational contracts with CAF and GVSU.
- c) Pay off School Loan with CAF.
 - ❖ Add to the agenda and Vote on in our December 11th Board Meeting.

H. KCA Board Policies & Procedures - Discussed

- a) Spending Authorization: according to our operating agreement with CAF, any spending of KCA funds over \$10,000 needs to be approved by the KCA Board.
 - ❖ CAF will be reminded and sent in writing as they do not follow protocol.
 - ❖ The board discussed giving the school leader a discretionary fund account for school spending under a certain threshold.
- b) The board agreed to rethink our Mission Statement to focus more on education and graduating students.
- c) Marketing Budget
 - KCA would like to establish a marketing plan to attract new students & staff, and build the KCA brand within the community.

I. KCA / Kares Johnson's Wish List - Discussed

- ❖ External Building, Campus, and Security updates need to be addressed. ***URGENT***
- ❖ The board has agreed to engage in hiring a Landscape Architect.

J. New Business

- a. Approval of hiring School Smarts, LLC for Educational Evaluation.

Motion: Jason	Second: Marcus
Ayes: 7	Opposed: 0
- b. Approval of hiring DeAndre' Harris from Warner Norcross and Judd to investigate our contracts with CAF and GVSU.

Motion: Marc	Second: Sandy
Ayes: 7	Opposed: 0
- c. Approval of Casey Alger/Board President in accordance with Ross Keilen, to represent the KCA Board and sign documents regarding the KRESA form.

Motion: Luchara	Second: Sara
Ayes: 7	Opposed: 0

K. Discussion - None

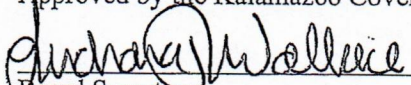
L. Public Comment on Non- Agenda Items - None

M. Reminder for Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 @ 12pm

N. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 2:05pm.

Motion: Luchara	Second: Marc
Ayes: 7	Opposed: 0

Approved by the Kalamazoo Covenant Academy Board of Directors on December 11, 2024


 Board Secretary

12/11/2024
 Date