

Hope Academy of Northwest Arkansas

School Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 31st, 2025

Time: 5:00 pm

Location: Zoom

Meeting Type: Special

Board Members Present: Will Hanna- Board President, Dr. Kathy Morledge- Board Member, Maribel Childress- Board Member, Countess Hodges- Board Member

Board Members Absent: None

Staff in Attendance: Doug Hes- Superintendent; Katie Drake- Principal; Rebekah Mitchell- NWACS CEO

Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Board President Will Hanna. The meeting was a special school board meeting for Hope Academy of Northwest Arkansas via Zoom.

Discussion:

Hope Academy Superintendent, Doug Hes

- Hope Academy Charter School Non-renewal Closure
 - Dissolution of the Hope Academy of Northwest Arkansas charter at the end of the 24/25 school year
- Request for nomination of a school liaison to oversee the closure of Hope Academy of Northwest Arkansas in conjunction with a committee
 - Committee to include a representative from the state as well as the school board president

Action Items

- **Hope Academy of Northwest Arkansas Non-renewal with closure**
 - Board member Kathy Morledge made a motion to non renew the Hope Academy NWA Charter, effective the last day of school in the 24-25 school year.

Motion: Kathy Morledge

Second: Maribel Childress

Vote: 4-0

Motion Passes

- **Appointment of School Liaison**
 - Board member Kathy Morledge made a motion to appoint Superintendent Doug Hes as the liaison to coordinate the management of the dissolution and closing of the school.

Motion: Kathy Morledge

Second: Maribel Childress

Vote: 4-0

Motion Passes

Adjournment

There being no further business, Board Member Maribel Childress made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and Board President Will Hanna adjourned the meeting at 5:08pm.