

# Minutes

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*Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
December 15, 2022*

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of Harlem Village Academy West Charter School and Harlem Village Academy East Charter School was held via Zoom on December 15, 2022. In attendance were board members Dr. Andrew August, Dr. Deborah Kenny, Erica Newman, Ronald Sernau and David Zwiebel. Joe Keeney, Chuck Klein and Bob Ollwerther from Harlem Village Academies were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. August who confirmed that the meetings of both charters would run concurrently.

The minutes from the September 30, 2022 board meeting were distributed and Mr. Sernau made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Ms. Newman, and approved unanimously.

Mr. Klein then reviewed the financials by school and by charter entity for the four months ended October 31, 2022. West Elementary's operating deficit of \$.3MM was unfavorable to budget by \$.2MM. West Middle's operating deficit of \$.1MM was favorable to budget by \$.1MM. East Elementary's operating surplus of \$.3MM was flat to budget. East Middle's operating deficit of \$.1MM was flat to budget. The High School's operating deficit of \$.7MM was unfavorable to budget by \$.4MM. By charter, HVA West was unfavorable to budget by \$.4MM and HVA East was unfavorable to budget by \$.2MM.

HVA West had cash of \$5.5MM, a current ratio of 1.1 and a total retained surplus of \$2.7MM and HVA East had cash of \$4.7MM, a current ratio of 1.7 and a total retained surplus of \$3.7MM.

Dr. August made a motion to go into Executive Session, which was seconded by Ms. Newman and approved unanimously. At the conclusion of the Executive Session, Mr. Sernau made a motion to return to the regular meeting which was seconded by Mr. Zwiebel and approved unanimously.

Dr. Kenny discussed the demographics of the HVA student population. She then discussed that HVA Kindergarten students who attended HVA's Montessori Pre-K program were significantly better prepared for Kindergarten than those who did not attend HVA Pre-K.

Dr. Kenny did an in-depth presentation of state test results and a board discussion took place. The Board previously received the state test results when they were released to the public.

Dr. Kenny discussed Mental Health and the Mindfulness Program which has now been implemented in all HVA schools.

Dr. Kenny then presented a summary of college admissions for the HVA High School Class of 2022 and a summary of significant scholarships received by the Class of 2022. Data on college admissions, college admissions selectivity, college persistence and college graduation were presented and discussed.

Dr. Kenny presented data on the International Baccalaureate program and discussed the expected long-term impact of the HVA IB For All program on college admissions.

Mr. Ollwerther noted that the Memorandum of Understanding approved by the Board at its last meeting was also approved by the HVA Network Board at a recent meeting and was being implemented in Fiscal Year 2023.

Mr. Sernau made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Zwiebel seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.