

OAKLAND ACADEMY
Board Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2023

Board Members Attending: Dr. Dennis Simpson, Ms. Therese Searles, Mr. David Kidder, Ms. Alex Wibert and Mr. Jeff Boyd

Board Members Absent: None

Non-Board Members Attending: Ms. Mindy Ryan, Ms. Shawn Boris, Ms. Theresa Brown, Mr. Bill Barker, Mr. Craig Smith, Mr. Matt Missias, Mr. Jason Slingerland, Ms. Cathy Hoogenboom, Mr. Josh Dinkelmeyer and Ms. Cassie Dinkelmeyer and via phone (Closed Session) Mr. Doug McNeil

1. CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC HEARING

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

2. BOARD CHAIR CLARIFICATION OF COMMENT MADE AT PRIOR MEETING

Dr. Simpson clarified that the sale of Brooke Lodge was exclusively between the seller and the Foundation for Behavioral Resources and any inference other than that are erroneous and without fact or basis.

3. CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Searles moved to go into Closed Session at 5:30 pm. Pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act to review a written memorandum from the Board's legal counsel. Ms. Wibert seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Ms. Wibert moved to end the Closed Session at 6:34. and to resume the Open Session at that time. Mr. Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

With addition of the School Performance Report to 6a and with addition of discussion of FBR recommendation to 10a, Mr. Kidder moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Wibert seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Kidder moved to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Wibert seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Searles moved to approve the December 15, 2022 board minutes, the management invoices #O291 & #O292 and the Comm Inv. #120122O & #10123O. Ms. Wibert seconded the motion. Discussion held. Motion carried 5 to 0.

6. ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORTING

6a. SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORT

See the School Performance Report presented by Mr. Missias, School Specialist from GVSU, he said that the report could be found on the GVSU website and they are now getting input from the school leaders to highlight attributes of the school. He went over the report and said accolades to Ms. Boris for the very high numbers.

6b. ANNUAL EDUCATION REPORT

See the 2021-2022 Annual Education Report presented by Ms. Boris. Ms. Boris said the report was based on last year's data and that there wasn't much change from last year's report and hoping to see significant improvement in the spring. Ms. Searles moved to accept the 2021-2022 Annual Education Report. Mr. Kidder seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

7. ACCEPTANCE OF THE GVSU ACADEMIC GRANT

Ms. Searles moved to accept the GVSU Academic Grant in the amount of \$3,420.00. Mr. Kidder seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

8. PRINCIPAL REPORT

See the February 2023 report presented by Ms. Boris. Ms. Boris said that they already have 25 kindergarten students enrolled for fall 2023. There also was discussion about "March is Reading Month" and next year's Spring Musical. She also talked about the Section 98B, mid-year education goals. She introduced Ms. Cathleen Hoogenboom, kindergarten teacher, who proceeded to give the teacher report. She talked about how the classrooms were honoring Black History Month and the various activities that they were engaged in. The board thanked her and expressed how much they appreciate all that the teachers do.

9. PTO REPORT

Mr. Slingerland talked about their PTO meeting – Family Skate Night. He said that Pizza Fridays have been going great but could use more volunteers. He said that they are already preparing for the end of year field day events that will be back to normal this year. He said that this will be the last year for participation by Mr. Smith and himself and that Mr. Smith is already harassing parents to join PTO.

10. FBR REPORT

Ms. Ryan said that Mr. Henry Winter, consultant, has been working with Ms. Boris amending the consolidated app, title grants. She talked about bidding the audit out, new Financial Director, Mr. Kyler Watson and Dr. Norm Peterson, FBR, going part-time. The board wished Dr. Peterson their best on his health issues.

10a. DISCUSSION ON FBR RECOMMENDATION

Ms. Searles made a motion to direct legal counsel to convert the memorandum to the board into correspondence to the Foundation for Behavioral Resources in response to the Foundation for Behavioral Resources recommendation regarding board composition. Ms. Wibert seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

11. GVSU REPORT

Mr. Barker talked about the School Operations Survey which is a survey for the school staff, see report. He said it was one of the best he has seen and it is a reflection on Mr. Boris. Mr. Barker also spoke about the Academic Grant and the changes that were coming next year, see report. He said that Oakland Academy had earned \$3,420.00, to be used anyway they want to use it. He told the board that they would be receiving an invitation to the board reception being held in Grand Rapids on May 8th. The board said how much they appreciate their authorizer, GVSU.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Simpson did introductions between the board and parents. He asked Ms. Boris to bring teachers and students to the next board meeting to express what is good about the school.

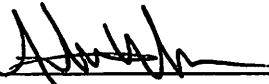
13. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

14. CALL TO ADJOURN

Mr. Kidder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Board Member Approval:

 4/20/23