

OAKLAND ACADEMY

Board Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2023

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

Board Members Absent: None

Non-Board Members Attending: Ms. Shawn Boris, Ms. Mindy Ryan, Ms. Theresa Brown, Mr. Craig Smith, Mr. Bill Barker, Mr. Doug McNeil, Mr. Jason Slingerland, Mr. Omar Khayyam and Ms. Lydia Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC HEARING

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 ~~pm~~ ^{9:30 AM}

The board went into closed session at 11:00 ~~pm~~ ^{9:30 AM}. The board ended the closed session and began the open session at 12:04pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Searles made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Wibert seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

3. NOMINATE TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON

Ms. Searles moved to nominate Dr. Simpson to serve as the temporary chairperson. Mr. Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Searles moved to keep the current slate of officers now through June 30, 2023 as: Dr. Simpson as President, Ms. Searles as Vice- President, Ms. Wibert as Secretary, and Mr. Kidder as Treasurer. Ms. Wibert seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

6. RECOMMENDED RESOLUTIONS

a. Resolution designating person responsible for:

taking minutes, posting notices & locations of board meetings, sending approved minutes to authorizer, making pre-approved minutes available/posted within eight days (**Foundation for Behavioral Resources (FBR) Business Office staff**). Ms. Searles moved to approve resolution a from now until June 30, 2023. Mr. Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

b. Resolution designating depositories for various funds as (**Comerica**) and authorized signature(s) for various funds and accounts as (**all current Board Officers and FBR representatives – Dr. Grace Emley and Dr. Norm Peterson**). Ms. Wibert moved to approve resolution b from now until June 30, 2023. Mr. Kidder seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

c. Resolution appointing legal counsel (**Varnum Riddering Schmidt & Howlett LLP (Business Issues) & Doug McNeil with Saunders Winters McNeil PLLC (School**

Issues). Ms. Searles moved to approve resolution c from now until June 30, 2023. Mr. Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

- d. Resolution appointing financial auditors (**Gabridge and Company**) and to bid out for new financial auditors at the end of their contract. Mr. Kidder moved to approve resolution d. from now until June 30, 2023. Ms. Wibert seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.
- e. Resolution designating spokesperson representing the board with the media (**Board President and in the Board Presidents absence, the Vice-President**). Ms. Searles made a motion to approve resolution e. from now until June 30, 2023. Mr. Kidder seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.
- f. Resolution designating:
 - Sexual Harassment contact and
 - Title VI,
 - Title IX,
 - Section 504 contact and
 - FOIA Coordinator
 - ADA Coordinator (Dr. Norman Peterson)
 - Chief Administrative Officer (Chief Operating Officer (COO), currently Dr. Norman Peterson.

Mr. Kidder moved to approve resolution f from now until June 30, 2023. Ms. Wibert seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Wibert moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Kidder seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0. Mr. Kidder moved to approve the February 23, 2023 minutes, invoices #O293& #O294 and Com Inv. #020123O & #030123O. Mr. Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

8. PRINCIPAL REPORT

See the April 2023 report presented by Ms. Boris. There was discussion on testing fatigue.

9. PTO REPORT

Mr. Slingerland said the PTO is preparing for field day. He said that new nominations for the PTO are coming up and that he won't be able to hold office next year but will be volunteering. He talked about Pizza Friday and including the staff and said that the all school pizza party is June 2nd.

Mr. Khayyam, parent of Trajan, introduced himself and talked about the positive atmosphere of Oakland Academy and about what aspects of Oakland Academy won him over to decide to stay.

10. FBR REPORT

Ms. Ryan said that she's been working on amendments to the consolidated app and budget amendments.

11. GVSU REPORT

Mr. Barker presented Mr. Kidder with an award for five years of service on the board. He also talked about board training and reminded the board of some important May dates, the board reception, Charters Day and the Principal meeting all happening in May. Mr. Barker also wanted to thank FBR for being so helpful and cooperative.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Kidder moved to pay Saunders Winter McNeil PLLC for legal fees through June 30, 2023. Mr. Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0. Mr. Kidder made a motion to reappoint Ms. Searles for two years, Ms. Wibert for one year, Dr. Simpson for one year and Mr. Boyd for two years. Ms. Wibert seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Searles moved to hold a special meeting on May 11, 2023 from 11am-1pm to discuss the transition of the management company and another special meeting on May 25, 2023 from 4:30pm-5:30pm for the execution of the contract for management services. Ms. Wibert seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Searles moved to authorize Saunders Winter McNeil PLLC to negotiate the transition of management services, the lease and to apply for State Aid in anticipation of note and loan on behalf of the board. Mr. Wibert seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0. Ms. Wibert moved to approve issuance for a Request for Proposal for new management services. Mr. Kidder seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

14. CALL TO ADJOURN

Mr. Kidder moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:59 p.m. Ms. Wibert seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Board Member Approval: _____

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