

# **OAKLAND ACADEMY**

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

May 11, 2023

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

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Non-Board Members Attending:** Ms. Shawn Boris, Mr. Doug McNeil, Mr. Bill Barker

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:57 am.

### **2. Closed Session**

Ms. Searles moved to go into Closed Session at 11:03 am pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act to discuss selection of a new management firm for Oakland Academy. Ms. Wibert seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made to end the Closed Session at 11:55 am and to resume the Open Session at that time. Motion carried 5 to 0.

### **3. Approval of Agenda**

With the addition of agenda item 9a to review the appointment of special legal counsel John Kava, Ms. Searles moved to approve the amended agenda. This was seconded. Motion to approve the amended agenda carried 5 to 0.

### **4. Review & Approve Minutes from April 20, 2023 Board Meeting**

There was discussion to amend the previous minutes to reflect that the “called to order” time and “went into closed session” time should be 11:00 am rather than 11:00 pm. There was a motion to approve the amended minutes. This was seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

### **5. Approval of 2023-2024 Offered Seat Schedule Per Grade**

This is a GVSU requirement. The (maximum) seat offering schedule for the next school year was provided. There was a motion made to approve the schedule. This was seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**6. Presentation of the Committee on the Selection of a Management Firm and Motion**

Ms. Searles moved to select Summit Management Consulting as the new management firm for Oakland Academy, effective July 1, 2023, for the remainder of the active charter contract with GVSU. Ms. Wibert seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**7. Presentation of the Committee on the Lease of the Buildings**

The Committee is investigating fair rental rates for the area. The Board will rely on the incoming management firm to advise the Board further on this matter.

**8. Resolution to Approve the State School Aid Loan**

After further investigation, Mr. McNeil has determined that Oakland Academy does not qualify for the loan due to current enrollment numbers.

**9. Discussion of Correspondence Between Oakland Academy Attorney and FBR**

9a. Mr. McNeil has shared correspondence with the Board for informational purposes only.

Ms. Searles made a motion for the engagement of special counsel, John Kava, for the purpose of advising the Board on the form and content of the new management firm's contract and to authorize the Board president to execute an engagement letter to formalize this relationship. Mr. Kidder seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**10. Continued Discussion of Board Composition and Members**

The Oakland Academy Board has recently received two applications for new board membership. At this time, the Oakland Academy School Board is considered to be full and complete. Dr. Simpson indicated that he would contact the applicants to express sincere appreciation to these exceptionally well-qualified candidates. Their applications will be given priority consideration when there are vacancies on the board.

**11. Other Business**

The Board expressed appreciation to the teachers for the excellence with which they do their jobs.

**12. Public Comment**

None.

**13. Call to Adjourn**

Ms. Searles made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0. Meeting adjourned at 12:13 pm.

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Board Member Approval:

