

**OAKLAND ACADEMY**  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 20, 2022

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

Board Members Absent: Mr. David Kidder

Non-Board Members Attending: Ms. Mindy Ryan, Ms. Shawn Boris, Ms. Theresa Brown, Mr. Bill Barker, Ms. Joy Smith, Mr. Jason Slingerland and there were several parents and grandparents attending.

1. CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC HEARING

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Dr. Simpson, President of the board, introduced himself and everyone in attendance took turns with introductions.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Searles moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Wibert seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Wibert moved to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Searles seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0. Mr. Boyd moved to approve the August 25, 2022 board minutes, management invoices #O287 & O288 and Commissary invoices #080122O & #090122O. Ms. Searles seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

4. PRINCIPAL REPORT

See the October 2022 report presented by Ms. Boris. Current enrollment is at 164. She spoke about the many activities taking place. She said that she will be interviewed on WGVU on Nov. 2nd celebrating 25 years. Also, that the Spring Musical is on hold until they can have confirmation from the venue. She said also that they are expecting a huge turnout including the CDC for Trunk or Treat with a Disney theme and everyone is very excited. Dr. Simpson congratulated Ms. Boris on the teacher retention and expressed the board's appreciation.

5. TEACHER REPORT

Ms. Smith, 2nd grade teacher, talked about the activities that each grade is working on. Dr. Simpson wished to offer the board's support and to thank the teachers on their behalf.

6. PTO REPORT

Mr. Slingerland, PTO President, said that they had expanded the PTO board this year from four members to six and that he appreciates the expert advice that he receives from the former PTO board president, Mr. Craig Smith. He spoke about the many activities coming up this school year, the Winter Carnival, Uniform Sale, Pizza Friday, Pie Fund Raiser, and already planning for Field Day. Dr. Simpson expressed the board's appreciation to the PTO.

7. FBR REPORT

Ms. Ryan reported that they've been working on the audit and that it should be done soon, at which time she will be submitting State Reports. She said that FBR has been implementing a new payroll system that will work very efficiently once all the kinks are worked out. She talked about reimbursements made for teacher purchases and that teachers receive bonuses twice a year based on test scores. There was also mention of a \$150 per classroom reimbursement by the PTO.

8. GVSU REPORT

Mr. Barker explained to the parents in attendance how the Charter School process takes place and the players in that process. He talked about the Academic Grant and the School Performance Report. He said that \$20 per student is based on \$10 per student on board training and \$10 per student based on the student performance report. He talked about upcoming board training on Crisis Communication that might interest the board and about the reduced teacher tuition at GVSU, a nice incentive to draw teachers in. He said that Oakland Academy out performs the other schools and that their PTO is by far the best. He said to remember teacher appreciation and that any show of appreciation goes a long way.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Simpson said that he may not be able to attend the December board meeting.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT


A couple of the parents said that they really enjoyed the meeting and were glad to be there.

11. CALL TO ADJOURN

Ms. Wibert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Board Member Approval:

 12/15/22