

Oakland Academy
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
March 21, 2024

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Oakland Academy was called to order at 6:30 pm, by Dennis Simpson, Board President. Copies of the agenda were emailed to the Board members and posted at Oakland Academy for other interested parties in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call:

Members Present	Members Absent
1. Dennis Simpson – President	
2. Therese Searles - VP	
3. David Kidder -Treasurer	
4.	Jeff Boyd - Member
5. Alexandria Wibert- Secretary	

2. Approval Agenda

Motion by David Kidder to approve the March 21, 2024, board meeting agenda. Second: Therese Searles Aye: 4 Opposed: 0
Discussion: None
Motion Carried

3. Regular Business:

Public comment: None

Motion by David Kidder to close public comment. Second: Alexandria Wibert
Aye: 4 Opposed: 0
Discussion: None
Motion Carried

Visitors: Omar Khayyam, PTO President, Lydia Oberlin, PTO Member, Bill Barker, GVSU Representative, Summit Management Representatives Josh, and Debby Wilton

Correspondence: Travis Gostinger communicated that we received an email from GVSU regarding the Academic Grant Award Letter to be accepted at today's meeting.

Approval of the January 18, 2024, board meeting minutes

Motion by Alexandria Wibert to approve the January 18, 2024, board meeting minutes.

Second: David Kidder

Aye: 4 Opposed: 0

Discussion: None

Motion Carried

Financial Reports

Lori LaMontagne presented the February Financial Report. Therese asked to speak to the negative number in September. Travis communicated that there is no State Aid payment in September. The first State Aid payment for the fiscal year is received in October and at that time the trend line on the graph begins to move upward. This is a normal pattern year to year and will be shown in the financial reports. Enrollment is 171 which will be finalized at the end of March. Lori gave an update on the excess fund balance. At the end of the year, food service is audited and submitted to FID (Financial Information Database). Our next steps are to communicate and plan on how we are going to spend these food service funds. The board will be updated with the plan.

Motion by David Kidder to receive and approve the February Financial Report.

Second: Therese Searles

Aye: 4 Opposed: 0

Discussion: None

Motion Carried

Recommendation and Vote on Board Open Positions

Dennis communicated that Alexandria Wibert and he have positions up for renewal in June. He has served 25 years on the board and asked not to be reappointed this year. Alexandria has informed the board that she will not be submitting documents for reappointment. We have two vacancies.

Motion by David Kidder to recommend Lydia Oberlin to GVSU to serve on Oakland Academy's Board.

Second: Therese Searles

Aye: 4 Opposed: 0

Discussion: None

Motion Carried

Dennis asked the board committee to search for one other board member. Further discussion commenced.

Acceptance of the GVSU Academic Grant

Motion by Therese Searles to accept the GVSU Academic Grant Award.

Second: Alexandria Wibert

Aye: 4 Opposed: 0

Discussion: None

Motion Carried

4. Leadership Update

Principal Report

Shawn Boris presented her report. We have open houses and family tours in the works. We are going to attend the Education Options Expo. It is open to the public and we will represent Oakland Academy. Students have attended field trips at the Kalamazoo Nature Center and the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra. Girls on the Run kicked off a new season. We had many guest readers and fun student activities for March is Reading Month. Parent Teacher Conferences are during the week of April 1st. We will be having an assembly and presentation to celebrate Oakland Academy's 25th year on April 26th at 2pm. The school board is encouraged to join us if available. David asked about the teacher pool. Further discussion commenced.

PTO Report

Omar Khayyam presented the PTO Report. The PTO will provide snacks for the teachers during conferences. We have started field day planning for the last day of school. We are shopping around for new options to add this year. Dennis thanked the PTO for their work.

Authorizer Report

Bill Barker presented the 2022-2023 School Performance Report. This is one of the main items that the GVSU board looks at for charter renewals. The contract term is coming up in 2025. You will receive a visit from our renewal team likely in the fall. I will keep you updated as we schedule a date. Overall, it is a good report. Dennis asked who will be coming to the school for the renewal visit. Bill communicated that it will be the renewal team. Further discussion commenced. The board reception is on May 14th at 5:30 p.m. on the GVSU campus. Board training is complete, therefore your academic grant for that part has been fulfilled. The Principal's Retreat is May 17th in Traverse City. We are offering the Core Value Award for \$5000. Dennis inquired if there was any news from Lansing. Bill communicated that there is information about school signs and what is to be on it.

Management Report

Debby Wilton communicated that we are working on getting grants to cover costs for AED machines. We were offered a buy down grant but found an application opening May 1st. We are

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hoping to get costs covered in full. The 25th Anniversary Celebration Assembly is on April 26th at 2p.m. We are working with MAPSA and Shawn on a tribute for Oakland to be presented at that assembly. Representative Morse and Senator McCann have been invited to attend. Staff will be wearing their t-shirts, and the board will receive their shirts at next meeting. May 2nd is the Art Night, welcoming families also celebrating the 25th Anniversary.

Travis Gostinger communicated that we have received a GVSU grant award and put into the account. The data tracking software that we will be using to track student performance is coming along very nicely. We plan to be testing at the end of the year and having full implementation beginning next school year. We will keep the board updated.

5. Board Strategy and Planning

None

Adjournment: Next meeting on April 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at Oakland Academy.

The board discussed moving the meeting to 4:30 p.m.

Motion by David Kidder to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Second: Alexandria Wibert

Aye: 4 Opposed: 0

Discussion: None

Motion Carried

Board Secretary Signature

Date 4/26/2024

