

OAKLAND ACADEMY
Board Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2020

Board Members Attending: Dr. Dennis Simpson, Dr. Bill Uggen, Mr. David Kidder and Ms. Alex Wibert
Board Members Absent: Ms. Therese Searles

Non-Board Members Attending: Dr. Linda Owens, Ms. Shawn Boris, Ms. Theresa Brown, Mr. Bill Barker, Ms. Mindy Ryan and Mr. Craig Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC HEARING

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm. Dr. Simpson made a couple of statements regarding whether we need to make any changes to the COVID-19 plan if we go virtual. He also stated that many of the students in middle & high school are not attending virtually and about the poor morale, COVID fatigue, in staff and GVSU is trying to figure out what can be done for school morale.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 22, 2020 BOARD MEETING

Ms. Wibert moved to approve the October 22, 2020 board minutes. Mr. Kidder seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

4. APPROVAL OF ("ECLP") RE-CERTIFICATION

Mr. Kidder moved to approve the ("ECLP") Re-Certification with a change to include "school administration/principal, may at their discretion move the school to remote learning during any phase of the plan for up to 4 weeks without further board action. Board would be notified prior to implementation and asked to reapprove any extension beyond 4 weeks." Dr. Uggen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

5. PRINCIPAL REPORT

See the Principal Report presented by Ms. Boris. Ms. Boris thanked the board for the thank you cards to the staff she said that it meant a lot to them. She said that when all the local schools went virtual, it put a strain on their staff because their kids are home but they still want to keep it in-person as long as possible. Dr. Simpson thanked Ms. Boris for all her hard work and said that she goes above and beyond.

6. PTO REPORT

Mr. Smith reported that the PTO Board voted in a new board and that he would be the President this next year. He said that they will have the Holiday Store on-line this year and the gifts will be delivered to the school. He said that they were trying to decide on something special to do for the students and the staff. Dr. Simpson thanked the PTO and wanted the PTO to let the board or FBR know if there is anything they can do. Mr. Smith said that the PTO appreciates the board as well.

7. FBR REPORT

Dr. Owens wanted to publicly thank Ms. Boris for the support that she shows to everyone. She said that COVID fatigue is real and that Ms. Boris's attitude really makes a difference. Dr. Simpson also thanked Ms. Boris and said if there's anything the board can do, just let him know. Ms. Boris said that she feels appreciated by the board and FBR. Dr. Owens shared with the board that we had received COVID funds that are to be used for anything related to COVID-19, such as chrome books, hot spots, masks, etc.

8. GVSU REPORT

Mr. Barker let the board know that the Academic Grant money should arrive soon. He also said that the GVSU, Board of Trustees will be taking attendance in consideration when approving the next board appointments. Also, he wanted the board to think about topics for the next board training. He also said that as of January 1st, GVSU will be going back to in-person meetings unless he hears otherwise. He will keep the board up to date.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

None

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

11. CALL TO ADJOURN

Mr. Kidder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Wibert seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0. Meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

Board Member Approval:

Therese Seales

Next Board meeting: Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 12:00pm