

OAKLAND ACADEMY

Board Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2017

Board Members Attending: Dr. Dennis Simpson, Ms. Therese Searles, and Mr. Randy Bonzheim

Board Members Absent: Dr. William Uggen and Mr. Earl Dalzell

Non-Board Members Attending: Mr. Larry Spencer, Ms. Amanda Brown, Ms. Shawn Boris, Ms. Theresa Brown, Ms. Kristy Worthington, Mr. Bill Barker, Ms. Bethany Gibson, Ms. Jen Kline, Ms. Cathleen Hoogenboom and Mr. Eric Larson.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 6:31 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Searles moved to approve the August 24, 2017 board minutes, the management invoices O227, O228 and the Comm Inv# 0901170. Mr. Bonzheim seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

4. FBR REPORT

Mr. Spencer spoke to the concerns that some of the Oakland parents have expressed in letters about teacher turnover, letters submitted by Ms. Jen Kline, Ms. Cathleen Hoogenboom, Ms. Lisa Nieuwenhuis, Mr. Craig Smith and Mr. Eric Larson. Mr. Spencer stated that he was there to give reasons and not excuses. He spoke about the teacher shortage and how charter schools can't compete with traditional public schools when compensating their teachers. That FBR has to come up with ideas on other ways of compensation. He thanked the parents for their commitment and for writing the letters and thanks to Ms. Boris for handling the situation so well. Ms. Searles thanked the parents for the letters and thanked Mr. Spencer for his timely response and sincerity. She expressed that we need to retain our strong teachers. Dr. Simpson expressed that he wants to hear the parent's concerns and that they can call him anytime. He talked about how today's students are going after the money not satisfaction. He also spoke of how he values the PTO and of the things they have made possible through their hard work. Mr. Bonzheim talked of how there are other ways to compensate your employees to build a strong organization. He also suggested that perhaps the board could sponsor a scholarship for students who need help being able to afford the cost of some of the extra-curricular activities.

5. PRINCIPAL REPORT

See the October 2017 report presented by Ms. Boris. She talked about trying to stay consistent with the current teacher situation. She also talked about how the walk-a-thon helped to fund fun events and talked about the Spring Musical, Rock & Roll Forever. Dr. Simpson thanked Ms. Boris for all her hard work.

6. TEACHER REPORT

Presented by Ms. Gibson, 3rd grade teacher. She spoke about the severe weather conditions that have been striking the United States and how her students have been collecting donations to help the children affected by those conditions. Also, she demonstrated a robotic hand.

7. PTO REPORT

Presented by Ms. Kline, PTO Treasurer. She spoke about how the PTO has renewed their on-line learning programs. She said that the PTO will be doing their traditional Silent Auction and the Holiday Store and about how they provide treats to the teachers to enjoy when they are on the run. Mr. Spencer and the board expressed their thanks to the PTO.

8. GVSU REPORT

Mr. Barker spoke about the GVSU Academic Grant Award and that they would like the board to participate. See documentation. He also spoke about the upcoming January 17th renewal. Dr. Simpson requested that Ms. Boris email the GVSU renewal information to the board members.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

None

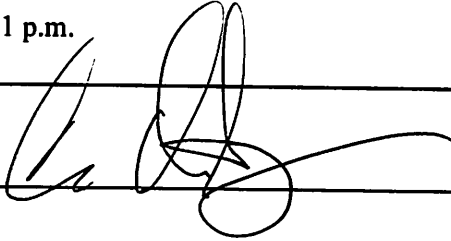
10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

11. CALL TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Board Member Approval:

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke, is written over a horizontal line.