

OLD REDFORD ACADEMY

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**REGULAR MEETING
OLD REDFORD ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

DATE: 5/23/2023

TIME: 6:00 ☒ p.m. / ☐ a.m.

LOCATION: OLD REDFORD ACADEMY
22122 W. McNichols Street
Detroit, MI 48219

Approved

MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: ☒ REGULAR ☐ SPECIAL ☐ PROPOSED ☒ APPROVED

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESIDENT CECELIA MULLENS called the meeting to order at 6:06 ☒ P.M. / ☐ A.M. on Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

II. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Cecelia Mullens, President, Board of Directors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mr. Jason Jefferson, Vice-President, Board of Directors	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Dr. Regina Banks-Hall, Secretary, Board of Directors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mr. Andrew Tyus, Treasurer, Board of Directors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mr. Brian Stephens, Member, Board of Directors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

ADMINISTRATION (all or a portion of the meeting)

Mrs. LaRonda Moore, Superintendent, ORA

OTHERS PRESENT (all or a portion of the meeting)

Mr. Ben Mercer, MAST Financial Services
Attorney James Crowley, (Virtual)
Mr. Ralph Cunningham, Midwest Management
Dr. Lisa Ware, CS Partners
Dr. Ticheal Jones, CS Partners
Ms. Alma Hollins, Board Liaison, Provision

Mr. Jonathan Trout, CMU

The Proposed Agenda was Distributed.

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III. PUBLIC COMMENT *(on agenda items only)*

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MAY 23, 2023 AGENDA

MOTION: SECRETARY REGINA BANKS-HALL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 23, 2023 AGENDA.

[] AS PRESENTED

[x] WITH CHANGES/ADDITIONS – Under New Business, move the Nomination of Board Members and the Resolution to Change the Number of Board Members before Virtual Instruction and add the Elementary Parking Lot Lease after the Resolution approving ESP to access CHRI results. Also, under the Financial Report, remove discussion of the 22-23 Amended Budget and the 23-24 Proposed Budget.

SUPPORT: TREASURER ANDREW TYUS SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. APPROVAL OF APRIL 25, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: TREASURER ANDREW TYUS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 25, 2023 MEETING MINUTES.

[x] AS PRESENTED

[] WITH CHANGES/ADDITIONS

SUPPORT: SECRETARY REGINA BANKS-HALL SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Finance Committee– Treasurer Tyus
- b. Governance/Policy – Vice President Jefferson
- c. Strategic Planning – President Mullens
 - i. Community Committee

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Academic – Mr. Hancock
- b. HR

Finance Committee

Treasurer Tyus shared that the Finance Committee meeting met earlier this month and discussed:

- Athletic Program Funding
- Digital Marquees
- 2023-2024 Budgets
- Building Updates

Governance/Policy Committee

In Vice President Jefferson's absence, a Governance/Policy Committee report was not available.

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Strategic Planning Committee

President Mullens shared different initiatives of the Community Committee involving:

- Students – Member Stephens and Ms. Matthews will work with Mrs. Moore.
- Families and Businesses – Mr. Smith will assist in this area. President Mullens will also assist with the business initiative.

Academic Committee

Mr. Hancock shared that the May meeting did not take place.

HR Committee

None.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Board Bootcamp Retreat - Sunday, August 13, 2023
- b. June Board Meeting – Will remain on Tuesday, June 27, 2023.
- c. For Board Approval

- i. Nomination of Board Members

Potential Board Member Candidate, Mr. Ahmed shared his background and passion for becoming an ORA Board Member.

MOTION: TREASURER ANDREW TYUS MADE A MOTION TO NOMINATE MR. FURQUAN AHMED TO THE ORA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SUPPORT: MEMBER BRIAN STEPHENS SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: TREASURER ANDREW TYUS MADE A MOTION TO NOMINATE MR. WILLIAM SMITH TO THE ORA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SUPPORT: SECRETARY REGINA BANKS-HALL SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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ii. Resolution to Change Number of Board Members

MOTION: SECRETARY REGINA BANKS-HALL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF BOARD MEMBERS FROM FIVE TO SEVEN.

SUPPORT: TREASURER ANDREW TYUS SECONDED.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

iii. Virtual Instruction

Mrs. Moore shared that ORA would like to provide a virtual instruction option for the 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Moore added that this will involve an amendment to ORA's charter contract.

MOTION: MEMBER BRIAN STEPHENS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION RESOLUTION.

SUPPORT: SECRETARY REGINA BANKS-HALL SECONDED.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Dr. Jones informed the Board that there will be a cost for the teachers who will be involved in the virtual instruction option.

In addition to sitting down with families to see if virtual instruction is viable for the student:

- Edgenuity will be used.
- Will be zeroing in on students whose parents wish for their child(ren) to have a virtual option and students that have behavioral issues.
- Will kick off the virtual option with students in grades 6-12; however, the lower grades will not be excluded.
- The technology needed for the virtual option is already available.

iv. 2023-2024 School Calendar

MOTION: SECRETARY REGINA BANKS-HALL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR.

SUPPORT: TREASURER ANDREW TYUS SECONDED.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Secretary Banks-Hall requested that the calendar of activities/events be forwarded to the Board once it is available.

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v. 2023-2024 Annual Board Meeting Calendar

MOTION: SECRETARY REGINA BANKS-HALL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2023-2024 BOARD CALENDAR WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE DECEMBER BOARD MEETING.

SUPPORT: TREASURER ANDREW TYUS SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

vi. FedEx Agreement

MOTION: TREASURER ANDREW TYUS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEDEX AGREEMENT

SUPPORT: SECRETARY REGINA BANKS-HALL SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

vii. Marquee Quotes

MOTION: TREASURER ANDREW TYUS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARQUEE QUOTES.

SUPPORT: SECRETARY REGINA BANKS-HALL SECONDED.

MOTION DID NOT PASS.

Mrs. Moore shared that she is awaiting another quote from Universal Signs as she would like to adjust the signs contained in the current quote.

MOTION: SECRETARY REGINA BANKS-HALL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARQUEE QUOTES FOR THE DISTRICT NOT TO EXCEED THE APPROVED BUDGET, PENDING ATTORNEY APPROVAL.

SUPPORT: TREASURER ANDREW TYUS SECONDED.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Treasurer Tyus requested a mock-up of the marquee signage.

viii. Resolution Approving ESP to Access CHRI Results

MOTION: TREASURER ANDREW TYUS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE ESP TO ACCESS THE CHRI RESULTS.

SUPPORT: SECRETARY REGINA BANKS-HALL SECONDED.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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ix. Elementary Parking Lot Lease

MOTION: SECRETARY REGINA BANKS-HALL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ELEMENTARY PARKING LOT LEASE PENDING CMU REVIEW AND EMPOWERING THE BOARD PRESIDENT TO SIGN.

SUPPORT: TREASURER ANDREW TYUS SECONDED.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/HIGHLIGHTS

Superintendent Moore shared important upcoming dates with the Board and reported that the Academy is finalizing the spring testing.

X. FINANCIAL REPORT

i. Financials

Mr. Mercer shared that they started doing grant draws in April which will be hitting the revenue line.

XI. MIDWEST MANAGEMENT REPORT

Mr. Cunningham informed the Board that the release of the personnel files has been completed, and they are working to facilitate the transition.

XII. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Charter Contract Reauthorization
- b. Required Reauthorization Submissions

XIII. AUTHORIZER COMMENTS

Mr. Trout shared that the nominated Board members as well as the resolution to change from five to seven Board members will go before the Board of Trustees on September 28, 2023.

Mr. Trout shared upcoming events:

- 5/25/2023 – President's Roundtable in Livonia
- 5/30/2023 – Virtual webinar, "Focusing in on Conflicts of Interest and Incompatible Public Offices"
- 8/15/2023 – Annual Conference in Novi.

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XIV. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Trout presented a Board Member plaque to Mr. Stephens.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: SECRETARY REGINA BANKS-HALL MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:18 ☒ P.M. / ☐ A.M.

**SUPPORT: TREASURER ANDREW TYUS SECONDED.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MINUTES CERTIFICATION

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

Alma O. Collins

Recording Secretary

6/5/2023

Date

Approved by the Old Redford Academy Board of Directors:

Regina Banks-Hall

Board Secretary

6/27/2023

Date

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