

OLD REDFORD ACADEMY

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

DATE: 10/28/2024

TIME: 6:30 ☒ p.m. / ☐ a.m.

LOCATION: OLD REDFORD ACADEMY

HIGH SCHOOL

CAFÉ BRONZE

8001 W. OUTER DRIVE

DETROIT, MI 48235

Approved**MINUTES**MEETING TYPE: ☐ REGULAR ☒ SPECIAL ☐ PROPOSED ☒ APPROVED**I. CALL TO ORDER**

6:35

VICE PRESIDENT JASON JEFFERSON called the meeting to order at ~~5:35~~ ☒ P.M. / ☐ A.M. on Monday, October 28, 2024.

II. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Cecelia Mullens, President, Board of Directors

☐ Present☒ Absent

Mr. Jason Jefferson, Vice-President, Board of Directors

☒ Present☐ Absent

Dr. Regina Banks-Hall, Secretary, Board of Directors

☒ Present☐ Absent

Mr. Andrew Tyus, Treasurer, Board of Directors

☒ Present☐ Absent

Mr. Brian Stephens, Member, Board of Directors

☒ Present☐ Absent

Mr. Mirza Ahmed, Member, Board of Directors

☐ Present☒ Absent**ADMINISTRATION** (all or a portion of the meeting)

Ms. Laura Frey-Greathouse, Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT (all or a portion of the meeting)

Mr. Adam Holcomb , MAST Financial Services (Virtual)

Mr. Scott Beckrow, Auditor, Marcum LLP (Virtual)

Ms. Alma Hollins, Board Liaison, Provision (Virtual)

President Cecelia Mullens (Virtual)

The Proposed Agenda was Distributed.

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III. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (*on agenda items only*)
None.

IV. **APPROVAL OF October 28, 2024 AGENDA**

MOTION: TREASURER ANDREW TYUS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 28, 2024 AGENDA.

[x] AS PRESENTED

[] WITH CHANGES/ADDITIONS

SUPPORT: MEMBER BRIAN STEPHENS SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. **APPROVAL OF September 24, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

MOTION: SECRETARY REGINA BANKS-HALL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 MEETING MINUTES.

[x] AS PRESENTED

[] WITH CHANGES/ADDITIONS

SUPPORT: MEMBER BRIAN STEPHENS 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

Finance Committee

Treasurer Tyus shared that the Finance Committee did not meet during the month of October but will convene in November.

Governance/Policy Committee

Vice President Jefferson shared that the Governance Committee did not meet in October, but the recent Board policies are available for viewing on the Board Policy portal.

Strategic Planning Committee

President Mullens shared that the following was discussed at the Strategic Planning Committee meeting:

- The Board of Directors' retreat needs to be rescheduled.
- The updated Strategic Plan

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- Participation in USPBL needs to go to the Finance Committee.
- Extracurricular activities in order to be able to offer options to the students.
- Presentation to the Foundation representatives of the Academy needs. The Foundation representatives will attend the November 13th S.P. meeting and Superintendent Frey-Greathouse will present the information.
- Updated Board Meeting Format

Academic Committee

Mr. Hancock shared that the Academic Committee met on October 22, 2024 and discussed the following:

- The District's most recent enrollment and attendance data
- Participation in a collaborative learning cycle. The focus was on the 2024 fall NWEA data
- Needs for the upcoming CMU monitoring visit with Dr. White

VII. 2023-2024 ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT PRESENTATION

Mr. Scott Beckrow, the auditor from Marcum LLC, reviewed the audit with the Board. Old Redford Academy received an unmodified audit. The Financial statements had no findings. Mr. Beckrow shared that the Academy's expenses went slightly over budget, but added that while it is not concerning at this point, the Academy needs to be mindful going forward.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a. FOR BOARD APPROVAL

i. 2023-2024 Annual Financial Audit

MOTION: SECRETARY REGINA BANKS-HALL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE 2023-2024 FINANCIAL AUDIT.

SUPPORT: TREASURER ANDREW TYUS SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

X. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Holcomb provided an update on the Academy's cash flow status.

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XI. CS PARTNERS' REPORT**a. Superintendent Frey-Greathouse's Report**

Superintendent Frey-Greathouse shared the following:

- Enrollment on Count Day was 960; the budget was based on 924.
- Updates on GSRP and the Elementary, Middle, and High Schools.
- Goals and targets for:
 - Ensuring Effective Instructional Leadership
 - Staff Retention and Recruitment
 - Stats on the Teaching Staff
 - Staff Wellness
 - Increasing Academic Achievement
 - Increasing Parental Engagement and Community Partnerships
 - Increasing Student Engagement
 - Improve Internal and External Communication
- Updates on Athletics in the Elementary, Middle, and High Schools
- Updates on Operations

Mr. Drummond

Mr. Drummond shared:

- Steps on improving the school climate – Feedback has been received from the students.
- Several teacher vacancies in the building
- Two certified teachers were hired who will start on October 30th.
- Will be interviewing for a new High School principal

XII. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS**XIV. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

XV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice President Jefferson encouraged Administration to provide signage to show the Public how to access the Board meeting room.

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XVI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: MEMBER BRIAN STEPHENS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:25 ☒ P.M. / ☐ A.M.

SUPPORT: SECRETARY REGINA BANKS-HALL SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES CERTIFICATION

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

Alma S. Collins

Recording Secretary

11/7/2024

Date

Approved by the Old Redford Academy Board of Directors:

[Signature]

Board President

11/19/2024

Date

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