

**OLD REDFORD ACADEMY**

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**REGULAR MEETING**

**OLD REDFORD ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

DATE: 5/27/2025

TIME: 6:00  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. The Oath of Office was administered to Dr. Banks-Hall prior to the start of the May 27, 2025 Board Meeting.

II. CALL TO ORDER

PRESIDENT CECELIA MULLENS called the meeting to order at 6:14  P.M. /  A.M. on Tuesday, May 27, 2025.

III. 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
Mr. Mirza Ahmed, Member, Board of Directors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

ADMINISTRATION (all or a portion of the meeting)

Mrs. Laura Frey-Greathouse, Superintendent, ORA

OTHERS PRESENT (all or a portion of the meeting)

Mr. Adam Holcomb, MAST Financial Services

Dr. Lisa Weir, CS Partners

Dr. Ticheal Jones, CS Partners

Ms. Kimberly Salter, CS Partners

Ms. Laura Stabler, CMU

Ms. Alma Hollins, Board Liaison, Provision

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Mr. Jonathan Trout, CMU

*The Proposed Agenda was Distributed.*

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

None.

**V. APPROVAL OF May 27, 2025 AGENDA**

**MOTION: TREASURER ANDREW TYUS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 27, 2025 AGENDA.**

AS PRESENTED

WITH CHANGES/ADDITIONS

**SUPPORT: MEMBER BRIAN STEPHENS SECONDED.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**VI. APPROVAL OF April 22, 2025 MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION: SECRETARY REGINA BANKS-HALL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 22, 2025 MEETING MINUTES.**

AS PRESENTED

WITH CHANGES/ADDITIONS

**SUPPORT: MEMBER BRIAN STEPHENS SECONDED.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**VII. 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 met to discuss the HVAC improvements as well as the 2025-2026 budget.

**Governance/Policy Committee**

Vice President Jefferson's schedule did not permit him to attend the May Board meeting.

**Strategic Planning Committee**

President Cecelia Mullens shared the following:

- Two resumes have been received from potential Board member candidates.
- The Strategic Planning Committee took a deeper dive into the EPR.

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- Superintendent Frey-Greathouse is working with the Foundation and has provided a roadmap of the Academy needs. The Trustees have approved the Foundation representatives to work with Superintendent Frey-Greathouse on this.
  - Community Committee  
Board Member Stephens shared that he sent a draft to fellow Board members to assist in fine tuning the report.

#### Academic Committee

Mr. Hancock shared that the Academic Committee did not meet. Instead, data was reviewed at the Quarterly meeting.

### VIII. PRESENTATION OF EPR REPORT

Ms. Laura Stabler reviewed in detail the Educational Program Review Report for the Elementary, Middle, and High Schools. Ms. Stabler assured the Board that CMU is available to be a support in whatever is needed.

President Mullens added that it is important to think outside the box to make the changes that are needed.

### IX. OLD BUSINESS

None.

### X. NEW BUSINESS

#### *a. FOR BOARD APPROVAL*

##### i. Approval of HVAC Contractor and Signatory

**MOTION: TREASURER ANDREW TYUS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE HVAC CONTRACTOR AND SIGNATORY.  
SUPPORT: MEMBER BRIAN STEPHENS SECONDED.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

##### ii. Approval of Basketball Team's Out-of-State Field Trip

**MOTION: SECRETARY REGINA BANKS-HALL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP FOR THE BASKETBALL TEAM.  
SUPPORT: TREASURER ANDREW TYUS SECONDED.**

**ROLL CALL: President Mullens - Yes  
Secretary Banks-Hall - Yes  
Treasurer Tyus - Yes**

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Member Stephens - No  
 Member Ahmed - Yes

**MOTION CARRIED.**

iii. Approval of MHSAA Membership Resolution

**MOTION: TREASURER ANDREW TYUS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MHSAA MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION.**

**SUPPORT: SECRETARY REGINA BANKS-HALL SECONDED.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

iv. Approval of Fiscal Stewardship Response to CMU

**MOTION: TREASURER ANDREW TYUS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FISCAL STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE TO CMU.**

**SUPPORT: SECRETARY REGINA BANKS-HALL SECONDED.**

**DISCUSSION: President Mullens** presented an overview of the letter that was received from CMU concerning the Academy's Fiscal Stewardship. **President Mullens** added that she is currently working on the response and will forward a copy of the response to each Board member prior to it being uploaded in Epicenter.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## XI. FINANCIAL REPORT

a. 2025-2026 Draft Budget Discussion

Mr. Holcomb reviewed the 2025-2026 budget with the Board and shared that it will be presented at the June Board meeting for approval.

**President Mullens** remarked that the Board will need to meet with CS Partners to discuss the finances.

b. ORA Bond Arbitrage Calculation

Mr. Holcomb shared that every five years the Academy's bonds require arbitrage calculation and he is working with US Bank. The cost is approximately \$6,000 to \$7,000. Mr. Holcomb added that Attorney Crowley is checking to see if this is a cost for ORA or for the Foundation.

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**XII. CS PARTNERS REPORT**

Dr. Weir thanked the Board on behalf of the Academy for the lunch that was provided for the staff at the Elementary, Middle, and High Schools.

Discussions ensued about the EPR report.

**President Mullens** commended CS Partners on their contributions and reiterated that there is still work to be done.

**XIII. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**XIV. AUTHORIZER COMMENTS**

Mr. Trout shared the following:

- Encouraged that ORA is moving forward with replacing the Board vacancy.
- On June 25, 2025, the Presidents' Roundtable will be held in Plymouth. In the event that Board President is unable to attend, the Vice President may attend.
- On August 14, 2025, CMU will be holding their annual conference at Huntington Place in Detroit. Mr. Trout shared that a reception at the Ponchartrain will be held the night before (August 13, 2025).

**XV. OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Hollins reminded everyone that the June Board meeting will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in June (June 17, 2025) instead of the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday due to the Academy being closed that week.

**XVI. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**XVII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

**XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: TREASURER ANDREW TYUS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:09**

P.M. /  A.M.

**SUPPORT: SECRETARY REGINA BANKS-HALL SECONDED.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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MINUTES CERTIFICATION

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

*Alma A. Hollins*

6-4-2025

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Recording Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Approved by the Old Redford Academy Board of Directors

*Regina Banks Hall*

6-17-2025

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Board Secretary

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Date

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