

Minutes – Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, February 8, 2022

In Accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act: Public Notice of this Meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given by the Board Secretary in the Asbury Park Press – Paper of Record. Ocean Academy Charter School, 1650 Massachusetts Avenue, Lakewood, NJ. Attendance by virtual or in person.

Marshall White – President
Anita Raynes Lepelstat – Vice President
Thomas A. D’Ambola
Aase Marie Hare
Sharon Hollander
Roxanne Martin
Reverend Juan Angel Monge-Santiago
Jim Muzikowski

Valarie Smith (Board Secretary), Lorna Hassel (Principal), Dawn Dobb-Fossnes (Middle School Principal), David Block (School Business Administrator), Thomas McMahon (Facilities Consultant), and David Hespe (Board Attorney).

Meeting to be Called to Order

Salute to the Flag by Board President

Action Agenda

Open Public Forum: Agenda Items Only

Old Business:

Valarie Smith on Facilities – Update of Parking & Play Park, moving forward with possible high school.

David Hespe, Esq. presented on our future Strategic Planning program in conjunction with the High School Expansion Project and compliance with the Charter School Expansion Grant.

Principal’s Report Schoolwide – January 2022 presented by Lorna Hassel:

Principal’s Report Schoolwide – Month of January

HIB Report – 0 reported, 0 investigated, 0 confirmed

Staff Attendance Report - 74 Total Full Days Off 19 Half Days

Student Attendance Report - 197 (non-covid related)

Student Discipline Report -

Enrollment - 377

Approval of Minutes of the January 11, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 11th Meeting made by Father Juan and
Second by Jim Muzikowski.

Vote: All in Favor

Approval of Pavilion for Outside presented by Lorna Hassel, David Block, & Valarie Smith

Getting bids for Pavilion



Motion to Approve made by Roxanne Martin

Second by Sharon Hollander

Unanimously Approved by the Board

Discussion on Expansion Advancement: Presented by Valarie Smith

Overview of time frame for NJ DOE approval for High School expansion and expectations of
Builder concerning future building and grounds.

Approval of Monthly Financial Reports: presented by David Block

Motion to approve the Monthly Financial Reports made by Father Juan

Seconded by Anita Lepelstat

Unanimously Approved by the Board

Presentation about Blue Ribbon Schools Presented by Dr. Fossnes & Guest Nancy Guzman

Nancy Guzman is one of the most productive and decorated principals in our country. She is president of School Turnaround Resources, Inc., and is a nationally recognized leader with a proven record of success in designing and executing innovative school strategies that turned the most challenging student achievement goals into reality.

With 27 years' experience, Mrs. Guzman led performance turnarounds in Title I schools, recording substantial improvements in both measurable and intangible areas of evaluation, driven by the schools' growing reputation for excellence. During each of these turnarounds, Guzman facilitated strong instructional programs resulting in increases student performance on state proficiency tests at an accelerated rate compared to similar schools in the state. Her school turnaround process creates accountability teamwork, and a belief that people and culture generate results.

Public Comment - none

Board Comments - Board Members asked for an update on the Robbery that happened over the Christmas break. Valarie Smith reports that as of this date, there is no progress.

Valarie Smith presented that that National Alliance of Public Charter Schools would be having their next annual convention in Washington, DC in June 2022. She asked for Board Approval to have representatives attend the conference. Anita Lepelstat, Father Juan, Roxanne Martin, Jim Muzikowski, and Marshall White indicated that they would like to be part of the delegation on behalf of Ocean Academy.

Motion to attend the National Alliance of Public Charter Schools Convention in Washington, DC made by Roxanne Martin

Seconded by Sharon Hollander

Unanimously Approved by the Board

Announcements - none

Motion to Adjourn made by Jim Muzikowski at 7:40 PM

Seconded by Anita Lepelstat

Unanimously Approved by the Board