

Ocean Academy Charter School Board of Trustees – May 10th, 2022

Minutes – Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, May 10th, 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 - Absent
Jim Muzikowski

Valarie Smith (Board Secretary), Lorna Hassel (Head of School), 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

Presentation to the Board - by Sixth Grade Student Jeremiah Womack.

Jeremiah Womack, a student representative of the Student Advisory Council, asked the Board to allow vending machines at the school. Discussion ensued and all Board Members are in favor of allowing vending machines at the school. The Board has targeted a September date for vending machines.

Old Business

Update of Burglary! Presented by Valarie Smith

Update on our “Friends of Ocean Academy Account” – IRS Status present by Valarie Smith

Update on High School & Other Facility Issues by Tom McMahon

Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 8th, 2022

Presented by Valarie Smith

Motion to approve the March 8th Minutes was made by Aase Hare

Seconded by Roxanne Martin

Vote: Unanimously Approved by the Board

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New Hires – Presented by Lorna Hassel

New hires for the balance of 21-22

Dominique Basso--para to replace Carezly Martinez
Marie Nieves --- para to replace Quincy Hill
In process: Courtney Sirianni---para to Replace Faith Sabik

New Hires for 2022-23

Caleb DeLaRosa --Middle School Math
Nicole Robinson --- Middle School ELA

Motion to Approve the New Hires as presented by Lorna Hassel made by Aase Hare.
Seconded by Sharon Hollander
Unanimously Approved by the Board

Principal's Report Presented by Lorna Hassel

March 2022

Staff Attendance Report_ 124 Total Full Days Off 33 Half Days
Student Attendance Report - 184 (non-covid related)
Enrollment -364

April 2022

Staff Attendance Report_ 62 Total Full Days Off 15 Half Days
Student Attendance Report - 126 (non-covid related)
Enrollment -366

Academic Data Report Presented by Lorna Hassel & Dawn Cobb-Fossnes

This report was generated by the Lumen Group as a Special Project for analysis of student achievement based on the Start Strong Tests and the NWEA Testing.

Salary Increases for 2022-23 School Year Presented by Valarie Smith

Motion to Approve Salary Increases for Non-Teaching Staff made by Roxanne Martin
Seconded by Anita Lepelstat
Unanimously Approved by the Board

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Strategic Initiatives – Charter School Expansion Grant

Presented by David Hesse

David Hesse gave an overview of the Strategic Planning Process. The Strategic Plan is a part of the Monitoring for the Federal Charter School Expansion Grant. Strategic Planning is a proactive change process that focuses on the future by establishing a strong common, well understood foundation of vision, mission, and goals in the present.

Areas to be addressed in the Five-Year Strategic Plan:

- ✚ How will the world of education and the school community change over the next five years?
- ✚ What will we need to do to be successful in that new environment and how will we measure that success?
- ✚ What are the challenges we will be facing and what opportunities will we have?
- ✚ How will we systemically transform our charter school to meet those challenges and take advantage of those opportunities?

Financial

Preschool & Charter School Security Grant – Presented by David Block
Ocean Academy Awarded \$20,000

Approval of the Monthly Financial Reports Presented by David Block
Bill List for FY22 (April 2022 & May 2022)

- ✚ Board Secretary's Report (February 28th, 2022 & March 31, 2022)

Motion to Approve the Monthly Financial Reports as presented by David Block made by Tom D'Ambola
Seconded by Sharon Hollander
Unanimously Approved by the Board

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Approval of FY23 Budget – Presented by David Block

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Ocean Academy Charter School has been presented with the FY 23 budget; and

WHEREAS, the budget reflects allocation of expenses in accordance with the school’s goals, Department of Education recommendations, statutes, administrative code, and the School’s vision & mission as best as possible under current funding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Ocean Academy Charter School, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey that the FY 23 budget is approved.

Motion to Approve the FY23 Budget made by Anita Lepelstat

Seconded by Tom D’Ambola

Unanimously Approved by the Board

Public Comment – None

Board Comments - None

Announcements – Next Meeting, Tuesday, June 14th, 2022

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn made by Anita Lepelstat at 8:00 PM

Seconded by Sharon Hollander

Unanimously approved by the Board

These minutes approved by the Board at the June 14th Meeting.