

Board of Directors

Leslie Maloney, President Thomas Cole, Vice President Amanda Larson, Treasurer Jessicah Nichols, Secretary Sonja White, Director Nick Holpfer, Director

Friday, October 6, 2017, 5:15 p.m. Meeting Minutes

The mission of Odyssey Charter School, working in partnership with the family and the community, is to help each child reach full potential in all areas of life. Our aim is to educate the whole child with the understanding that each person must achieve a balance of intellectual, emotional, physical, moral, and social skills as a foundation for life.

A. OPENING EXCERCISES

- Call to Order & Establish Quorum The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. Those in attendance were Leslie Maloney, Thomas Cole, Amanda Larson, and Nick Holpfer. A quorum was established.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Adoption of the Agenda Unanimously adopted under one motion by Thomas Cole; seconded by Nick Holpfer.
- **B. PUBLIC COMMENT** (Members of the public that wish to address the Board must sign-in and will have 3 minutes to speak. The Board will not address the presenter or take action at this time)

C. PUBLIC PRESENTATION

- 1. Oasis Preparatory Academy Annual Audit Presentation HLB Gravier Auditors from HLB Gravier presented the Oasis Preparatory Academy Annual Audited Financial Report. The audit had no findings.
- D. MANAGEMENT COMPANY REPORT Constance Ortiz reported to the Board that the schools have had quite a few Visitors touring the schools. BPS School Board member, Ms. Tina Descovich visited both campuses. Upon her return, she mentioned Odyssey and her visit at the September 26th BPS School Board meeting with very nice things to say about our schools and what we do. The schools also gave a tour to the Director of Food Services from BPS. The Satellite Beach City Manager toured as well. This shows there is a lot of interest in what we are doing here at the schools.

Constance and the Site Administrators attended the ECTAC conference presentation where OCS received a valuable recognition. There are 1700 Title I schools in the State. Odyssey was the only charter school in state that was recognized, and was 1 of 27 schools recognized in exceeding academic averages in the state in every academic area.

Indian River Schools is now sharing its sales tax with charter schools. Brevard voters approved a ½ cent sales tax in 2015 to last for 6 years. There is a list that was approved for 156 million dollars for projects for various schools around Brevard. The BPS Board

estimates it will collect 198 million over 6 years. It was stated our parents pay the sales tax and our belief is that the money should follow the child. It was recommended the Board President write a letter requesting our fair share of the county sales tax for qualified facility and other improvements. Leslie supports writing a letter and believes this is well worth pursuing.

**Nick Holpfer motioned to add to the action agenda to authorize the Board President to write an exploratory letter to Brevard Public Schools request the county sales tax money; seconded by Thomas Cole. Motion passed unanimously and was added to the action agenda.

Manager met with charters around the state to discuss the lawsuit that the Palm Beach County School Board filed against the HB7069 receiving local millage.

**Leslie Maloney made a motion to add to action agenda to explore the countersuit of HB7069 with manager bringing back to the Board at the November 15th Board meeting; seconded by Nick Holpfer. Motion passed unanimously and was added to the action agenda.

Eldron campus safety concerns as well as additional classroom space. Consulted with Rich Moreno and Larry Maxwell. This campus will grow another 110 students over the next 3 years. We would work purchase out with attorney David Cohen contingent upon land being rezoned. This is on the Consent Agenda for approval. Manager will explore options for the Board.

Monica Knight informed the Board that the Band is going to be competing for seats in the All County Band and Orchestra. The school was originally excluded from this and students were rejected from applying because we are a charter school. Constance and the Administrators spent several weeks working through this with the State and our attorneys. BPS School Board members agreed and were for our students being included, but the district choice staff were not. After a rigorous process, the charter schools are now included. The precedent has been set to allow charter schools to participate.

At the November 15th Board meeting, the Administrators will be presenting the School Improvement Plan. Rich Moreno will also be working with the schools in October on exploring the employee insurance benefits to try to save money for the schools and the employees.

- E. SITE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT The Site Administrators reported their current enrollment leading up to FTE week. Odyssey Jr./Sr. High reported 730 students; Odyssey Elementary reported 679 students; and Odyssey Prep reported 375 students so far.
- F. INFORMATION None
- G. CONSENT AGENDA (Items below are considered routine and will be approved in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board Member so requests, in which case the item(s) will be removed from the consent agenda and considered and placed on the Action Agenda) Unanimously approved under one motion by Thomas Cole; Seconded by Leslie Maloney.

Odyssey Charter School, Inc. Business:

- 1. **APPROVED:** Approve the Minutes of the Odyssey Charter School, Inc. Board of Director's Meeting for August 28, 2017 as presented.
- 2. **APPROVED:** Authorize the school and management company to pursue research and negotiations on possible purchase of land/lots adjacent to the Eldron campus, with all final purchases to be approved by the Board of Directors at a scheduled Board meeting.



3. **APPROVED:** Authorize school and management company to pursue the Space Coast Architect proposal for the Eldron site development and classroom addition pending legal review.

Odyssey Charter School Business:

- 4. **APPROVED:** Approve Rebecca Adorno, Natalie Beckett, Lyssa Brown-Kerr, Courtney Burkhart, Edward Haber, Crystal Kersey, Naomi Lonergan, Megan Lustig, Billy Marsh, Kristin Pitts, Lesa Thompson, Deidre Wilson, Kenneth Woodard, Paula Woulas, Sara Wyman, and BryAnna Zoller to teach out-of-field in ESOL for the 2017-2018 school year.
- 5. **APPROVED:** Approve Elizabeth Guslawski and Nicole Hoier to teach out-of-field in Science 6-12 for the 2017-2018 school year.
- 6. **APPROVED:** Approve to combine the Enrichment and Preschool Space Coast Credit Union bank accounts into one account.
- 7. **APPROVED:** Approve to close the OCS Pacific National Bank and Space Coast Credit Union Operating bank accounts once all transactions have cleared.
- 8. **APPROVED:** Ratify approval of the Gaming class out-of-county field trip to Full Sail University in Orlando, FL held on October 3, 2017.
- 9. **APPROVED:** Approve the Band out-of-county field trip to Florida State University in Tallahassee, FL on November 18, 2017.
- 10. **APPROVED:** Approve the 9th-12th grade college visit out-of-county field trip to Florida Atlantic University and the Art Institute of Ft. Lauderdale in Ft. Lauderdale, FL on November 30, 2017.
- 11. **APPROVED:** Approve the 9th-12th grade Biotechnology out-of-county field trip to the University of Florida Biotility Training Lab in Alachua, FL on December 15, 2017.
- 12. **APPROVED:** Approve the 9th-12th grade college visit out-of-county field trip to Florida Southern College and Florida Polytechnic Colleges in Lakeland, FL on October 19, 2017.

Odyssey Preparatory Academy Business:

- 13. **APPROVED:** Approve the July 2017 Monthly Financial Reports.
- 14. **APPROVED:** Approve Robert Birmingham to teach out-of-field in Math 5-9, and Kinasya Davis to teach out-of-field in Elementary Ed K-6 for the 2017-2018 school year.
- 15. **APPROVED:** Approve Robert Birmingham, Kinasya Davis, Emily Dent, Amy Heath, Stephanie Heck, Tasha Lynch-Treasure, Stacia Mackie, Laura Neal, Patricia Petrucci, and Awilda Rodriguez, and to teach out-of-field in ESOL for the 2017-2018 school year.
- 16. APPROVED: Approve to close the Space Coast Credit Union Operating bank account.

Oasis Preparatory Academy-Brevard Business:

- 17. **APPROVED:** Approve the 2016-2017 Amended Budget.
- 18. APPROVED: Approve the 2016-2017 Annual Audit.

Orion Preparatory Academy-Brevard Business:

19. **APPROVED:** Approve the July 2017 Monthly Financial Reports.

- H. ACTION AGENDA (Items for Discussion by the Board) Unanimously approved under one motion by Thomas Cole; Seconded by Amanda Larson.
 - 1. **APPROVED:** Authorize the Board President to write exploratory letter to Brevard Public Schools to request the county sales tax money.
 - 2. **APPROVED:** Authorize the management company to explore the countersuit of HB7069, with the manager reporting to the Board at the November 15th Board meeting.
- I. BOARD DIRECTORS' REPORT
- J. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she is a Director and/or Officer of **ODYSSEY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.**, a not-for-profit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, and that the above is a true and correct copy of the meeting minutes of the Board of Directors of said corporation and the individual charter schools sponsored by the said corporation.

The minutes were adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on November 15, 2017.

ODYSSEY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.

A Florida not-for-profit corporation

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