

MINUTES OF THE
CAPE CORAL
CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY GOVERNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, December 13, 2016
Council Chambers
9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The Cape Coral Charter School Authority Governing Board of Lee County, Florida, met on December 13, 2016, at City of Cape Coral Council Chambers, a Regular Governing Board Meeting. Chair Cosden called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

INVOCATION: Chair Cosden

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:
All in attendance

ROLL CALL: Boyer, Cosden, Donaldson, Fisher, Jackson, Lucas-Ross, McMillan, Traiger, Winstead, Zivkovic

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Buztrey, Assistant City Attorney
Nelson Stephenson, Superintendent, Cape Coral Charter School Authority
Shannon Treece, Principal, Oasis Charter High School
Keith Graham, Principal, Oasis Charter Middle School
Donnie Hopper, Principal, Oasis Charter Elementary School
Jacque Collins, Principal, Christa McAuliffe Charter Elementary School
Danielle Jensen, Director of Procurement and Food Services, Cape Coral Charter School Authority
Mary Anne Moniz, Business Manager, Cape Coral Charter School Authority
Vicki McAtee, City of Cape Coral, Human Resource Liaison to Charter Schools
Branden Pearson, Student at Oasis Charter High School
Shay Pearson, Parent at Oasis Charter High School
Vanessa Metzger, Parent at Oasis Charter Elementary School
Kimberly Shuler, Parent at Oasis Charter Middle School
Brian Montag, Athletic Coach at Oasis Charter High School
Stephanie Bloch, Parent at Oasis Charter Middle School, Oasis Charter High School and Substitute Teacher
Tim Bloch, Parent at Oasis Charter Middle School, Oasis Charter High School

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Governing Board Meeting of November 8, 2016 was made by member Boyer and seconded by member Donaldson.

Board vote: Boyer, Cosden, Donaldson, Fisher, Jackson, Winstead, Zivkovic

All “Yes’s,” motion carries.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA REGULAR MEETING:

Motion was made by member Zivkovic and seconded by member Boyer to approve the agenda with the following change:

- To add the superintendent’s amended contract to item 12D.

Board vote: Boyer, Cosden, Donaldson, Fisher, Jackson, Winstead, Zivkovic

All “Yes’s,” motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Branden Pearson states that he is currently a senior at Oasis High School. He has had the pleasure of working with five different principals and three different superintendents since his sixth grade year, each with their own unique direction and culture for the system. It is his opinion that in the last year and a half the culture has become destructive; driving away many great teachers, students and parents. Weeks ago he tried addressing a domestic violence injunction enforcement issue and was essentially dismissed. This semester his mother is looking to pull him from the system he grew up in and leave behind his multitude of accomplishments. He begs the Governing Board to put politics aside and put the interest of students first by launching an investigation into the leadership of Oasis High School and the system as a whole. He proceeds to state that if this body can do what is best for the students then maybe he can graduate from the system he grew up in. The previous evening he spoke before the Cape Coral City Council and afterwards received great support from his fellow students.

Shay Pearson states that she has two sons attending Oasis High School. Most became aware of their unique family situation when her husband Kenneth Pearson was arrested at the Oasis High School campus. She did not come before the board when she was relieved of her teaching duties, when the no trespass warning was lifted against Mr. Pearson or when there was an incident between her ex-husband and her son at a football game. She comes today because she has grave concerns. There is a domestic violence injunction between Mr. Kenneth Pearson and Mr. Branden Pearson. On December 1, 2016 Mr. Pearson was at school for a meeting for her other son. Branden entered the office and was 20’ away from Mr. Pearson which was a direct violation of the order. She urges the Governing Board to look into this a little more and figure out a way to handle this situation so it does not happen again.

Ms. Pearson states that her greatest concern today is Mr. Erich Boerner. He took her son in his freshman year and led him to JROTC which helped mold her son into what he is today. Mr. Boerner had a closed door meeting with her son and she felt that his discipline crossed the line. She is concerned that Mr. Boerner doesn’t have a teacher’s certificate or a leadership endorsement. She is not attacking his character but addressing his disciplinary methods. As a parent she believes that she should be included in any discipline involving her student. She’s asking that the board take a stand and investigate these allegations.

Vanessa Metzger states that she is a parent of two children currently in the Cape Coral Charter system. She has personally worked with three different superintendents since her children started in the system. She is disappointed in the current leadership. Her opinion is that Mr. Stephenson has fostered an environment where parent concerns are dismissed and student safety is not considered. The new superintendent dropped the no trespass order against Mr. Kenneth Pearson without any change in circumstance or consulting any of the parties impacted. Mr. Pearson has personally threatened her and her children in the past. As superintendent, Mr. Stephenson has a responsibility to student safety, a responsibility he has disregarded. She is asking the Cape Coral Governing Board to remove Mr. Stephenson from his position as superintendent. If he is removed the controversies will cease to exist. On a final note she asks the Governing Board to listen to a recording of Mr. Pearson threatening to bring more guns on school campus.

Recording from cell phone played.

Hector Carrasco states that he is a junior at Oasis High School and that he comes with a lack of words because Branden Pearson did not prepare anything for him. From his heart he is utterly confused. As every person came up to speak, Branden Pearson was mouthing everything they were about to say. He states that he is confused as to why we are allowing this. Everything that has happened today and yesterday evening is because of Branden Pearson. Their family issues shouldn't affect his education. He should be in school right now but he fears that his school is crumbling down around him. He is missing his favorite class but felt he needed to defend the one thing he loves. The teachers left because they didn't like the new administration, that's their right. Colonel Boerner is a unique man who does things different than others.

Linda Prince states that she has been an advocate for the charter schools for a very long time. She states that it is broken. Children are missing school to be here to speak when they should be learning. Last night was a fiasco and it was political. We can work together and fix it. Put the politics aside and get back on track for our children.

Tim Bloch states that he has three children in the school system. He has been an advocate for the school system for almost 15 years. Last night the kids had it figured out. We're on the right path and we need to keep going down that path and doing the right thing.

Victoria Bateman states she is the Finance director. The purpose of last night was to discuss the audit findings, not about her wife having to defend her position. She states that she doesn't understand why last week in the paper she had to read about this being turned into her wife being fired. It's not. Ms. Bateman states that she could show you emails and issues about the charter school. It is about issues with the process. You need to understand there is a charter for you and there are by-laws for you. The charter says that as finance director she will invest funds but she has been held back from that job. She can show emails, she has them with her, where she has been told by the charter school not to move funds to make more money. Any money we invest can be received back in the same day. This is not about Mr. Stephenson or Ms. Treece but about that there are issues. You need to accept those issues and do something about them.

Last night was not supposed to be about people. Ms. Bateman states that she has a recording of the discussion with Mr. Nelson that was held and was upset that Ms. Treece would not bother to speak to her.

There are issues that can easily be resolved if people were more open. There are problems and if anyone is interested in seeing those problems she has them.

Mayor Marni Sawicki states that she is here as Mayor and as a parent of an Oasis High School student. She states that she is confused as to why it has gotten to this point. As a member of the audit committee she simply asked questions. This was about asking about the processes, asking about what took place. The information she was getting was not accurate. Mayor Sawicki asked the board if they were aware that the superintendent went to the media, did he go to the board first and does the board condone it? She states that this is not about Branden Pearson; she sat with eight families on Sunday. She states she was literally blindsided by the superintendent going to the media. A teacher sent out a memo on Schoology to other teachers telling them to be here yesterday to fight for what's right. This is about our students.

Oriana Troche states that she is here on behalf of 90% of the students that are extremely happy with what they have going on at Oasis High School. She states that you can feel the love just by walking into the school. Teachers and administrators care and love the students and want them to succeed. To her it doesn't make sense to stir up a gigantic problem that can bring down or corrupt the board. The superintendent is a marvelous man and she believes he has student's best interests at heart. Her parents are satisfied with the system. The 10% that have a problem with authority are the ones who are more open to speaking. The problem is that they don't know how to respond to authority.

Colonel Boerner doesn't have a problem telling you what you did wrong but he knows the limits and boundaries.

Ms. Treece has done nothing but good for the school. The students are worried about graduation and don't want these problems that could easily be avoided.

She states that last night she was confused and taken a back as to why adults act this way. Change is inevitable and we have to adjust to the change.

Jen Hope Bellis states that she is on the foundation and has three children in the school system. She wants to know from the board how they are moving forward. Her bigger concern is the rumors. She is concerned that between last night's meeting and the lack of attendance at today's meeting they're not going to get the resolution, the overview, or the communication that says this is what we want. Her request is that at some point there is communication to stop some of the madness. She hopes that we can get something out there because parents are passionate. She hopes the board can come to a census of what the goal is and what 2017 will bring.

Discussion held.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Mr. Stephenson states that radios will be ordered for all of the administrators for security purposes. We are doing everything we can to make sure students are safe and secure in school. We also increased our City of Cape Coral Police department foot print on our school campuses.

Mr. Stephenson states the JROTC had their accreditation and did a great job.

Mr. Stephenson states that we don't offer the same sports insurance that Lee schools offer but we have a program for parents to obtain insurance. It is a little lengthier of a process but there is a plan available. Notifications are made via several different avenues before practices begin.

Discussion held.

Mr. Stephenson wanted to remind the public that we have completed the first round of our NEOLA policies and that we have received our AdvancED Accreditation for the first time in the systems 12 year history.

Mr. Stephenson states that a \$450,000.00 infrastructure update was done and the systems website has been updated.

Mr. Stephenson apologizes to the community for what he allowed to happen at last night's meeting. Sometimes passion does override and the passion is about the kids.

Mr. Stephenson states that we have a robust and amazing staff, amazing school and amazing system.

Mr. Stephenson states that he did not collude with the board to make a statement to the media.

Mr. Stephenson states that he looks forward to working together with the city.

Discussion held.

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

None.

FOUNDATION REPORT:

Chris Porter states that everything is going wonderfully at the foundation. They are getting tremendous support from teachers, administration and parents.

Chris Porter states they are finishing up with the Rally to be held in March. There are over 25 corporate sponsors who have agreed to partner with us. They are working on the tickets and marketing to get the word out to the public.

Chris Porter states they are working on the Light House Awards. The nomination process just closed. There were 18 nominations from CME, 23 from OES, 24 from OMS and 20 from OHS.

Chris Porter states the Light house Awards dinner will be held May 5, 2017. There will be three finalists from each of the schools. All finalists will be recognized and the winner will be announced at the dinner.

Chris Porter states their next project will be scholarships. They may be able to add a fourth scholarship this year.

Discussion held.

STAFF AND BOARD COMMENT:

Business Manager

Mary Anne Moniz states that we are currently still at the 12 day count enrollment numbers. We have increased by six students but we are waiting on the new report to see the additional funding.

Mary Anne Moniz states that she released the official budgets for 2018. Each board member should have received a Budget Manual Preparation book.

Mary Anne Moniz states she released the Six Year Capital Asset Plan to the principal's and staff who are responsible to complete it. She is expecting the file back with everyone's comments by mid-January.

Mary Anne Moniz states she will be working on payroll projections and operating templates.

Mary Anne Moniz states we will be holding our second annual budget workshop in April.

Mary Anne Moniz states that we are still waiting on the release of the updated FEFP numbers. Once she receives those numbers she will begin working on the first budget amendment of 2017.

Mary Anne Moniz states that we try to make up funding wherever possible. To cover the \$12,000.00 cost of the radios a transfer was done from capital to operating from the budgeted funds set aside for a van purchase. It is felt that the van purchase can be pushed out one additional year.

Mary Anne Moniz states the fiber work needed as part of the infrastructure update did not occur in fiscal year 2016 so it was rolled into fiscal year 2017. The cost was approximately \$34,000.00.

Mary Anne Moniz states the OES roof top air unit let go approximately two weeks ago. The compressor had to be repaired at a cost of approximately \$7,000.00. The funds were already encumbered and this was accounted for in our annual purchase order.

Mary Anne Moniz states we have had a water leak at OHS. At this time the cost for the leak is less than \$1,000.00. She has asked maintenance to get an estimate for the repair of the leak.

Mary Anne Moniz states we received approximately \$43,000.00 last year from the E-Rate grant which was applied to our telecom bill. This year we should receive about \$24,000.00 for the telecom piece.

There is a category two section of the E-Rate application which will allow them to help with our IT needs. If they allow us to change our vendor then we have great potential to receive some funding.

Mary Anne Moniz thanks Steve Beuerle for being a huge part in gathering the information for the IT questions that are part of the E-Rate application. She also thanks Danielle Jensen for providing the National School Lunch numbers that are also a part of the application.

Discussion held.

Director of Procurement and Food Service

Danielle Jensen states that she has reviewed the numbers and we have strong revenue to budget for October.

Danielle Jensen states she will monitor their numbers over the next few months and decide if there is a need to amend our food needs for the year.

Danielle Jensen states the State of Florida is offering a pilot program where they are direct certifying reduced pay students. Parents do not need to apply for the program and we are reaching parents who didn't know they qualified for the program. This allows us to add about 60 students which changed our National School Lunch percentage to 36%.

Danielle Jensen states that she has started the on-site visits to our kitchens. This is required to be done at all four sites by January 30, 2017 which will get us ready for the audit in February.

Danielle Jensen states there have been a couple of issues for procurement. One was dealing with the water leak at OHS over the Thanksgiving break and the other was fixing the A/C compressor at OES. Our maintenance team stepped up over the break to make sure these items were taken care of.

Danielle Jensen states she is working with the principals to start the first phase of the one-to-one device program. We are getting quotes and looking at options such as lease vs. buy.

Christa McAuliffe Charter Elementary School

Jacque Collins states they are working on their lowest 25% sub-groups in reading and math. They have met with each grade level and will continue to meet monthly. There are many programs in place to monitor their progress.

Jacque Collins states the first grade Christmas production is December 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Jacque Collins states the kindergarten production is December 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Jacque Collins states the Winter Festival is December 16, 2016. All four schools are coming together for a production on the Oasis campus.

Jacque Collins states they have several families that are going to shop with a cop thanks to the Cape Coral police department.

Jacque Collins states the Annual Ugly Sweater Competition is December 16, 2016.

Jacque Collins states the maintenance team installed a stop light in the back carline area. This will add a significant safety factor to dismissal.

Jacque Collins states they are looking into getting an automated gate in the back of the campus.

Oasis Charter Elementary School (OES)

Donnie Hopper states that OES is doing the ugly sweater contest too and their sweaters will be uglier than CME's.

Donnie Hopper states the OES Jr. Theatre group had their showcase dinner and performance at the Lake Kennedy Center. Families brought food to share with each other and they had a great turn out.

Donnie Hopper states there were many in attendance at the staff holiday party.

Donnie Hopper states that Breakfast with Santa was held and kids were able to bring a toy for donation to Toys for Tots.

Donnie Hopper states they held their first student council school dance and there were about 200 in attendance.

Donnie Hopper states they have completed all of their music concerts in grades kindergarten through third grade.

Donnie Hopper states the Kiwanis Club brought the third graders dictionaries earlier in the year and recently brought the fourth graders atlases.

Donnie Hopper states the Panther Performers and some of their theatre kids performed at Barnes and Noble.

Donnie Hopper states the third graders are on a field trip to Broadway Palm Theatre today.

Donnie Hopper states that the Oasis Singers will perform at the Southwest Florida International Airport on December 14, 2016.

Donnie Hopper states on December 15, 2016 their small choir will perform at The Holiday Stroll at Tarpon Point.

Donnie Hopper states that academic growth is taking place. Kids have shown anywhere from a five to a seven month growth on the STAR reading program since the end of August.

Donnie Hopper states their intensive classes (What I Need Classes) are in full swing. Teachers are laser focused in providing varied activities and strategies to meet the needs of our struggling readers.

Donnie Hopper states that he did not ask anyone to attend last night's council meeting.

Donnie Hopper states the superintendent and principals have all students' best interests in mind.

Donnie Hopper states that change will not always be embraced but we can't grow without change.

Donnie Hopper states that since he left Gulf Middle School 33% of teachers have left. It happens in just about every school where significant change takes place.

Donnie Hopper states their job as administrators is to select and retain the best possible educators for our kids.

Donnie Hopper invites you to visit the schools.

Donnie Hopper states parents and students make the decision to attend our schools. They can easily choose to select another school if they are really unhappy.

Discussion held.

Oasis Charter Middle School (OMS)

Keith Graham states that the OMS families, kids, teachers and staff have come together again this year to provide a fantastic Thanksgiving to families through Oasis Blessings Baskets.

Keith Graham states that volleyball season is coming to a close and the girls remain undefeated.

Keith Graham states that girls and boys soccer has started.

Keith Graham states the 8th grade STEM Tour team won first place out of 23. They are currently leading the tour in overall points.

Keith Graham states the Winter Music Festival is December 16, 2016 from 5:00-9:00 PM, everyone is invited to attend.

Keith Graham states the OMS chorus is teaming up with OES to perform at the Regional Southwest Airport on December 15, 2016.

Keith Graham invites the board and parents to visit the school anytime.

Discussion held.

Oasis Charter High School (OHS)

Shannon Treece states that she is encouraged to hear the message of moving forward. It is important that we continue to focus on the kids.

Shannon Treece states that a very talented OHS student wrote a play and asked his teacher to perform it through the drama class. The play was performed at the Lake Kennedy Center. It was fun watching students be able to create and facilitate their learning outside of what we consider a traditional education.

Shannon Treece states the JROTC continues to be an honor unit with distinction.

Shannon Treece recognizes student Mary Hess who received and accepted a nomination into the Naval Academy.

Shannon Treece states that CME students came over to participate in the culinary program.

Shannon Treece states the curriculum work continues.

Shannon Treece states they are partnering with OMS on a standards based grading session. They brought in Dr. Gerry Swan from Kentucky to look at their grading practices.

Shannon Treece states that she will continue to focus on instructional practices and make sure the needs of students are met.

Shannon Treece states that teacher retention is a huge topic this year. She has worked diligently to put individuals in classrooms that can best meet the needs of the students. Her bar is set at excellence.

Shannon Treece states that her team is trying very hard to make instruction happen on a daily basis. She encourages the board to talk to the staff about what this year looks like for them.

Shannon Treece states they will remain focused on students and she is more than willing to resolve any issues that have come up.

Shannon Treece states that when she was looking for a place to relocate this city is where she wanted to be, mainly because of the education system.

Shannon Treece states that students will take their mid-terms next week.

Shannon Treece states they have Schoology training on December 14, 2016 for parents.

Shannon Treece states they are having an open house on January 11, 2017. It is available to the public as well as our eighth grade students from OMS.

Shannon Treece states they will be able to host a Google Summit on April 29th and 30th, 2017. Working with Google has been great. This is an opportunity to showcase our school.

Discussion held.

Meeting in Recess-11:23 AM
Meeting Back in Session-11:48 AM

Member McMillan left the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS**D. Presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial report (CAFR) for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016 and Independent Auditor's Report-Victoria Bateman and Andrew Lafflin**

Victoria Bateman states there was one material weakness in recording the bus leases. The auditor's thought the leases should be recorded differently. We had to record it as a capital operating lease instead of an operating lease. She states that it is no issue, really. The net position was up 1.1 million. The charter school system is receiving more money than it is putting out. There were two management items:

1. The significant deficiency had to do with payroll deductions and the health benefit insurance.
2. The awareness of the single audit. It was noted that a single audit was not done last year.

Discussion held.

***Victoria Bateman indicated that she had emails and Member Fisher made a public records request in regard to those emails.**

Andrew Lafflin states his goal is to give an overview and then talk through the findings and recommendations CliftonAllenLarson had.

Internal Audit Control report:

There was one significant deficiency noted in the internal control report. There was one deficiency recorded dealing with capital leases. Prior year findings were for payroll deductions. In prior years the medical plan was a fully insured benefit. There were some reconciliation issues at the end of the year. The Charter School Authority is now on the city's self-insured medical plan. The other comment is the awareness of the single audit requirement. Last year if you spent over \$500,000.00 in federal funds then you required a single audit.

Management Letter Comments:

1. The evaluation of the FRS status changes
2. Donor acknowledgements
3. Employment contracts
4. Improved payroll review of hourly employees
5. Investment policy compliance

Discussion held.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**A. Strategic Plan-Nelson Stephenson**

Mr. Stephenson states that our system needs to start budgeting for future needs. He asked the board if there are any pieces they don't think we should concentrate on or if they have questions. If the CME expansion remains a priority the intent is to start talking to some architects and having some conversations on how we move forward. We are going to start assigning people in

groups of who is going to take responsibility. Adjustments may need to be made but this will stay a working document.

Discussion held.

B. NEOLA-Nelson Stephenson

Mr. Stephenson states that he met with our NEOLA representative. The procedure piece is being worked on and unless we assign a lot of people to them it will take time. In some cases procedures can happen as they happen.

Discussion held.

C. Enrollment Progress- Rob Zivkovic

Vice Chair Zivkovic states that he kept this on the agenda to find out what steps are being taken.

Mr. Stephenson states that we are doing mailers for current enrollment. We have posted on Schoology, Twitter and Facebook. We are having open houses for OMS and OHS. We have decided on advertising with the Sandoval Magazine and the Cape Coral Style magazine. The OMS administration is exploring the idea of having a Realtors Open House at the school to show local Realtors the benefits of the system.

Mr. Stephenson states the incoming fifth grade classes from OES and CME are the largest classes they've ever had.

Mr. Stephenson states that 10 students have left OMS. Out of those who left, four have moved out of town, three have decided to homeschool, two went to hospital homebound and one went to another charter school where their parents are a teacher.

Mr. Stephenson states that we have funded our growth based on having new students enroll in our schools. That growth could not continue, the growth had to be capped. An idea came about to move the administrative office to a different location which would allow the current offices to become a classroom. This would allow approximately 25 new students to enroll at OHS. For a variety of reasons this did not happen.

Vice Chair Zivkovic states that we should not take for granted that our elementary students are going to give their parents good information from school visits. We should talk to the parents and reach out to them and make sure they are involved in the process of enrollment.

Discussion held.

D. Superintendent's Evaluation Tool- Rob Zivkovic

Motion was made by Vice-Chair Zivkovic and seconded by Member Fisher to add these three lines to the superintendent's evaluation tool.

- Effectively creates and/or adapts the strategic plan for present day and long term success.

- Develops clear steps and parameters that can be used to implement and track progress toward strategic plan goals.
- Consistently makes progress toward strategic plan goals.

Discussion held.

Board vote: Boyer, Cosden, Donaldson, Fisher, Jackson, Winstead, Zivkovic

All “Yes’s,” motion carries.

Discussion held.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of the CME 5th Grade Field Trip to Billy Creek Swamp Safari in Clewiston, FL. on December 19, 2016-Jacque Collins**

Motion was made by Member Boyer and seconded by Member Jackson to approve the CME 5th Grade Field Trip to Billy Creek Swamp Safari in Clewiston, FL. on December 19, 2016.

Board vote: Boyer, Cosden, Donaldson, Fisher, Jackson, Winstead, Zivkovic

All “Yes’s,” motion carries.

- B. Approval of the OHS JROTC Marksmanship Team Overnight Trip to the Civilian Marksmanship Program Florida State 3 Position Air Rifle Championship Cup Match in Jacksonville, FL., on December 16-17, 2016 -Shannon Treece**

Motion was made by Member Jackson and seconded by Member Donaldson approve the OHS JROTC Marksmanship Team Overnight Trip to the Civilian Marksmanship Program Florida State 3 Position Air Rifle Championship Cup Match in Jacksonville, FL., on December 16-17, 2016.

Board vote: Boyer, Cosden, Donaldson, Fisher, Jackson, Winstead, Zivkovic

All “Yes’s,” motion carries.

- C. Approval of the Model United Nations Overnight Trip to the University of Florida in Gainesville FL., on January 20-22, 2017-Shannon Treece**

Motion was made by Member Jackson and seconded by Member Boyer to approve the Model United Nations Overnight Trip to the University of Florida in Gainesville FL., on January 20-22, 2017.

Discussion held.

Board vote: Boyer, Cosden, Donaldson, Fisher, Jackson, Winstead, Zivkovic

All “Yes’s,” motion carries.

E. Presentation of the Revised Charter School Investment Policy- Victoria Bateman

Victoria Bateman states that most of the changes in the investment policy had to do with word changing. She is proposing the investment percentage to change from 25% to 75%. This will take care of the audit finding.

Discussion held.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Zivkovic and seconded by Member Donaldson to accept the revised Charter School Investment Policy.

Discussion held.

Board vote: Boyer, Cosden, Donaldson, Fisher, Jackson, Winstead, Zivkovic

All “Yes’s,” motion carries.

BOARD COMMENT:

Member Donaldson wishes everyone a Happy Holiday and a healthy New Year.

Member Boyer echo’s Member Donaldson’s sentiments and thanks everyone for an excellent beginning and first part of the school year. She wishes everyone a safe and happy break.

Member Boyer requests Chair Cosden see if she can get clarification from the city on our current lease agreement.

Vice Chair Zivkovic thanks those who stayed for the meeting.

Chair Cosden states that she talked with her assistants and they are looking at some dates for the joint meeting between the city and the Governing Board.

Chair Cosden asked if we should add a consent agenda to the monthly meeting agenda. If there is a question about an item it can be pulled for discussion. Ms. Arthur will add this to the next agenda.

Member Jackson states that the meeting date for next month is not correct.

Member Jackson states that things are said on social media and to the media that are not reported correctly. Please be careful what you say or what you put out there because it can hurt a person who has nothing to do with the problem going on.

Member Fisher wishes everyone Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah. He wishes to leave this on a positive note. He appreciates the hard work and dedication of the administrators, staff and teachers this year. He looks forward to a great continuance of the year in January.

Member Fisher recites his favorite quote, “The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few or the one.”

Member Lucas-Ross thanks the board for their continued professionalism and she is very honored to be a member of it. She also states Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

Member Winstead thanks everyone for what they do and he wishes everyone Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Time and Date of Next Meeting

Regular Governing Board Meeting: Thursday January 12, 2017.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Arthur
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
Cape Coral Charter School Authority