

GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

City of Cape Coral Charter School Authority

Governing Board Regular Meeting

City Council Chambers
Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 5:30p.m.



1. Call to Order

A meeting of the City of Cape Coral Charter School Authority Governing Board of Lee County, Florida, met on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at City Council Chambers, Cape Coral, FL 33990. Vice Chair Tamisen Traiger called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

2. Moment of Silence

Vice Chair Traiger

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Vice Chair Traiger

4. Board Member Roll Call

Present: Tami Traiger (VC), Vanessa Metzger, Dr Guido Minaya, Susan Mitchell, Jennifer I Nelson, Dist 4, Angela Ticich. Absent Excused: Chairman Michael Campbell. Parent Representatives: Jackson(CME/OES), Miniaci (OMS), Hoagland (OHS)

Also Present: Jacquelin Collins, Superintendent

Danielle Jensen, Director of Procurement and Food Services

Dr Christina Britton, Principal, Oasis High

Donnie Hopper, Principal, Oasis Middle

Brianne Romano, Assistant Principal, Oasis Middle

MaryBeth Grecsek, Interim Principal, Oasis Elementary

Carrie Abes, Interim Assistant Principal, Oasis Elementary

Kevin Brown, Principal, Christa McAuliffe Elementary

Bill Baranowski, Educator, Oasis Middle

Kelly Henry-Herbst, Educator, Oasis Middle

Carrie Guffy, Educator, Oasis High School

Heath Sterk, Educator, Oasis Middle

Denae Angels, Student, Oasis High School

Dolores Menendez, City Attorney

Mark Moriarty, Assistant City Attorney, City of Cape Coral

Officer John Digiovanni, CCPD Detail

5. Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion made by Member Ticich, Second by Member Minaya to approve the Minutes of the September 10, 2019 Regular Governing Board meeting. *Unanimous*

6. Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda

Motion made by Member Nelson, Second by Member Mitchell to approve the Agenda for the Regular Governing Board Meeting on October 8, 2019. *Unanimous.*

7. Public Comment

No Activity

8. Consent Agenda

Approved. Motion made by Member Nelson, Second by Member Minaya to approve the following items by Consent. Unanimous; Motion Passed

8A: NEOLA Policy Updates: Volume 18, Number 2: Policy 1122: Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity; Policy 1362: Anti-Harassment

8B. NEOLA Policy Updates: Volume 18, Number 2: Policy 2260: Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity; 3122 Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity

8C. NEOLA Policy Updates: Volume 18, Number 2: Policy 3122 Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity

8D. NEOLA Policy Updates: Volume 18, Number 2: Policy 4362 Anti-harassment; Policy 5517 Anti-Harassment

8E. NEOLA Policy Updates: Volume 18, Number 2: Policy 5517.02 Sexual Violence; Policy 5517.03 Dating Violence and Abuse; Policy 5610.02 In-School Discipline; Policy 7530.02 Staff and School Officials Use of Wireless Communication Devices; Policy 8315 Information Management

8F. NEOLA Policy Updates Volume 19, Number 1: Policy 6233 Authority Budget; Policy 6610 Internal Accounts; Policy 8141 Mandatory Reporting of Misconduct by Certified Employees; Policy 8420 Emergency Management, Emergency Preparedness, and Emergency Response Agencies; Policy 8462 Student Abuse, Abandonment, and Neglect; Policy 8500 Food Service Program; 8805 Religious Expression in Public Schools; Policy 8810 The American Flag.

9. Superintendent Report

9A. *Student Recognition* - Danae Angels, Oasis High School, Senior. She is president of the OHS Key Club. *Key Club Presentation*

9B. *Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Collins*

Discussed success of CSA Town Hall Meeting on September 26th and thanked Governing Board members for attending.

Discussed Hearing Examiner (HEX) meeting on Oct 18th. The CSA is requesting approval of the CME Portables extension until some of the \$1.6million Lee County funds are received and can be designated to this Capital Improvement project. MaryAnne Moniz, CSA Business Director will also attend.

Discussed attending City Council Meeting Oct 21st for approval of the Charter Schools name changes from Christa McAuliffe Elementary and Oasis Elementary to *Oasis Elementary North*, and *Oasis Elementary South*.

Discussed COW Meeting on Oct 28th at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. This is a meeting to revisit the STANTEC "sustainability model," and discuss with the City Manager how the CSA can continue our productive and valuable partnership.

Discussed VAM scores and how principals evaluated their staff. This is the first time in the history of our school system that we had such an overall high rating across the board. Both the elementaries and middle school teachers received a "*Highly Effective*" score; Oasis High received an "*Effective*" score. Discussion of VAM and Merit pay increase schedules and how soon teachers can expect to receive their VAM distribution in their paychecks.

Discussed the Foundation's fundraiser *Flashback to the 1970s Disco* and how grateful our system is for the always fun and successful events the Foundation puts together to raise money for our students and teachers.

10. Chairman Report

Vice Chair Traiger commented on the Town Hall Meeting and that it was a well organized and smooth presentation.

Vice Chair Traiger attended the Foundation's *Flashback to the 1970s Disco* fundraiser. The evening was a great success and she is always appreciative of the fun events the organization puts on to fundraise money for CSA students and teachers.

11. Foundation Report

Jennifer Hoagland, Treasurer for Gary Cerny, President:

The *Flashback to the 1970s Disco* was a huge success and we will have final numbers in the coming days, in the meanwhile, we are always very excited to be able to funnel proceeds back to the students and schools that need our help. *Further Comment*

The first round of grant reviews will be coming up and teachers will be notified if they will be receiving funding or if more information is needed. The application has been revised to make it more user-friendly. *Further Comment*

The Rally is set for February 29, 2020 at the Cape Royal Golf Course. It will be a "Leap Year" theme and volunteers, food/beverages, security, etc are already forming their teams. *Further Comment*

12. Staff Comment

William (Bill) Baranowski, a/k/a "Mr. B.", Educator, Oasis Middle, previewed his new multi-disciplinary elective class called *BrainFood*, that introduces middle school students to financial awareness, self-care, food/nutrition, arts and humanities, and civic awareness. *Powerpoint Presentation and Further Comment*

Kelly Henry-Herbst, Educator, Oasis Middle STEM introduced some STEM projects and grants the team wishes to receive before the year is out. *Powerpoint Presentation and Further Comment*

Jacquelyn Toleman, Educator, Oasis Middle Theatre Arts, presented clips of past student shows and upcoming dance/theatre arts productions. *Powerpoint Presentation with Comments from Henry-Herbst on behalf of Toleman.*

Carrie Guffy, Educator, Oasis High Chorus, OMS Chorus: Update on progress made from last year. OMS Chorus working on high-school level material and has been asked to sing the National Anthem at the Fort Myers Tip-off on Nov 27th at Suncoast Credit Union Arena; they will also be Christmas caroling at the Florida Southwest Regional Airport mid-December, their Holiday Concert is December 12th at 6:30p.m in the OHS gym, and they will sing at our City

Boat Parade on December 21st. The high school choir has grown from 12 members to 31. Among various competitions and guest appearances, the OHS Choir has been invited back by the Florida Everblades to sing the National Anthem on February 22, 2020. We now offer Music Theory and AICE Music, etc., at the high school level. Students are also writing screenplays, and the OHS Thespian Troupe has increased from 11 students to 34. All groups are fundraising for equipment, supplies, and competition fees, etc. Thank you for your continued support and attendance at our events and generous donations as we continue to build this department and provide our students with excellent theatre arts and music curriculums and activities.

13. Unfinished Business

No Activity

14. New Business

14A. *Approved.* Motion made by Member Nelson, Second by Member Ticich to approve the two Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool (FSSAT) recommendations as presented by Superintendent Collins not to exceed a \$10,000 limit - Superintendent Collins. *Unanimous; Motion Carried*

Member Minaya stated the owner of National Protective Services (NPS) may have a product the Charter Schools can possibly use as part of an enhanced safety and security/surveillance system. Minaya says NPS is willing to donate the product free of charge. Member Minaya will forward contact information to the Superintendent for follow-up by the next meeting.

14B. *Approved.* Motion made by Member Metzger, Second by Member Mitchell to approve an Additional Charter School Bus Driver for the City of Cape Coral Charter Schools Transportation Fleet - Superintendent Collins. *Unanimous; Motion Carried*

14C *Tabled.* Motion made by Member Minaya, Second by Member Nelson to approve the designation of the City of Cape Coral Charter School Authority Superintendent position to the Local Agency Senior Management Service Class (SMSC) of the Florida Retirement System Division of Retirement - Leisa Orcutt, Charter School Human Resource Manager.

Further Comment - Orcutt

Member Traiger: This classification is an elective, correct?

Orcutt: Yes, ma'am.

Discussion Held.

Member Traiger asked to receive Board clarification on the financial impacts of creating this allocation, the possibility of rescinding the position in the future, impacts on any employer

contributions in terms of budget, retro pay, and impacts on the balance of "other" staff obligations, etc. *Further Discussion*

City Attorney Menendez: Board members can meet with City Legal and the Charter School and we can first determine how or if the current Charter School Authority Superintendent position is suitable for this classification, look into rescinding the "enhanced" portion of the contributions at a later time if desired, and discuss whether or not you want to proceed and how. *Further Discussion*

Item Tabled as follows:

Final Motion made by Member Nelson, Second by Member Mitchell to table New Business Item 14C of this agenda until the next Regular Governing Board Meeting on November 12, 2019.

15. Final Board Comment and Discussion

Vice-Chair Traiger Thanked everyone for their attendance and participation. Asked Member Nelson if she will attend the November meeting as the Council Liaison or should the Board expect a new representative? Nelson said she has no idea when or who will be in her place, if at all, however, and as soon as she has any information from the Council she will share it with our Governing Board.

Member Ticich appreciates hearing all the Good News coming out of the schools. The Town Hall Meeting was well done and she heard a lot of great answers she is sure will please parents. *Further Comment*

Member Nelson. The Town Hall meeting was very successful and what a difference from last year to now. Nelson also told City Council the difference changes in leadership has made and is pleased with the results. Nelson thanked the Foundation for a great night out at the *Flashback to the 1970s Disco* where a great time was had by all. Nelson would like to hear from the Foundation the final number of how much was raised. The Taco Cook Off is on at the Burroughs Home and Oasis High is returning champions. The fundraiser gives all proceeds to local high school scholarships. *Further Comment*

Parent Rep Hoagland (OHS): Agrees it's great to hear all the exciting stuff coming out of the schools. She's very excited about improving school security and very pleased to be able to report back to high school parents about the great governing board meetings. *Further Comment*

Parent Rep Miniaci (OMS): Also had a great time at the Flashback to the 1970s Disco party. FYI, one of our students from Oasis Middle School has been chosen for the *Do the Right Thing* Award - Carmen Miniaci - and she is my daughter. Carmen was chosen because since the 6th grade she has been fund raising for the *Miles of Smiles* the veteran's organization that

provides animal therapy in the form of horseback rides and ranch visits to veterans who suffer from PTSD. The *Do the Right Thing* ceremony is next Wednesday, Oct 12 at 2:00p.m. in Council Chambers. *Further Comment*

Parent Rep Jackson (CME/OES): Thanks the administration and all the staff for all the hard work and time that [you] put into this Charter School Authority; it really shows.

16. Time and Date of Next Regular Meeting

The next Regular Governing Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

17. Adjournment

The Governing Board adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Paul-Evans

Charter School Authority Board Secretary

BOARD
APPROVED

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Secretary

Date of approval