

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

Tuesday, August 11, 2015
City Council Chambers
9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The Cape Coral Charter School Authority Governing Board of Lee County, Florida, met on June 9, 2015, at City Council Chambers a Regular Governing Board Meeting. Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

INVOCATION: Chair Jackson

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

ROLL CALL: Boyer, Donaldson, Jackson, Keesler, Nesta, Teblum, Zivkovic
• Member Anderson, excused

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
Steve Hook, 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
Chris Fennell, Assistant Principal, Oasis Charter Elementary School
Erich Boerner, Dean, Oasis Charter High School
Tod Baldwin, Operations Manager, Cape Coral Charter School Authority
Elisa Collins, Assistant Principal, Oasis Charter Middle School
David Victoria, Student, Oasis Charter High School
Julian Cutler Valdivic, Student, Oasis Charter High School
Brandon Pearson, Student, Oasis Charter High School Student,
Marco Menendez, Student, Oasis Charter High School
Linda Prince, Community

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Governing Board Meeting of June 11, 2015 was made by member Boyer and seconded by member Donaldson.

Board vote: Boyer, Donaldson, Jackson, Nesta, Teblum, Zivkovic
All “Ayes,” motion carries.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA REGULAR MEETING:

Motion was made by member Boyer and seconded by member Donaldson to approve the agenda.

Board vote: Boyer, Donaldson, Jackson, Nesta, Teblum, Zivkovic

All “Ayes,” motion carries.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Mr. Stephenson introduced the Administrative Team:

- Oasis High School- Principal Shannon Treece and Dean Erich Boerner
- Oasis Middle School-Principal Keith Graham and Assistant Principal Elisa Collins
- Oasis Elementary School-Principal Steve Hook and Assistant Principal Chris Fennell
- Christa McAuliffe Elementary School-Principal Jacque Collins and Assistant Principal Kevin Brown
- Tod Baldwin, Operations Manager

Mr. Stephenson states that NEOLA updates are done. It will be approximately 3 more weeks to process all of the changes we’ve made. Mr. Stephenson states that he would probably be calling for a special workshop because it will be a lot of material to go over.

Mr. Stephenson states that the Strategic Planning Session will be held on September 8, 2015. We will have the regularly scheduled board meeting and then the Strategic Planning Session. Both meetings will be held at the Yacht Club.

Mr. Stephenson states that teachers will arrive back on Monday August 17, 2015 and we will begin with a Back to School Breakfast at 8:30 AM in the OHS gym. Mr. Stephenson states that after a short assembly the teachers will be released to complete online training.

Mr. Stephenson states that the AdvancEd accreditation dates are May 1-4, 2016. We have vision statements posted in all of our schools. There will be training sessions for the Governing Board members sometime after the Strategic Planning Session.

Mr. Stephenson states that he will be attending Leadership Cape Coral which is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. This is a great opportunity to promote our system in the community.

Mr. Stephenson states that one of the Oasis High School clubs is taking over the digital magazine. There will be a minimal charge to read the magazine which will allow the club to earn revenue.

Mr. Stephenson states that CME is building a garden and hydroponic system on August 15, 2015. This is done with a Lowe's grant received by Daryl Teblum and Jacque Collins.

Mr. Stephenson thanks Matthew Laubhan for coordinating the garden/hydroponic system.

Mr. Stephenson thanks Ms. Prince for donating the hydroponic system.

Mr. Stephenson thanks parents, faculty, students, and governing board members who helped with the field. We are working hard on the field which is an ongoing project.

Mr. Stephenson shows a video of the "Rock Party."

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Chair Jackson states that she is very sorry she hasn't been more attentive and that she missed the "Rock Party." She has been out of state.

FOUNDATION REPORT:

Chris Porter states that she is sorry she missed the last meeting.

Chris Porter states that the foundation is actively trying to support the efforts to get the field completed. She also thanks Mr. Zivkovic for lending equipment, having his own people helping out and running the grader himself.

Chris Porter states that we have the estimate for the grass lined up. The delay at this point is a water source and Mr. Nesta is assisting with that.

Chris Porter states that one of their goals is to hand out scholarships. This year we were able to secure 3-3 year scholarships.

Chris Porter states that next year's Lighthouse Awards will be held on April 22, 2016 at the Yacht Club.

Chris Porter states that the Foundation will be taking over the Charter School Rally.

Chris Porter states the foundation will be looking for new members. They have asked Principal Treece to look for a junior and a senior student member to be liaisons from the high school. It is important for students to know what the foundation is doing.

Chris Porter states that the foundation will be working to bridge their efforts with each school's PTO's so that we are all working together in our goals.

Discussion held.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Linda Prince donated the hydroponic system to CME in honor of her late husband. She states that some children don't know what a packet of seeds are. Her husband believed in planting a seed, watching it grow, and become something amazing. She asks that we get behind gardening, it's needed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

STAFF AND BOARD COMMENT:

Director of Procurement and Food Services

Danielle Jensen states that she has been working on annual and summer project purchase orders.

Danielle Jensen states that she is getting the menus ready for the students.

Danielle Jensen states that she has been getting her team's training organized so they are ready for next year.

Discussion held.

Christa McAuliffe Charter Elementary School

Jacque Collins states they are building a botanical science lab in the back of Christa McAuliffe Elementary.

Jacque Collins states they are having a dirt party this Saturday, August 15, 2015, beginning at 9:00 AM.

Jacque Collins states they wrote a grant to build in the “Watch Dog” program next year. This is an interaction program to bring dads into the school. Dads will get to volunteer in several areas, including the classroom. Kick off for this club will be September 10, 2015.

Jacque Collins announces new staff members at Christa McAuliffe Elementary School.

Oasis Charter Elementary School (OES)

Steven Hook states student enrollment is at 890 (850 K-5 and 40 VPK).

Steven Hook announces new staff members of Oasis Elementary.

Steven Hook announces OES open house times. There will be a cook-out in between open house times which will provide a family atmosphere.

Steven Hook states they are hosting the Southwest Neighborhood Association Candidate Forum tomorrow night, August 12, 2015.

Steven Hook states they have been working with the Flats Fishing Tournament. The tournament will be held September 4th and 5th, 2015.

Oasis Charter Middle School (OMS)

Keith Graham states that he has good news about some of our standardized test scores:

- Placed 4th overall in the district on our 7th grade Civics EOC
 - Proficiency score of 87%
- 8th graders had a 95% pass success rate on the Algebra 1 EOC
- Placed 3rd in the district on 8th grade FCAT Science scores

Keith Graham states the next educational trip will be to Greece in the summer of 2017.

Keith Graham states this is their 10th year and thanked staff members who are celebrating their 10th year for their dedication.

Keith Graham invites everyone to the OMS open house on August 22, 2015.

Oasis Charter High School (OHS)

Principal Shannon Treece states that she is excited to be here.

Principal Shannon Treece states that she had an opportunity to meet with students and find out what students needs and desires are.

Principal Shannon Treece introduced students to explain what Student Voice is. Student Voice is a way to open up a line of communication between administration and student body. Students are able to get involved in the progress of the school. Students are seeing changes after just 1 meeting of Student Voice.

Principal Shannon Treece recognizes Amanda Sanford and Colonel Boerner for all of their help this summer.

Principal Shannon Treece states that we have 7 new teachers coming on board and a few vacancies left to fill.

Principal Shannon Treece states that OHS open house is August 18, 2015.

Principal Shannon Treece states schedules are ready for pick-up.

Principal Shannon Treece states they are working on the specifics of pre-week. She wants to offer them training that is meaningful.

Principal Shannon Treece states that sports programs are becoming very active.

Miscellaneous Business & Board Comments

Member Zivkovic thanks the administrators and staff for continuing to move us forward.

Member Zivkovic thanks Ms. Prince for her donation to CME.

Member Zivkovic thanks the volunteers who have helped with the field.

Member Zivkovic states that if anyone has a wish list they can send it to the board. You might not get everything you ask for but if you don't ask for it you might not get it.

Member Zivkovic states that he received an email in reference to buying volunteer hours. He understood this was supposed to be minimized. Member Zivkovic will discuss the email with the principal of the school it referred to.

Member Zivkovic congratulated the JLAB team for doing well at competition.

Member Zivkovic states that the OHS TSA club placed 1st in the state and qualified to go to nationals but were told we didn't have the funds to send them. Member Zivkovic states that if we have a chance to be represented on a national stage we should encourage and try to do whatever it takes to get them there.

Co-Chair Donaldson thanks Ms. Prince for her donation and knows the kids will benefit from it.

Co-Chair Donaldson states that Robert Wallins received a scholarship from the Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife.

Co-Chair Donaldson put out a challenge to see which produces more, vertical gardening or land gardening.

Member Teblum congratulates all of our administrators for a job well done.

Member Teblum states that there are about 30 different social media links where parents are organizing school events.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Wellness Policy-Danielle Jensen

Motion was made by member Teblum and seconded by member Donaldson to approve the Wellness Policy.

Board vote: Boyer, Donaldson, Jackson, Nesta, Teblum, Zivcovic

All “Ayes,” motion carries.

B. Financial Statements- Vicki Bateman

Presenter is unavailable.

C. Approval Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Adopted Budget-Mary Anne Moniz

Discussion held.

Motion was made by member Boyer and seconded by member Donaldson to approve the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Adopted Budget.

Discussion held.

Board vote: Boyer, Donaldson, Jackson, Nesta, Teblum, Zivcovic

Ayes: Boyer, Donaldson, Jackson, Nesta, Teblum, Zivcovic
Opposed: Nesta

Time and Date of Next Meeting

Regular Governing Board Meeting followed by the Strategic Planning Meeting 8:30 a.m., September 8, 2015, at the Cape Coral Yacht Club.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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