

# ORANGE GROVE CHARTER SCHOOL

## Report of the Board Meeting

June 15, 2023

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Steve Arato Jr, Mrs. Haley Webster, Mrs. Hattie Wallen, Mr. Mark Ables,  
Mrs. Dianne Probst

### **ZOOM:**

Mrs. Christy Nickolauson, Prestige School Solutions, LLC  
Mr. John H. Clendaniel  
Mrs. Amanda Fehr  
Mr. Justin Welch

### **ABSENT:**

Mr. Marcus DeBiasi  
Mr. John Guerry  
Mrs. Rebecca Jones

### **VISITORS:**

Mr. Steven Schonveld, Principal, middle campus  
Mrs. Sarah Selvidge, Executive Assistant

### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Amanda Fehr called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

### **2.0 Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance**

### **3.0 Reading of the Mission Statement**

Mrs. Dianne Probst read the mission statement.

### **4.0 Adoption of Agenda**

Mrs. Dianne Probst made the motion and Mrs. Hattie Wallen seconded the motion to adopt the June 15<sup>th</sup> agenda. Motion approved.

## **5.0 Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Dianne Probst made the motion and Mr. Mark Ables seconded the motion to approve the May 18<sup>th</sup> minutes as written. Motion approved.

## **6.0 Citizen Participation**

No one appeared or requested to participate.

## **7.0 Financial Report**

Mrs. Christy Nickolauson, Prestige School Solutions, LLC presented the May Financial Report. Mr. Mark Ables made the motion and Mrs. Hattie Wallen seconded the motion to approve the May Financial Report as presented. Motion approved.

Mrs. Christy Nickolauson presented the Final Reading of FY24 Budget. Decreased Preschool revenue and increased the Extended Day revenue. Decreased the audit section by \$12,000.00. Increased the bus fuel expense line by \$60,000 to upfit six buses with the NueFuel natural gas.

Mr. Mark Ables made the motion and Mrs. Hattie Wallen seconded the motion to approve the FY24 budget as presented. Motion approved and FY24 Budget passed.

## **8.0 CEO Report – Mr. John H. Clendaniel**

Mr. John H. Clendaniel thanked Mrs. Haley Webster and Mr. Steve Arato for their dedication and service as Board Members. Also, Mrs. Dianne Probst, Mrs. Amanda Fehr and Mr. John Guerry for all they do for Orange Grove and their service on the Board of Directors.

## **Middle School**

The Washington DC trip with the eighth graders went very well. The students were well behaved, the weather was perfect, no one was lost and everyone had a blast. We will do this trip next year as well.

End of the year activities and celebrations went well with the help of all the parent volunteers. Between field day, dances, field trips, award ceremonies, etc., the parents and families who help are always needed and appreciated.

The eighth-grade graduation ceremony is no exception. All the volunteers who helped organize and set up the post ceremony is no exception. Thank you to Coastal Community Church for being gracious hosts once again as well.

This summer, Charleston Police Department is using the middle school campus for active shooter training. CPD is in the building every Tuesday and Thursday. If you drive by the school, you'll see the parking lot filled with police cars and fire trucks.

Chartered Bus Rentals - Kids on Point, Ashley Hall, our OG camp, Camp Hope (CPD), and Coastal Community Church are all using our buses and drivers.

### **Elementary School:**

After testing this year, students participated in field day. We changed it up with fifth grade students assisting younger students during those events. Grade levels competed on one day for two hours instead of breaking it up over several days. We had great weather and everything went smoothly. Thank you to our PE teachers, Mr. Nate Romberger, Mr. Mike Walsh, and Mrs. Sandra Cole for their hard work. We also appreciate all the parents and family members that came out to cheer on each class.

The school year ended with OG celebrating the accomplishments of our students. We hosted two Kindergarten celebrations. A big thank you to Mrs. Dorothy Kitchens for working with the students to make both events a success. We also recognized the third, fourth, and fifth graders who received awards for the third and fourth quarters. Thank you to Mrs. Tanessa Fisher and Mrs. Libby Tosti for printing the awards and setting them up before each ceremony.

On the final day for teachers, we held a retirement luncheon for Mrs. Mary Poston and Mrs. June Allen. It was nice to send everyone off for summer break after enjoying lunch together and honoring two dedicated teachers.

Several summer projects are in the works. Demolition of our back-Kindergarten playground began yesterday. We are hopeful that the project will be completed before school starts in August. We are also

installing new countertops throughout the building. They have already been here several times to measure and should start installation at the end of June.

The Summer Scholars program starts on Monday. Students were invited based on test scores and teacher recommendations to help combat the summer slide.

**Organization:**

It has been a great school year and I want to thank all of you for your continued support of The Grove. So much was accomplished and I will go over some of those highlights at our next meeting which will be in August. We are looking forward to our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a school in August and running with a 60s theme next year (Grooving at The Grove since 63). Thanks for a great year and your service on the board.

**9.0 Action Items/New Business**

Mrs. Dianne Probst made the motion and Mr. Mark Ables seconded the motion to commit \$3 million of OGCS's general operating fund, unassigned fund balance for future capital expenditures. Motion was approved. Mr. Justin Welch abstained from the vote.

Mr. Mark Ables made the motion and Mrs. Dianne Probst seconded the motion to approve the Board of Directors meeting calendar for FY24. Motion approved.

**10. Good of the Order:**

1. Mrs. Amanda Fehr could not believe her time is ending at The Grove.
2. Mrs. Dianne Probst thanked the Board and Mr. John H. Clendaniel for her time as a Board Member.
3. Admin is going to Texas next week to attend a Charter Conference.

**11. Adjournment:**

Mrs. Hattie Wallen made the motion and Mr. Mark Ables seconded the motion to adjourn at 6:32pm. Motion approved.

Next Board Meeting – August 17, 2023