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Minutes
Odyssey Academy
Charter School District #4030
Wednesday, August 24, 2015- Postponed
*Rescheduled – September 2, 2015

Regular Meeting
Odyssey Academy
6201 Noble Ave. No.
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

6:00 p.m. Regular board meeting

Community Members:

Guest Visitors:

- 1.0 Call to order: Chair Ertelt called to order the regular meeting of the Odyssey Academy Board of Directors for Odyssey Academy at 6:09 P.M.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Kris Lawrence Anderson, Jim Rosengren, Kimberly Chalfen, Sarah Dettmann, Christine Grigor, Ryan Parker, Jeanine Hauer, Austin Ertelt

Members Absent: Amanda Crawford

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

- 2.0 Additions to Agenda – Made at the Board Meeting:

- 3.0 Approval of Agenda: September 2, 2015

Motion: Rosengren moved, seconded by Grigor to approve the September 2, 2015 agenda

Motion carried

- 4.0 Approval of Minutes: July 22, 2015

Motion: Grigor moved, seconded by Lawrence Anderson to approve the July 22, 2015 Board Meeting minutes.

Motion carried

- 5.0 Community comments: None

- 6.0 New business:

1.1 Resignation of board members: Austin Ertelt (Staff) and Amanda Crawford (Parent) Post one parent and one teacher vacancy. **Motion: Chalfen moved, seconded by Lawrence Anderson to post the position to replace the teacher and parent board members.**
Motion carried

1.2 Board applications to be reviewed and selected at a Special Meeting prior to the work session on September 9, 2015.

Motion: Rosengren moved, seconded by Hauer to approve the review and selection of replacement board members on September 9, 2015 at Special Board meeting prior to the work session.

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Motion carried

6.2 Board training schedule:

6.2.1 Full board training: Dr. Julie Goldsmith, September 9, 2015 6:00 pm to 9:00pm

Motion: Parker moved, seconded by Chaflen to approve the September 9, 2015 Board work session with Dr. Julie Goldsmith.

Motion carried

7.0 Policy Governance:

7.1 First Reading of Policies:

7.1.1 401 Equal Employment Opportunity

7.1.2 402 Disability Non Discrimination

7.1.3 Public and Private Personnel Data and Form: Employment Authorization for Release of Information

7.1.4 418 Drug Free Workplace

7.1.5 419 Tobacco Free Environment

7.2 Second Reading of Policies:

7.2.1 203 Operation of School Board

7.3 Approval of Policies:

7.1.2 524 Technology Acceptable Use-Student

7.1.3 432 Technology Acceptable Use-Staff

Motion: Rosengren moved, seconded by Grigor to approve Policy 524 Technology Acceptable Use-Student and 432 Technology Acceptable Use-Staff.

Motion carried

8.0 Committee organization: *(The following are designated in the bylaws. Without revision of the bylaws, the board needs to designate members as liaisons to the committees. Committees must establish agendas and maintain minutes of all meetings.)*

8.1 Community Action—Board representatives: Chaflen

8.2 Finance—Board representatives: Dettmann, Lawrence-Anderson

8.3 Facilities/Technology—Board representatives: Rosengren

8.4 School Improvement—Board representatives: Rosengren, Hauer

8.4.1 Detailed discussion of the Continuous Improvement Committee will be on the September Agenda.

Motion: Parker moved, seconded by Lawrence Anderson to approve committee assignments for 2015-16.

Motion carried

9.0 Director report:

9.1 2015 MCA Assessment Update:

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9.2 2015-16 enrollment update: 346 students

9.3 Summer program summary: Postponed until September 23, 2015

9.4 Construction update:

9.4.1 Courtyard: Tree Trust expects to have the work completed sometime prior to September 11, 2015.

9.4.2 Gymnasium: The matting is down and the VCT is beginning to be placed this week. Expected completion date is prior to September 11, 2015. This has created a need to have Done Right prepare bag breakfasts and lunches for the first couple of weeks. ED Crowley is looking into a process to paint the glazed tile on the walls of both the gym and cafeteria.

9.4.3 Stage: The underlayment is complete and tile should be going down this week.

9.4.4 Exterior: You will notice that the parking lots and entry panels on the front of the building have a new look.

9.4.5 Interior: There has been a wonderful effort by our facilities staff, Hannah Barney, Lemine Kone and Craig Smith; to make sure that the building is clean and ready for students. We have also painted Odyssey Colors on the front panels of the library.

9.5 Calendar:

9.5.1 Academic: School begins for students on August 31, 2015.

9.5.2 Staff & PD:

9.5.2.1 Summary of Back to School Professional Development

9.6 Authorization of Melinda Crowley, Executive Director with MDE:

**Motion made by Lawrence-Anderson and seconded by Parker to Authorize Melinda Crowley to represent Odyssey Academy as the Executive Director and as the MDE External User Access Recertification System Identified Official with Authority for assigning job duties to LEA staff and authorizing access to MDE secure websites.
Motion carried**

9.7 Director's Evaluation: Director Crowley asked the board to identify on the District Leadership segment of the Marzano Casual Evaluation Model what they would like to identify as goals for the 2015-16 school year.

10.0 Consent agenda:

10.1 Payment of bills, including payroll:

10.1.1 Approval of Checks #25841 through #25990 :

Motion: Hauer moved, seconded by Lawrence Anderson to approve the checks #25841 through #25990 for the payment of bills including payroll.

Motion carried

10.2 Personnel action: (in process of finalizing)

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10.2.1 Paraprofessional Hiring:

10.2.1.1 Raven Bowen

10.2.1.2 Bryan Wright -

10.2.1.3 Dennis Lemmie

10.2.2 Teacher Hiring: (still taking place)

10.2.2.1 Miles Wangensteen – Middle School Social Studies

10.2.2.2 Rebekah Kendrick – Art

10.2.2.3 Jackson Lee – Music

10.2.2.4 Lisa Erickson – Media

10.2.2.5 William Holmes - Math

Motion: _ moved, seconded by _ to approve all noted teacher hires.

Motion carried or failed

10.2.3 Appointments:

10.2.3.1 Charo Nickens – Dean of Students

10.2.3.1 D’Angelo Navy – Student Support

Motion: _ moved, seconded by _ to approve all appointments.

Motion carried or failed

10.2.4 Non-Classified: None

10.2.5 Resignations:

10.2.5.1 Austin Ertelt

10.2.5.2 Lisa Laptavijok

10.2.5.3 Jeoffrey Reed

10.2.5.4 Sarah Bradfield

10.2.5.5 Paula Hetfield

Motion: Grigor moved, seconded by Lawrence Anderson to approve all resignations.

Motion carried

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10.3 Contracts:

10.3.1 Kevin Abrahamson – Instructional Coach

Motion: Rosengren moved, seconded by Grigor to approve consent agenda.

Motion carried

10.4 Receipt of grants/donations:

10.4.1 Kim Chalfen donated printing and binding of 11 copies of the Audubon contract.

10.4.2 Director Crowley donated a snare drum to the music program.

10.4.3 Ray Henry of I.R.A.Y Auctions, donated 36 hours assisting with painting and other facility improvements.

10.4.4 Sandy Crowley donated 6 hours serving as a content expert in the music interviews.

10.4.5 I.R.A.Y Auctions donated a popcorn maker.

Motion: Lawrence Anderson moved, seconded by Parker to accept and thank the granter's and donators.

Motion carried

11.0 Old business:

11.1 Creation of a Odyssey Board Binder. In process will be presented at the September regular meeting for a first viewing.

12.0 **Action to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M.**

Motion: Grigor moved, seconded by Parker.

Motion carried

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