

**Odyssey Academy**  
6201 Noble Avenue North  
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday June 20, 2012**  
**6:00 P.M.**

Odyssey Board Mission

*The purpose of the Board, on behalf of Odyssey Academy membership, is to create sustainable conditions in which Odyssey Academy achieves desired results for students, parents, and staff in a financially responsible manner.*

PLEASE NOTE: The secretary was absent from the June meeting. The meeting was recorded, however the file is corrupt and we cannot listen back for minutes. We are going by the notes that were taken.

Community Members: Chris and Jesse Adams, Dan Ondich

Guest Visitors: Chris Nordmann & Jill Johnson – Middle School Teachers

1.0 Call to Order: Board Chairperson, Jodie Hardenbrook, called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Directors for Odyssey Academy at 6:05 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Jodie Hardenbrook; and Members; Alicen Thorstad, James Rosengren, Pa Modou Ann, Faaria Husain, Danielle Gruber, Kris Lawrence-Anderson, Anna Morphey, Barb Newbauer, John Sedey, Executive Director, ex-officio member.

2.0 Additions to Agenda – Made at Board Meeting: Closed meeting to discuss teacher contracts.

3.0 Approval of Agenda: June 20, 2012

**Motion: Jim Rosengren, Alicen Thorstad Second.**

**Motion carried.**

4.0 Approval of Minutes: May 16 and June 6, 2012

**Motion: Danielle Gruber, Pa Ann Second.**

**Motion carried.**

5.0 Community Comments: Uniforms were discussed by parents, teachers and board members.

6.0 Closed Meeting as Needed: A closed meeting was called to discuss teacher contracts. It was done later in the meeting so parents and guests would not have to stay to hear on the vote on school uniforms.

7.0 New Business:

7.1 Marketing study update: Sedey reported that it is being used as a positive tool for financing and marketing of new students.

8.0 Committee Reports:

8.1 Community Action: Alicen reported that CAC discussed the third trimester project night and are considering dropping it for next school year because of low attendance.

8.2 Health and Wellness: No Board Representation for this committee.

8.3 Finance: Rosengren reviewed the Cash Flow and noted that Odyssey did not have to use our entire line of credit yet.

8.4 School Improvement: Morphew reported that the committee sent out surveys to staff to see which areas would be most helpful for staff development. Differentiation of instruction and a refresher in responsive classroom were the most requested needs of teachers.

8.5 Technology: Committee meetings are currently on hold. No report given.

8.6 Marketing: Committee did not meet.

8.7 Facilities/OSBO:

8.7.1 Status of State Denial: Sedey met with Paul from North Marq to review purchase options. OSBO cannot purchase building because of MDE requirements however Zigler may be able to get bonds and Charter School Development Corporation (CSDC) may be able to purchase the building and lease it back to us. That would reduce our taxes as we need because they are a non-profit corporation. If this works out we could close on the building purchase by December 2012. Osseo wants the building sold.

9.0 Director's Report:

9.1 Enrollments – Current and Projected: Sedey reported that enrollment for the upcoming school year at 289 students.

9.2 Extended Programming: We currently have 162 students enrolled for our summer program.

9.3 Reflection Meetings Process Used this year: One-half hour reflection meetings were held with Sedey and staff members.

9.4 Literacy Plan Filed: The MDE Required literacy plan for Odyssey Academy has been filed with the Minnesota Department of Education.

10.0 Consent Agenda:

10.1 Payment of Bills Including Payroll:

10.1.1 Approval of Checks #21317 through #21393 Disbursements:

**Motion: Jim Rosengren, Alicen Thorstad Second.**

**Motion carried.**

10.2 Personnel Action:

10.2.1 Non-renewal of contract with John Price by mutual agreement.

10.2.2 Resignation accepted from Kristy Fehr.

10.3 Receipt of Donations:

10.3.1 Donald Weesner Foundation - \$2,000.00 for bus to Wolf Ridge.

11.0 Old Business:

11.1 Strategic Plan:

11.2.1 Discussion of 6-8 Plan: Chris Nordmann and Jill Johnson presented ideas for middle school's implementation of the new strategic plan to board.

11.2.2 Consideration of Uniforms: Discussion of uniforms was done earlier in the meeting so visiting parents and staff would not have to stay. It was strongly supported. A parent, board and teacher group was established to discuss possibilities for next year. The committee will report back to the school board at the July meeting.

**Motion: Jim Rosengren, Jodie Hardenbrook Second.**

**Motion carried.**

11.2.3 Direct the Executive Director to Prepare an Action Plan, Utilizing the Board Committee Structure, to implement the Strategic Plan.

**Motion: Pa Ann, Jim Rosengren Second.**

**Motion carried.**

11.3 FY13 budget adoption:

**Motion: Alicen Thorstad, Pa Ann Second.**

**Motion carried.**

12.0 Action to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 P.M.

**Motion: Jim Rosengren, Danielle Gruber Second.**

**Motion carried.**