



**OTWELL MILLER ACADEMY SCHOOL BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018**

The meeting of the Otwell Miller Academy School Board convened at 6:00 p.m.

Otwell Miller Academy School Board members present: Emily Willis, Michelle Durcholz, Lou Fort, Valerie Schoppenhorst, and Kim Elliott

Otwell Miller Academy School Board student members present: Raeleigh McCracken (4th grade) and Noah Fort (5th grade)

Otwell Miller Academy staff members present: School Director Rick Fears

**I. Call To Order**

Mr. Fears called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Prayer**

**IV. Student Board Member Reports:**

Raeleigh McCracken reported that the fourth grade recently read the novel Frindle. Upon completion of the book each student made a jackdaw. Each student presented his/her project to the class. The students are now working on writing opinion essays. Upon completion Mrs. Elliott may choose 1 or 2 to send to the local paper.

Noah Fort presented a lab quest along with a temperature probe that can be used in conjunction with their chrome books. Noah showed everyone how they used the lab quest to get three different temperatures of water. The students are able to graph the results on their chrome books.

#### **V. Board Meeting Minutes Approval**

Emily Willis read the minutes from the March 5, 2018, OMA board meeting. Kim Elliott moved to approve the March 5, 2018, meeting minutes. Valerie Schoppenhorst seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

#### **VI. Personnel**

An executive meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4, 2018 to discuss personnel. Board members will review applicants for the Director position for next year.

#### **VII. Operations and Facilities**

It was mentioned for the board to consider what they want to do after the warranty is no longer valid in August on the fire alarm system.

#### **VIII. Finance**

Michelle Durcholz stated that on March 22, 2018, Grace College, Greggs & Reid, Friends of Otwell representatives, and an OMA representative had a meeting. Michelle mentioned that Mr. Ziebarth stated that this summer they will have a educational summit for board members and staff of charter schools for training related to policies and open door law.

#### **IX. Education and Outreach**

#### **X. Status of School**

##### **1. School calendar 2018/2019**

Rick Fears presented the 2018-2019 school calendar. Lou fort moved to approve the 2018/2019 school calendar. Kim Elliott seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

2. E-learning days for 2018-2019 school year

OMA has been approved to use e-learning days for the 2018-2019 school year.

3. Consideration of revisions to board policies, bylaws, and procedures

Valerie Schoppenhorst moved for the board to review the policies, bylaws, and procedures and put it on the agenda for the next OMA board meeting to finalize and adopt. Kim Elliott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. OMA estimated enrollment for 2018/2019 school year

The OMA projected ADM count for the 2018/2019 school year is an enrollment of 80 students. The count was submitted to the Indiana Department of Education on Friday, March 23, 2018. OMA expects 15 to 20 students for Kindergarten.

5. Update on grants

Rick fears stated that the charter school grant application can be revised and we can reapply this summer. Rick has been in contact with a couple grant writers. The board discussed the possibility of hiring a grant writer.

6. Recruitment of lottery weight

Emily Willis moved to publicize the general information about student enrollment for the 2018/2019 school year. Kim Elliott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**XI. Other**

Valerie Schoppenhorst spoke about the science education study program through Indiana University that she is apart of. Valerie stated that Mrs. Tusing applied to the program and was accepted. They got a lot of materials and supplies from I.U. for free to use at the school. Valerie stated that her and Mrs. Tusing plans on going to I.U. this summer and they will receive more materials and supplies for the students to use. Valerie thanked Mrs. Tusing for being willing to join the program.

Kim Elliott moved to adjourn the Otwell Miller Academy board meeting at 7:12 p.m. Valerie Schoppenhorst seconded the motion. The Otwell Miller Academy board meeting adjourned at 7:12p.m. Monday, April 2, 2018.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Emily Willis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Emily Willis