

OTWELL MILLER ACADEMY  
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MINUTES for MONDAY, July 20th @ 6:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE; Rich Padgett, school director; Jordan Hill, President; Lou Fort, VP; Jenny Byrd, Secretary; Courtney Huckelby- Treasurer; Leigh Ann Tusing & Ashlynn Hoffman- Teacher Members; Sherryl Osgatharp- FoOE representative.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Jordan.
2. A quorum was established and the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Jordan suggested moving topic #17 to follow #8

Jenny made the motion, Sherryl seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. There wasn't any public participation for the agenda items.
5. There weren't any donations.
6. Board organization for 2020-2021 school year
  - a. Jordan Hill-President
  - b. Lou Fort- Vice President
  - c. Jenny Byrd- Secretary
  - d. Courtney Huckelby-Treasurer
  - e. Leigh Ann Tusing & Ashlynn Hoffman- Teacher Reps
  - f. Sherryl Osgatharp- FoOE crossover/community member

Sherryl made the motion, Jenny seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Consent Agenda
  - a. June 15, 2020, regular session minutes approved
  - b. June 15, 2020, executive session minutes approved
  - c. Resignations- Amber Brock- Classroom Aide
    1. Erin Hartke- Second Grade Teacher
  - d. Hires- Cathy Dillon- Cleaning & Food Service (pending background check)
  - e. Financial Reports accepted

Leigh Ann made the motion to approve the consent agenda, Jenny seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### OLD BUSINESS

8. Consideration of changes to address opening this fall
  - a. Open on time August 12, 2020 (pending state guidelines)
  - b. In-person teaching 5 days a week
    - i. Virtual for immunocompromised students
      1. Medical documentation necessary

- c. Strongly recommending masks be worn although not mandating
- d. Buses will have assigned seating and masks are strongly encouraged
- e. The school will provide 2 masks per student (1 cloth and 1 disposable)
- f. Students will have assigned seats in the classroom and lunchroom
- g. No PE the first 9 weeks
- h. Students must be up to date on ALL vaccinations
- i. There will be additional hand washing/hand foaming stations
- j. There will be NO water fountain access
- k. Possible bottle filling stations w/a designated filler
- l. There will be NO outside access
- m. There will be restricted visitors/visitations
- n. Parents are asked to follow the state guidelines as far as when to keep their child(ren) at home
  - i. 100.4 fever or above
  - ii. Must remain symptom-free for 72 hours without the help of medications
- o. Teachers will be checking student temperatures periodically
- p. Parents are asked to pick up their child within 60 minutes once contacted
- q. If there are ANY positive cases of Covid-19, we will address them according to the state/CDC guidelines at that time
- r. We are shooting for as little change as possible in the structure/routine of the children
- s. This is a VERY fluid situation; we encourage everyone to stay informed

Ashlynn made the motion to approve, Leigh Ann seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Approve employment contracts for the 2020-2021 School year

Jenny made the motion to approve, Courtney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

10. Letter of engagement for the State Audit with Donovan CPA's

Sherryl made the motion to approve, Courtney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

11. Board policy on Masks: While they are encouraged for use when social distancing is difficult, masks WILL NOT be mandatory in the building.

Jenny made the motion to approve, Ashlynn seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

12. Opening and closing procedures impacted by COVID.

- a. No students are allowed to enter prior to 8 am
- b. Students are to leave at 330pm
- c. There will be no before or after school care at the start of 2020-2021 schoolyear

Courtney made the motion to approve, Leigh Ann seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

13. Purchase of up to \$1500.00 dollars in gravel in order to connect the outside playgrounds and for walk-way material between the swings and playground area.

Jenny made the motion to approve, Sherryl seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

14. Approval to move forward with plumbing work to add sinks to the classrooms and an outdoor faucet

- a. 9 rooms (need tops)

Tabled for the August 3rd meeting.

15. Approve the purchase of an industrial oven for the cafeteria (with a \$5K limit)

Jenny made the motion to approve, Courtney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

16. Memorandum of understanding with Rich Padgett to continue serving as the Director under status quo contract until details of the new contract can be agreed upon with the OMA Board.

This would INCLUDE the \$2K increase this year for meeting enrollment targets.

Jenny made the motion to approve, Leigh Ann seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

17. Permission to hire two Classroom Aide positions based on the need prior to the start of school.

Sherryl made the motion to approve, Jenny seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

18. Public Participation

- a. Shanna Hallet inquired about online schooling options
  - i. Rich responded with the fact that the situation is so fluid at the moment, there is not a specific plan in place as of yet- but here will be soon.

19. Director Comments

- a. We've come a long way since the school opened
- b. Book fees will be coming out soon; they will be very similar to last year's fees
- c. There will be a truancy committee this year for those students participating in the e-learning programs
- d. CEP; free breakfast/lunch update- Should know Friday, July 24th, 2020.
- e. We are on the list to receive alcohol-free sanitizer from Jasper Equipment.

20. Board Comments

Special meeting called for August 3rd.

- a. Executive Meeting to start at 6 pm
- b. Public Meeting to follow

Regularly scheduled board meeting for August 17th at 6 pm

21. Adjournment at 7:06 pm

Sherryl made the motion, Ashlynn seconded and the motion passed unanimously.