

## APPROVED MINUTES

Odyssey Community School - Board of Trustees  
Meeting Agenda  
Monday, August 3, 2020

4:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

Joining info

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### 1. Call to Order

Time 4:30 pm

By Miriam Lewis

Present: Miriam Lewis, Lisa Kimyachi, Kevin Bieler, Philip O'Reilly,  
Cynthia Merrill, Sarah Althen, Jessica Swann, Annie Busby, Lillanya Dantzer

Absent: Walter King

### 2. Public Comment

Speakers will be recognized by the President and identify himself/herself by name and address and proceed with his/her comments. All persons will be limited to five (5) minutes. The total time allotted for Public Comment shall not exceed twenty (20) minutes and is at the discretion of the Board and may not address specific personnel issues.

No speakers present

### 3. Approve minutes of July 13, 2020

(Attachment 1)

MOTION by Cynthia Merrill

SECOND by Sarah Althen

VOTE unanimous

### 4. Review & Discuss Reopening Odyssey (DRAFT reopening Plan)

Dr. Philip O'Reilly informed the board that the re-opening plan had been submitted to the state on July 24, 2020 for review. All 3 options (full in person learning, hybrid, and full

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distance learning) were included in the plan. Board members had reviewed the plan.

### **5. Discuss Potential Reopening Model for Operation**

Dr. Philip O'Reilly briefed the board on a call with the Commissioner of Education from this past Friday. The option of re-opening in a hybrid model was introduced, if particular metrics were met. Board members were concerned about the safety of the students and staff returning if opening at 100% capacity. No board members agreed with this model. When surveyed, only 10% of staff felt comfortable in this model. Annie Busby presented the hybrid proposal with half of students attending on Mondays and Wednesdays and the other half attending on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with Fridays for full distance learning. Parents would still have the option to choose full distance learning if desired. It was proposed to move toward beginning in a hybrid model if all metrics remain the same. All board members were in agreement.

### **6. Discuss Potential Adjustments to 2020-2021 School Calendar**

Annie proposed to move the 1st day of school to Wednesday, September 3rd to provide 2 extra days for staff training and student cohort days.

MOTION by Lillanya Dantzler

SECOND by Cindy Merrill

VOTE           unanimous

Motion         passed

### **7. Executive Director Report**

Dr. Philip O'Reilly reported open staffing positions which include: ESOL teacher, elementary paraprofessional, custodian, and temporary nurse's aide.

### **8. Financial Report**

Cindy Merrill reported that she is waiting on the balances from the previous grants to roll over to have exact figures for the balance in the budget. Board members expressed concern over the lack of financial reports available at each meeting.

### **9. Principal's /Asst. Principal's Report**

Jessica Swann reported that the school's summer program came to a close on Friday, July 31st. Approximately 34 students attended sessions regularly, with an average of 4

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students per grade. Teachers planned engaging activities in all content areas and middle school students were able to improve grades with the completion of missing assignments. The four summer program teachers were thanked for their hard work during this time.

### **10. Executive Session to discuss Potential Real Estate Transaction**

MOTION by Lillanya Dantzler

SECOND by Kevin Bieler

**Time In 5:37 pm**

**Time Out 5:59 pm**

**Adjournment time 5:59 pm**

MOTION by Cindy Merrill to adjourn

SECOND by Lisa Kimyachi