

**OKALOOSA ACADEMY, INC.
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES**

Date: Tuesday, June 18th, 2019
Time: 2:30 pm
Location: Okaloosa Academy
720 NW Lovejoy Road
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

- I. **Call to Order, Review of Public Notice, Roll Call**
The meeting was called to order by Board Chairperson, Fred Carrender at 2:33 pm. Board Members present were: Jimmy James, Angelo Pearson and Fred Carrender. Michael Allshouse was unable to attend the meeting but submitted his proxy the week before as Jimmy James. Guests present included: Dr. Bill Rader, Ray Sansom, Terri Roberts, Allison Schnell, Tammie Braden, Stephanie Glover, Forrest Ward and Amy Pupo.
- II. **Approval of Minutes, March 1, 2019 – the last meeting’s minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Carrender.**
- III. **Approval of Agenda – the agenda was approved on a motion by Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Pearson.**
- IV. **Public comment by preregistered guest, if any – N/A**
- V. **Reports**
 - A. **Directors’ Reports presented by school directors**
Stephanie Glover presented both the elementary and high school reports for Okaloosa Academy, as Ms. Jarrett was not in attendance. Ms. Glover reviewed highlights of some events at the school since the last meeting. FCA has been involved with the school and passed out bibles. An Army recruiter also came onsite to present to 11th and 12th grade students. He also mentors at the school now several days a week. In the spring, several students enjoyed a Cumulus Media tour. In May, a National Merit Scholar was acknowledged. Before the end of the school year, the school also held a water/field day for the students. 25 students graduated this year. Forrest Ward spoke on behalf of DJJ. He mentioned that this year was the best school year he’s seen in 4 years, mostly due to staff. The environment and culture at the school and with staff has improved over the years. This year the school has 17 graduates. The GED program is very efficient and has blossomed as opposed to prior years. Military recruiters are also coming out to present to students and a career day was held. At this time the summer semester is going on and it’s busy. Mr. Ward wanted to thank the teachers at Okaloosa Academy and Learning Academy (in Milton) who worked at DJJ over the summer session. The Post-Secondary Coordinator position is back open so that program will be rigorous going forward. As far as the facility goes, the state fills the beds, and there are two new facilities in Central Florida so our students and enrollment stay pretty much the same. Dr. Rader asked if records could be pulled for both schools to see overall (in the years Rader has operated the schools) how many graduates we have had to get a snapshot of the success of the schools.
 - B. **Management Report presented by Dr. Rader/Ray Sansom**
Ray Sansom mentioned that an additional SRO will be added due to the guardianship program. This involves more robust school safety. Campuses are becoming more violent and we would not recommend arming teachers but using

other means and options. The board will approve the additional SRO at this meeting. The DJJ contract is on the school board agenda to be approved.

Dr. Rader stated that there are safety updates to the Okaloosa Academy campus: a gate is in the back of the school, which will aid with first responders, the front office is now a single point of entry. There are also some school repairs anticipated – a pressure washing quote will be presented. There are also several windows to be replaced before the new school year. Regarding the guardianship program, we also plan to involve students in wellness and have mental health professionals onsite to assist and see where additional needs may be. An additional SRO was approved on a motion by Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Pearson.

VI. Action Items

A. Personnel Recommendations/Changes presented by Amy Pupo

The personnel report within the packet was discussed. The report was approved on a motion by Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Pearson.

B. Financial Reports presented by Terri Roberts

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1. Monthly Financial Statement
2. Budget Amendment 2018-2019
3. Budget 2019-2020

Summary – Ms. Roberts reviewed the fund balances in the school’s accounts. FTE count was down overall this year. General fund was in turn, lower. Auditors will be onsite in July to conduct the annual audit. Lunch reimbursements are up. Regarding expenses - one bus driver position was cut (did not fill opening vacated). Electricity decreased. This year’s budget was a challenge, several changes and cuts. The reviewed statement, amendment and proposed budget all were approved on a motion by Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Pearson.

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4. Financial Statements
5. Budget Amendment 2018-2019
6. Budget 2019-2020
7. Gulf Coast Treatment Center Financial Statements

Summary – Ms. Roberts presented the Profit and Loss statement for DJJ and the school had a small net income. Their FTE is up a little bit. Per Forrest Ward, the Edgenuity program is proving successful. Gulf Coast Treatment center may increase students and their contract is up for renewal in October. They also experienced a small net income. The reviewed statements (both facilities), amendment (DJJ) and proposed budget (DJJ) all were approved on a motion by Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Pearson.

VII. Emergency Items – N/A

VIII. Board Member Matters

The next board meeting has been set for Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 3:00 pm.

IX. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Carrender at 3:46 pm on a motion by the chairperson, Mr. James seconded. No one opposed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Pupo, Acting Recorder