

Great Oaks Charter
Board Meeting Minutes
1200 N. French St. Wilmington, DE 19801
4.20.2020

I. Opening/Administrative

Meeting comes to order at 5:30

Attendance:

Board Members:

Cathy Halloway
Erica Hitchens
Jim Mazarakis
Mike Maxwell
Rysheema Dixon
Stephanie Toronto
Kelly Firment

School Staff:

Linda Jennings
Nikki Darden
Atiyah Harmon
Amanda Taylor
Geoff Langdon
Kaitleen Gillis

II. Introduce New Board Members

Jim Mazarakis introduced the two new board members, Stephanie Toronto and Kelly Firment.

III. Approve Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments presented.

VOTE: Meeting minutes from March board meeting were approved, Cathy Halloway made motion, Erica Hitchens second, approval of March minutes passed unanimously.

IV. Interim Executive Director Report

Linda Jennings presented the Executive Director Report including updates and discussion of:

- Executive Director Transition Plan
- FY21 Planning
- DOE Modification Application
- Staff Retention and Recruitment

V. Operations Report

Nikki Darden presented the operations report including:

- Chromebook distribution update
- Distance learning updates including technology updates and distance learning handbook
- CEB support for families
- Introduction to recruitment and enrollment

Patrick Ryan provided more thorough information regarding student recruitment including:

- Community engagement
- Reputation rebuild plans
- Social media marketing and engagement
- Virtual open house events

- Response to COVID-19 in terms of recruitment and engagement

Geoff Langdon provided an update regarding student retention and vision for the future of GOWIL.

VI. Remote Learning Report

Amanda Taylor and Atiyah Harmon provided an update regarding remote and distance learning.

VII. Finance Report

Geoff Langdon provided the finance report including.

VOTE: Financial Web Report for March board meeting was approved, Jim Mazarakis made motion, Cathy Halloway second, approval of Financial Web Report passed unanimously.

VIII. Executive Session

The Public Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm and the Board moved into Executive Session discuss matters relating to contract negotiations.