

**Great Oaks – Wilmington**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Meeting Minutes: 12/7/2020**

In Attendance:

**Board Members Present:** Jim Mazarakis, Erica Hitchens, Cathy Holloway, Keria Broadnax, Stephanie Toronto, Rysheema Dixon\*, Kelly Firment, Michael Maxwell

**School Staff Present:** Nikki Darden, Leland Kent, Amanda Taylor, Kaitleen Gillis, Damien Burke, Samanta Lopez, Nathalia Joshua, Tamara Price, Michael Williams, Rafael Rordriguez, Lauren Bravo, Lacreacia Stewart-Henderson, Alisa Vidwans, Shana Roberts, Ashley Brown, Bridgette Strupczewiski, Erin Sweet, Priyanka Nachene, Jamal Tate, Zoralis Ortiz, Morgan Fabber, Richard Kearney, Kendria Waltower, Morgan Sagan

**Public:** Lataunya Gilchrist, Andi Feely, Lucrecia Randolph, Cierra Hall-Hipkins

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM.

Public Comments:

Andi Feely, HS parent, presented concerns about recent transitions in staffing as it relates to High School and supports for her son. She would like to know the plan moving forward.

Lataunya Gilchrist, HS parent, presented concerns about high school staff decisions, support for high school students, and communication efforts moving forward.

Lucrecia Randolph, HS parent, presented concerns about high school staffing decision as it relates to laying off Ms. Taylor and Ms. Strup

October's Board Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

**I. Operations Report**

Damien Burke presented on budget updates.

**II. Executive Director Report**

Leland Kent and Damien Burke provided an Executive Director report, providing updates on enrollment, revenue, and expenses, and ways Great Oaks plans to close the budget deficit.

Mr. Kent spoke about future partnerships and pathways to graduation for middle and high school students, MAP testing, and data point including attendance, truancy, and suspensions,

Mr. Kent highlighted Ms. Lauren Bravo and Ms. Alisa Vidwans for their contributions to the high school.

Ms. Hitchens shared a video that highlighted the student inductees to the National Honor Society ceremony.

#### IV. Finance Report

Jim Mazarakis made a Motion to Approve Web report: unanimously approved.

The Public Meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM and the Board moved into Executive Session.