

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**CAPE CORAL**  
**CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY GOVERNING BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Tuesday, March 9, 2015**  
**Christa McAuliffe Elementary School**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Cape Coral Charter School Authority Governing Board of Lee County, Florida, met on March 9, 2015, at Christa McAuliffe Elementary School a Regular Governing Board Meeting. Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Chair Jackson

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:**  
All in attendance

**ROLL CALL:** Anderson, Boyer, Jackson, Keesler, Teblum, Zivkovic  
Members Donaldson, Nesta and Stout excused.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Bill Buztrey, Assistant City Attorney  
Nelson Stephenson, Superintendent, Cape Coral Charter School Authority  
Kevin Beckman, Principal, Oasis Charter Middle School  
Amanda Sanford, Interim-Assistant Principal, Oasis Charter High School  
Jacque Collins, Principal, Christa McAuliffe Charter Elementary School  
Steve Hook, Principal, Oasis Charter Elementary School  
Danielle Jensen, Director of Procurement and Food Services, Cape Coral Charter School Authority  
Mary Anne Moniz, Business Manager, Cape Coral Charter School Authority  
Vicki McAtee, City of Cape Coral, Human Resource Liaison to Charter Schools  
Jennifer Gregory, Parent, Christa McAuliffe Charter Elementary School  
Jeanna Thiel, Parent, Oasis Charter High School  
Madelyn Kish, Parent, Oasis Charter Elementary School  
Sarona Weyant, Parent, Christa McAuliffe Charter Elementary School  
Nicole Buzzelli, Parent, Oasis Charter Elementary School

**Approval of the Minutes**

Member Boyer states that corrections need to be made.

Motion to approve the minutes with corrections for the Regular Governing Board Meeting of February 10, 2015 was made by member Teblum and seconded by member Anderson.

**Board vote: Anderson, Boyer, Jackson, Teblum**

**All “Ayes,” motion carries.**

**Approval of the Agenda**

Motion was made by member Teblum and seconded by member Boyer to approve the agenda.

**Board vote: Anderson, Boyer, Jackson, Teblum**

**All “Ayes,” motion carries.**

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Mr. Stephenson thanked Amanda Sanford for stepping in as Interim-Assistant Principal. He additionally thanked Angie Niedzwiecki for filling in as board secretary these last few months and for volunteering to be here tonight.

Mr. Stephenson stated that interviews for the High School Principal are scheduled for this Thursday and Friday.

Mr. Stephenson announced that he sent out an electronic mail asking who was interested in other areas such as administration, curriculum or guidance and invited them to meet with him in reference to a progression plan. He has about 20 employees who are interested in meeting with him.

Mr. Stephenson called out some Principals for some wonderful things:

- He visited Christa McAuliffe on Friday and every student was engaged in every classroom. Mr. Stephenson was amazed and has never seen this before on a Friday.
- Thank you to Mr. Hook and Mr. Brown for working on and making progress with the Neola policies. Mr. Hook has also been working with the rally and getting that set up.
- Mr. Beckman and some students shaved their heads in support of an epileptic student. Video is amazing and emotional. This reminds us of why we are part of an amazing system.

Mr. Stephenson commends Mary Anne Moniz for tirelessly working on the budget.

Mr. Stephenson sent out an email with some general information on our lobbying efforts. He has been invited to the Southwest Florida Regional Days to advocate on behalf of our system.

Mr. Stephenson states that he spoke with the Vice President of Accreditation in reference to AdvancED. Our expiration date is June 30, 2017 and we can expect a site visit around February 2016. Mr. Stephenson is orchestrating to send 7 or 8 people for training in West Palm Beach on April 27.

Mr. Stephenson states that things are progressing with the field. This will also provide a solution for parking.

Mr. Stephenson elaborated on the staff training that was previously discussed. Approximately 99% of the staff completed the first round.

Mr. Stephenson updates that the 1<sup>st</sup> issue of the online magazine was successful and the next issue can be expected after spring break.

### **CHAIRMAN REPORT**

Chair Jackson stated that Chairman and Foundation reports will be as one.

Chair Jackson reports that the observations for the Lighthouse Awards have started and classroom visits are being made.

Chair Jackson notes that they are working on the big “shin-dig” The Lighthouse Awards Dinner is scheduled for May 1, 2015.

Chair Jackson reiterated that the field is coming along.

Chair Jackson states that Mr. Stephenson has met with all board members individually and asks their opinion on everything.

Chair Jackson thanked Ms. Sanford for being there and Ms. Niedzwiecki for all of her help.

### **FOUNDATION REPORT**

Chair Jackson stated that Chairman and Foundation reports will be as one.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeanna Thiel stated that her daughter was not given the opportunity to opt out of the FSA the proper way. The student was upset and called mom. Parent and Ms. Sanford did communicate through conversations and email previous to test and expectations were made known. Ms. Thiel is concerned there is no communication. Student did opt out on computer later. Ms. Thiel questions process for reading test. Mr. Stephenson responds that there is a window for testing and even though student left and opted out later she will be fine.

Madelyn Kish expresses that she is nervous that the Superintendent said we are 4 separate schools; we used to be 1 school under 1 umbrella. Ms. Kish wants to know if we follow Lee County Schools and why do we have our own system if we can't make our own decisions? Ms. Kish states that the Oasis website has not been updated; it still has FCAT information instead of FSA. Ms. Kish is questioning whether a student can be in S.T.E.M. without taking the FSA. Ms. Kish also informed everyone that students' personal information was stolen this morning from the AIR system by computer hackers. She wanted to know why the board hasn't addressed this with the parents.

### Staff and Board Comments

#### **Director of Procurement and Food Services**

Danielle Jensen states food service has a favorable YTD profit margin of \$73K. Our YTD revenues continue to be down from last year but they are offset by a reduction in our expenses.

Danielle Jensen states that last week was National Breakfast week. During this week we try to promote the importance of a healthy breakfast. This was promoted on our websites as well as at each school. Christa did an excellent job of promoting breakfast to the kids. Our café lead, Luz Llerena, dressed up every day and walked down the car line with a sign promoting breakfast. Monday was Dr. Seuss day and she dressed up as Cat in the Hat. On Tuesday, she dressed up as a crayon to promote a coloring contest and students colored on their breakfast plate.

Danielle Jensen also states that she is expecting a quote this week from the landscaper for the new field behind the schools.

Danielle Jensen is also working with IT to get computers purchased for the OMS media center.

Danielle Jensen states that she is getting updated quotes to complete the CME A/C coils over the summer.

#### **Christa McAuliffe Charter Elementary School**

Jacque Collins states that VPK is full. There were families “camping” out beginning at noon on Saturday.

### **Oasis Charter Elementary School (OES)**

Steven Hook states that the writing assessment went well, only 4 opted out.

Steven Hook notes that his VPK program is full.

Steven Hook reminds us that it is rally time and they already have over \$10,000.00 in ticket sales. All buildings are offering incentives for selling tickets.

### **Oasis Charter Middle School (OMS)**

Kevin Beckman says that it was an honor to shave his head for an epileptic student at his school.

Kevin Beckman announces that former NFL player Tim Green, now turned children’s author, will be speaking at OMS tomorrow. One of his students won a contest and his name will be in Mr. Green’s newest book. The students’ mother paid the fee to have Mr. Green speak at the school.

Kevin Beckman stated that Friday is their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Pi Day.

Kevin Beckman stated that testing went well. There were only two issues with deleted prompts. We are waiting on the state and the district to tell us how to handle that. No students opted out.

Kevin Beckman updated us on the previously approved Technology Team competition. One student placed 1<sup>st</sup> in speech and overall the team did very well.

Kevin Beckman stated that one of the Odyssey of the Minds teams will be moving on to the state competition.

### **Oasis Charter High School (OHS)**

Interim-Assistant Principal Amanda Sanford stated that the sports banquet was amazing.

Interim-Assistant Principal Amanda Sanford stated that 3 seniors won awards for their art displays at the Rotary Park Burrowing Owl contest.

Interim-Assistant Principal Amanda Sanford stated that 12 out of 17 students who went to the MUN competition at FGCU won awards; 1 student received a scholarship.

Interim-Assistant Principal Amanda Sanford stated that 9<sup>th</sup> grade testing started today with two sessions and 10<sup>th</sup> grade will test tomorrow with two sessions.

Discussion is held.

### **Miscellaneous Business & Board Comments**

Member Boyer clarified that we operate as 1 system even though there are 4 schools.

Member Teblum clarified that as long as a student takes the ACT or SAT they can opt out of the FSA.

Member Teblum stated that the S.T.E.M. program entrance process includes grades, entrance exam score and FCAT scores.

Member Teblum stated that he did not hear about the student information getting out.

Member Teblum stated that he was asked to inquire about the A+ funds; they are wondering what is going on with those.

Member Teblum stated that he is glad to hear there is a progression plan going in place to promote from within.

Member Zivkovic thanked Mr. Stephenson for the progression with the field.

Member Zivkovic thanked the parents for attending the meeting.

Member Zivkovic stated that the cyber-attack was hackers trying to slow the system down.

Discussion is held.

Member Zivkovic states that personally his family doesn't make a big deal about testing. Nothing is perfect and staff and principals will address issues.

Member Anderson thanked Mr. Stephenson for working on the succession plan and the outreach to his staff.

Chair Jackson addressed an issue that was brought up; we are a Lee County Charter School and in some respects we do have to follow their rules. Lee County can pull our charter.

Discussion is held.

**Business Manager**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Approval of FY 2014-FY 2015 Budget Amendment #1 – Mary Anne Moniz**

Mary Anne Moniz presented the FY 2014-FY 2015 Budget Amendment #1 to the Board.

Motion was made by member Teblum and seconded by member Boyer to approve the FY 2014-FY 2015 Budget Amendment #1.

Discussion is held.

**Board vote:** Anderson, Boyer, Jackson, Teblum

**All “Ayes,” motion carries.**

**B. Approval of out-of-county overnight field trip April 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> for the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual District Education and Leadership Conference in Orlando FL. - Amanda Sanford**

Motion was made by member Teblum and seconded by member Boyer to approve the out-of-county overnight field trip April 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> for the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual District Education and Leadership Conference in Orlando FL.

Discussion is held.

**Board vote:** Anderson, Boyer, Jackson, Teblum

**All “Ayes,” motion carries.**

**C. Approval of Superintendent’s request for the Strategic Planning Follow-Up Meeting date to be rescheduled from April 7, 2015 to September 8, 2015 - Superintendent Stephenson**

Motion was made by member Anderson and seconded by member Boyer to approve the Superintendent’s request for the Strategic Planning Follow-Up Meeting date to be rescheduled from April 7, 2015 to September 8, 2015.

Discussion is held.

**Board vote:** Anderson, Boyer, Jackson, Teblum

All “Ayes,” motion carries.

**D. Approval of out-of-county overnight field trip April 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> for the Florida Odyssey of the Mind Tournament at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, FL. - Kevin Beckman and Steve Hook**

Motion was made by member Teblum and seconded by member Boyer to approve the out-of-county overnight field trip April 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> for the Florida Odyssey of the Mind Tournament at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, FL. for OMS and OES.

**Board vote:** Anderson, Boyer, Jackson, Teblum

All “Ayes,” motion carries.

**E. Approval of out-of-county overnight field trip March 30<sup>th</sup> -April 1<sup>st</sup> for JROTC staff to Orlando and St. Augustine to explore historic sites as a staff - Amanda Sanford**

Motion was made by member Anderson and seconded by member Boyer to approve the out-of-county overnight field trip March 30<sup>th</sup> -April 1<sup>st</sup> for JROTC staff to Orlando and St. Augustine to explore historic sites as a staff.

**Board vote:** Anderson, Boyer, Jackson, Teblum

All “Ayes,” motion carries.

**Time and Date of Next Meeting**

9:00 a.m., April 7, 2015, in Council Chambers.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shannon Arthur  
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent  
Cape Coral Charter School Authority