

**Oglethorpe Charter School
Governing Board Meeting
Agenda
March 19, 2018**

Open Session

12:00 p.m.

1. Welcome

Sam Carter

2. Approve Agenda

3. Approval of February Meeting Minutes

4. Financial Report

Lisa Grooms

5. Presidents Report

Sam Carter

6. Administrators Report

Kevin Wall

7. Nomination Committee Report

Tim Costner

8. Other Business

OGLETHORPE CHARTER SCHOOL

Governing Board Meeting February 23, 2018

Board Members Present: Sam Carter, Henry Perry, Lisa Grooms, Tim Costner, Patrick Dean, Dana Braun, Ed Jolley, Emad Afifi, Kathleen Fabrikant, Odessa Richards

Board Members Absent: Dedra Andrews, Jon Cohen

Principal Present: Kevin Wall

Open Session: Called to order at 12:00 pm by Sam Carter.

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda: Henry Perry
Motion to second: Kathleen Fabrikant

Approval of January meeting minutes:
Motion to approve: Lisa Grooms
Motion to second: Henry Perry

Financial Report: The monthly financial report through January, 2018 was presented by Lisa Grooms. Ms. Grooms reported the budget had been modified to accommodate the addition of a marine science class in the amount of \$110,000. Due to the size of the modification, Ms. Grooms requested board approval on the revised budget.

Motion to approve modified budget: Ed Jolley
Motion to second: Henry Perry

President's Report: Sam Carter reported he and Mr. Wall traveled to Atlanta last week Thursday, February 15th, to meet with members of the Georgia Department of Education to discuss charter renewal. At that meeting our charter was renewed through 2023.

Principal's Report: 8th grader, Karl Miranda, has been selected to represent Oglethorpe Charter School as the February Student of the Month. 7th grader, Catherine Costner, finished 5th in the Nation in the Stock Market game. Through the Deep Writing program offered through The Deep Center, a nonprofit organization, several of our students have become published authors. Oglethorpe is partnering with Savannah State University and Georgia Tech Research Institute to implement a new marine/environmental science program. Oglethorpe is partnering with the Flying Classroom to develop and implement real life Science/STEM units. Oglethorpe will serve as the model school for Savannah State's teacher education program. Captain Barrington Irving hosted an assembly for the entire school body February 1st for Black History Month. Mr. Wall presented a proposal from Tidewater to repair the grounds between the two exterior wings. This \$29,300 proposal includes hauling in dirt to bring ground elevation up to prevent a safety hazard for students, grading the dirt, install irrigation system in this area, and install Bermuda sod. The sod will be warranted for one year.

Motion to approve Tidewater proposal to repair grounds: Dana Braun
Motion to second: Emad Afifi

Committee Reports

Governance and Accountability: Chair, Dana Braun with members Ed Jolley, Jon Cohen, Henry Perry, Dr. Mulvanity, Dr. Kolman, Carli Shehane, and Mark Case.

Charter Approved by State Department of Education: On February 15th, Sam Carter (Oglethorpe Governing Board President) was asked to report the innovations and waivers that we plan on implementing for our new 5 year charter term. Sam reported the following to the Department of Education in Atlanta:

Innovations Oglethorpe Plans to Implement

Split Math Curriculum: 2 separate math teachers on every teaching team will be used to continue to give all students a double block of math on a daily basis. One math teacher will focus on the algebra components of the curriculum while the other math teacher focuses on the geometry components of the curriculum. Oglethorpe will also continue splitting the ELA curriculum with a separate reading and writing teacher on all teaching teams.

Partnership with the Flying Classroom: Oglethorpe will partner with the Flying Classroom to develop and implement real life Science/STEM units.

Partnership with Georgia Tech Research: Oglethorpe will partner with Georgia Tech Research to develop STEM units and to allow our students to have regular contact with research and industry professionals.

Implementing a Marine/Environmental Science Program: Oglethorpe will partner with Savannah State University and Georgia Tech Research Institute to implement a new Marine/Environmental Science Program. Note – Savannah State University is a historical black university that is a leader in the nation in the development of marine and environmental scientist. The OCS Governing Board approved a \$170,000 expenditure for the Marine/Environmental program at the Jan, 2018 Board meeting.

Professional Development School with Savannah State: Savannah State has been granted the ability to offer a bachelor of science for middle grades. Oglethorpe will serve as the model school for their teacher education program. Savannah State will hold classes at Oglethorpe and we will have a professor in residence on the Oglethorpe campus.

GOSA STEM Grant: Oglethorpe is finishing year 3 of a GOSA grant partnering with Tift County to develop a model computer science curriculum that focuses on coding and solving real world problems.

Waivers Oglethorpe Plans to Use:

Financial Autonomy: Oglethorpe will use our own accounting system (quick books) separate from the Savannah Chatham County School System.

Personnel Autonomy: Oglethorpe Charter School will use a separate employment contract (At Will Contract) and have the autonomy to interview and hire employees.

Curriculum and Scheduling Autonomy: Oglethorpe Charter School will develop and implement our own curriculum and school schedule.

Nomination Committee: Chair, Tim Costner with members Henry Perry and Kathleen Fabrikant

Governing Board response forms have been sent home with all of our students in the Wednesday packets. All parents are asked to complete the form and return it to the school no later than February 28th. Any parent interested in serving on the board is to send a short bio of themselves that can be placed on board ballot. These forms were also distributed to board members at this meeting requesting each member's interest on serving again next school year.

Academic Committee: Chair, Kathleen Fabrikant with members Dedra Andrews, Patrick Dean, Kevin Wall, Sean Mulvanity, Monica Roland, and Kerry Crain - none.

Closed Session: The Board entered closed session at 1:04pm. The Board entered open session at 1:12pm.

Other Business: None.

Parent, Guest, Teacher, and Staff Comments: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled to be held March 19, 2018 at 5pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Vogel
Oglethorpe Charter School