



<b>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY</b>	Mr. Leo Pacheco, Chairman of the Board
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Mrs. Nneka Nwakoby
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Mr. Leo Pacheco, Mrs. Kelly Thompson, Mr. Don Schroeder, Mrs. Teecy Matthews, Mrs. Nneka Nwakoby, Mrs. Debbie Hart, Mrs. Marcia Williams
<b>NOT IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Mrs. Susan Kile,
<b>ATTENDING GUESTS</b>	

## AGENDA ITEM 1

<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	<b>PRESENTER(S):</b>
Verification of Quorum and Opening Statement	Mr. Leo Pacheco
<b>DISCUSSION:</b>	
Mr. Pacheco verified that quorum was met. Meeting was called to order at 10:39 AM. Mr. Pacheco asked that we take a moment to commemorate the lives lost in the 9/11 terrorist attack.	
<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>RESULT:</b>
NONE	

## AGENDA ITEM 2

<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	<b>PRESENTER(S):</b>
Approval of Current Agenda	Mr. Leo Pacheco
<b>DISCUSSION:</b>	
Mr Pacheco indicated that he corrected the Agenda because of a previous error. Agenda was amended as format was in error and further amended to remove Mr. Bill Murry and Mrs. Colleen Collier as they were erroneously included as invited attendees.	
<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>RESULT:</b>
A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HART AND SECONDED BY MRS. THOMPSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.	The motion was carried unanimously and approved.

## AGENDA ITEM 3

<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	<b>PRESENTER(S):</b>
Approval of the Last Board Meeting Minutes	Mr. Leo Pacheco

<b>DISCUSSION:</b>	
Agenda item 10 contained a typographical error which was identified by Mrs. Thompson	
<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>RESULT:</b>
A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HART TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES; THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. HART	The motion was accepted and carried unanimously.

## AGENDA ITEM 4

<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	<b>PRESENTER(S):</b>
Induction of New Parent Representative	Mr. Leo Pacheco
<b>DISCUSSION:</b>	
Mrs. Marsha Williams introduced herself to the Board and gave some background about herself and her family. Her son is a current 8 <sup>th</sup> grader at OCMS, and has been attending since the 6 <sup>th</sup> grade. She has been on the parent support team since he started at OCMS. She is a Managing Partner at Outback Steakhouse in the Villages. Has been involved in fundraisers for OCMS with Outback Steakhouse previously. Mr. Pacheco welcomed her to the Board and explained that while she has a non-voting position on the Board, her participation in discussions is necessary and highly welcomed and valued.	
<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>RESULT:</b>
NONE	

## AGENDA ITEM 5

<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	<b>PRESENTER(S):</b>
Treasurer's Report	Mr. Leo Pacheco
<b>DISCUSSION:</b>	
Mr. Leo Pacheco explained that Mrs. Susan Kile is dealing with a personal family situation that precluded her attendance at the meeting, therefore could not provide a Treasurer's Report at this time. In the interim Mrs. Teecy Matthews will monitor the financials with support from Mrs. Kile. A Treasurer's Report should be available for review at the next Board meeting.	
<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>RESULT:</b>
NONE	

## AGENDA ITEM 6

<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	<b>PRESENTER(S):</b>
Executive Director's Report	Mrs. Teecy Matthews
<b>DISCUSSION:</b>	
Mrs. Matthews shared that the new school year is going fairly well, all things considered. OCMS teachers have both in-person classes and Zoom classes. A lot of effort is required to facilitate two separate modes of learning. The	

administration is making its best efforts to support the teachers as they are doing this hard work. Approximately 80 students attending in-person; the remainder are online. However, the trend is toward more parents sending their children back to in-person school.

Mrs. Matthews informed the Board that she was notified just the previous evening that OCMS was awarded the Charter Schools Start Up Grant that was opened up to all charter schools. It is a technology grant which will allow OCMS to invest in additional technology. The Grant would provide 130 new laptops.

OMCS has instituted temperature checks each day before admittance. So far no child has shown up with a fever. Procedure for illness involves immediate removal from class through back door with an administrator and immediate isolation in the clinic. If a student is required to quarantine at home, they are allowed to attend classes via Zoom so that there is minimal interruption to their education.

OCMS is also allowing parents to change students from online to in-person and vice versa prior to the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks. Mrs. Matthews indicated that her thought process was to prevent a struggling student from having to go through the entire quarter and fail at then end. It is better to get students back into the classroom if they need it and help them to catch up academically. About 10 parents have made that choice.

Parent Action Team is up an running. They provided breakfast for teachers as well as gift bags. Came up with a program called TADA-Teachers Always Deserve Accolades. Each month they will be doing special things for teachers. They are also looking at ways to celebrate the students.

Don Schroeder asked about Duvall County considering doing away with online learning and returning students to brick and mortar classrooms. Mrs. Matthews did not know what decision was reached and indicated she would look into it. Mrs. Matthews indicated that OCMS would follow the directives of the Marion County School District.

Mrs. Thompson wanted to know how many OCMS students were attending virtually. Mrs. Matthews indicated about 76 students, however the trend is that more are coming back to in-person. 2 students have gone from brick and mortar to virtual.

Mrs. Thompson also wanted to know if the school could hold the entire student body with social distancing requirements if all 156 students opted for in-person learning. Mrs. Matthews indicated that students are being mask compliant and the cafeteria has been transformed into a classroom.

Mrs. Matthews informed the Board that they also brought in a second internet provider to provide back up. If one provider were to lose service, the other would pick up, thereby reducing the risk of students suffering any interruption to their learning.

MOTION:	RESULT:
None	

## AGENDA ITEM 7

AGENDA ITEM:	PRESENTER(S):
Facilities Update	Mr. Leo Pacheco

DISCUSSION:
<p>Several facilities are under consideration. Discussions included moving entire school to old Winn Dixie and open Satellite Campus in the shores. Time is an issue because the school is at capacity. Need to come up with a short term solution unless a great facility becomes available. Possibly opening Community school in the Shores. Mr. Schroeder indicated that funding for a campus in the Shores would fall under the USDA R1A.</p>

Mr. Schroeder further indicated that there would be very strong interest in Charter middle school and high schools in the shores as alternatives to what is currently available. Mrs. Hart indicated that this was accurate based on her conversations with homeowners in the Shores.

MOTION:	RESULT:
No	

## AGENDA ITEM 8

AGENDA ITEM:	PRESENTER(S):
New Business	Mr. Leo Pacheco

### DISCUSSION:

Majority of Board Approved the Conflict of Interest Policy. It was approved and accepted by the Board on August 31, 2020. We are now fully in compliance with Florida State requirements. Will be approved on an annual basis at our annual meeting.

The Board will need to look at revising the By-laws re: reflect changes made to Financial SOP at the last meeting:  
 Section A, #1 – Change to reflect the new mission adopted at the last meeting;  
 Section I- “checks, drafts and notes” change to correspond to Financial SOP.

MOTION:	RESULT:
None	

## AGENDA ITEM 9

AGENDA ITEM:	PRESENTER(S):
Satellite Campus, High School, LongTerm Goals	Mr. Leo Pacheco

### DISCUSSION:

The Board has already approved a Charter High School. Mr. Pacheco and Mrs. Matthews have been discussing the possibility of satellite (Micro Schools) campuses because of the potential difficulty in filling a large facility when we do not have enough students to fill the space. Looking at maintaining our current school and opening a similar size middle school in another location within Ocala. The following year opening a high school with 2 middle schools feeding into it. Looking at facility on 14<sup>th</sup> Street and 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

We would have to provide a Letter of intent to the School District by January 2021 regarding our intention to open a charter middle school. Charter application would need to be submitted by the beginning of February 2021. Earliest a high school could be open is fall 2022.

Mr. Pacheco’s vision for the future: new satellite middle school for school year 2021/2022; Charter high school to open for school year 2022/2023. Additional charter schools to open on or around school year 2025/2026.

Board will need to look at name change since we will not only be a middle school going forward. Mr. Pacheco suggested a less geographically specific name that would conceivably work in any part of the state of Florida and beyond. Mr. Pacheco also suggested looking at a more unique mascot than the eagle.

Borrowing from Secretary of Education Betsy Devos “One size does not fit all”

Mr. Pacheco suggested various names for the Board to consider: Ignite Leadership Academies; Inspire Leadership Growth Academies;

Mrs. Hart cautioned us to make sure the name would resonate with older teens and also not easily associated with anything unsavory or awkward.

Mrs. Matthews talked about expansion and replication of our model throughout the state and potentially the nation. B-HAG -big, hairy, audacious ideas!

Mr. Schroeder wanted to know how many of our current students would most likely switch to the satellite campus. Mrs. Matthews indicated that we currently run two buses, one of which serves exclusively Silver Spring Shores and the second bus covers the rest of the District, approximately 20 kids. Mrs. Matthews indicated that the focus area for the new satellite school would likely be the north end of Marion County. However Mrs. Matthews indicated that the property previously under consideration is no longer on the market. Several other promising properties were mentioned and discussed.

**MOTION:**

**RESULT:**

None

**NEXT MEETING SET FOR**

Friday, January 8, 2021 – 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM – via Zoom Meetings

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Thompson, Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. The meeting adjourned at 11:51am