

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

NOVEMBER 7, 2018 | 11:00 AM MARION COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY

Mr. Leo Pacheco, Chairman of the Board

Mrs. Debbie Hart, Secretary Protempore

Mr. Leo Pacheco, Mrs. Debbie Hart, Dr. William Murry, Mrs. Kelly Thompson, Mrs. Nneka Nwakoby Mrs. Teecy Matthews

NOT IN ATTENDENCE

ATTENDING GUESTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 1

AGENDA ITEM:	PRESENTER(S):
Agenda and Minutes Approval	Mr. Leo Pacheco
DISCUSSION:	

Dr. Murry requested that a change be made to the previous minutes to reflect Agenda Item #6 – Motion be moved to a separate agenda item as it didn't have anything to do with the topic of Item #6. All agreed and the move was changed and reflected on the posted Minutes for that meeting.

MOTION:	RESULT:
Motion to approve and accept prior meeting Minutes was made by Mrs. Kelly Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Nneka Nwakoby. Motion to approve and accept Agenda was made by Mrs. Nneka Nwakoby, seconded by Dr. William Murry.	Motion was carried unanimously on both.

AGENDA ITEM 2

AGENDA ITEM:	PRESENTER(S):		
Treasurer's Report	Dr. William Murry, Treasurer		
DISCUSSION:			
Dr. Murry presented the Treasurer's report, stating a few adjustments were made to the annual budget due to changes in student count and he adjusted line items to reflect current needs.			
MOTION: RESULT:			
A motion was made by Dr. Murry to accept and approve the changes to the budget, seconded by Mrs. Thompson.	Motion was carried unanimously.		

AGENDA ITEM 3

AGENDA ITEM:	PRESENTER(S):	
Executive Director's Report	Mrs. Teecy Matthews, Executive Director	

DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Matthews reported that due to our recent success our school is being talked about in a positive manner by others in the District, based on feedback she has received.

As a result of our increase in school grade, we are now receiving PECO Funds to the tune of \$75K, being issued once per month up to that limit. We just received around \$12K from that fund for October.

She shared that we should be receiving \$28K in November, which includes Title I dollars. Title I will pay \$13/hour up to two hours per day for a Parent Engagement Facilitator. This position has been offered to Mrs. Rossman, who is fluent in both English and Spanish, and possesses great camaraderie with parents and students.

Mrs. Matthews also shared that the school will, once again, host a Bunco night as it was a good small fundraiser for the school this past year. She is planning it for March 2019. More details forthcoming.

She also shared that this year the school did away with activity fees due to lack of parents paying. Instead, students who are going to participate in field trips must submit a form with payment in order to participate. Otherwise they will remain at the school and given alternative work.

Mrs. Matthews shared that Parent Night will be held Thursday, November 29 – She is going to share a new approach by providing parents with detailed information they need to know and encouraging them in understanding their responsibility in their student's education. Title I information will be shared with parents at that time, as well.

MOTION:	RESULT:
NONE	

AGENDA ITEM 4

AGENDA ITEM:	PRESENTER(S):	
By-Laws and Charter Committee Report	Mrs. Kelly Thompson, Chair	
DISCUSSION:		
Mrs. Thompson updated the Board on the By-Laws and Charter Revisions, stating she will email the By-Laws to the Board for further review and approval at the next meeting. The Charter is still in revision stages as Florida recently released a new standard Charter we must follow.		
MOTION:	RESULT:	
NONE		

AGENDA ITEM 5

AGENDA ITEM:	PRESENTER(S):
School Safety Committee	Mrs. Teecy Matthews

DISCUSSION:

Chairman Pacheco announced that the school did not receive the grant from the J. Campbell Foundation because they are focusing on supporting Georgia based schools and are not including Florida.

Mrs. Matthews shared the school is now receiving some funds from the Safe Schools Fund, established in May after the new law was passed. It is estimated we will receive around \$10K to help with facilities enhancements to make our school safer. The plan is to install an electronic entry with push-button at the front door that will require the front office to allow anyone to enter. Staff will have keycard access. Additionally, she would like to fence in the back portion of the parking lot to create a more secure "courtyard" with safer student transfer from one unit to the next. It would include steel or cement posts to prevent a vehicle from coming through the fence.

MOTION:	RESULT:
NONE	

AGENDA ITEM 6

AGENDA ITEM:	PRESENTER(S):	
New Business	Mr. Leo Pacheco & Mrs. Teecy Matthews	

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Pacheco nominated Mrs. Kelly Thompson to serve as Co-Chair for the Board. Mrs. Thompson accepted the nomination.

Mrs. Matthews shared that the State has awarded the staff of OCMS School Recognition Dollars, awarded by increase of student grades. She shared that based on the guidelines for the funds, it is awarded to the staff, and it was their responsibility to determine how the money was spent. The staff has chosen to spend the dollars as follows: a portion of the money would be spent to purchase a microscope for the science class, laptops and mobile cart for in class use by students (separate from computer lab), and the remainder for staff bonuses – all of which are included and approved by guidelines. However, the Board would need to approve this expenditure.

Dr. Murray brought up the need for the New Financial SOP to be republished. Mrs. Matthews shared that it had already been published with the revisions and grammatical corrections.

MOTION:	RESULT:
Mr. Pacheco moved for the Board to accept and approve the nomination of Mrs. Thompson as Co-Chair. The motion was seconded by Dr. Murry.	Motion was carried unanimously.
Mrs. Hart moved to approve the staff's decisions and expenditures, seconded by Mrs. Thompson.	Motion was carried by majority vote.

RESOLUTIONS

PRESENTED BY:	DESCRIPTION:	ACCEPTED OR DENIED
None		

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Complete revision to By-Laws and email to Board	Mrs. Thompson	Next Board Meeting

NEXT MEETING SET FOR	Wednesday, January 30, 2019 – 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Ocala Public Library
ANNOUNCEMENTS	None
ADJOURNMENT	A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Pacheco, Seconded by Dr. Murry. The meeting adjourned at 12:26 PM.