

OSCEOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT#1 BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Osceola School District Administration Building
December 14, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Present: Jacqueline Baker, James Baker, Torian Bell, Ollie Collins, Kristain Dedmon
Michael Ephlin and Denise Williams

Absent: None

Others present:

Dr. Toriano Green, Assistant Superintendent
Jeanette Walker, Board Recorder
Samantha Tippy, District Treasurer
Toshiba Pugh, High School Principal
Christel Smith, STEM Academy Principal
Veronica Gavin, LEA Supervisor
Charlotte Brown, North Asst. Principal
Audra High, Parent Coordinator
Officer Marvell Carr, SRO
Archie Thomas, Community Liaison
Veronica Davis, Shamera Jones, Jeri Vance, Geneva Richardson,
Bobby Joe Hill, Sally Parke, Sarah Can, Delois Hill,

1. Jacqueline Baker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Pastor Archie Thomas offered invocation.
3. Jeanette Walker called the roll and a quorum was declared with all members present.
4. Motion Denise Williams, seconded by James Baker to approve the November Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion passed 7-0.
5. The Board recited the District Vision and Mission Statement.
6. Motion Michael Ephlin, seconded by Kristain Dedmon to amend the Timed Agenda to 6:02 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.
7. Jacqueline Baker asked if there were any questions concerning the Financial Reports. Samantha Tippy stated that our expenditures are about 20% of our budget so far. At this point last year we were at 23%. So far this year we have gotten 37% of our revenue versus 35% last year. We have received 35% of the COVID money that they allotted us and we have gotten our first reimbursement of \$105,000.00 from COVID for our teachers and staff who were quarantined and that will go back to the general fund. Motion Michael Ephlin seconded by Torian Bell to approve the financial reports. Motion passed 7-0.

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8. Jacqueline Baker presented the list of bills. Motion Denise Williams, seconded by Ollie Collins to approve the list of bills as presented. Motion passed 7-0.
9. Dr. Green presented the Superintendent's Report. He stated that the ASBA Virtual Conference was held December 10 and 11 and asked if any of the Board members who attended would like to share what they enjoyed about the conference. Jaqueline Baker stated she really enjoyed the opening general session by Mr. Patrick Briggs. He was very energetic, he kept you laughing but he was to the point about the achievement gap. He stated that things that we have in place that work is a good plan but it's no better than the person working it and getting the most out of our children. He stated that each class is different and you have to make sure you are on the child's level and adjust what you're doing.

Dr. Green recognized School Board member Torian Bell on achieving the ASBA Pinnacle Award for receiving over 200 professional development hours.

Dr. Green stated that the District Leadership Team met last week to discuss what the end of the semester looks like because we've had so many issues with virtual learning and we decided that as a district we would stop learning for all new concepts and give the students an opportunity to catch up on what they may have missed and improve their grade. This also gives teachers time to grade those assignments and input their grades so they can enjoy their break. We will also continue with the blended Wednesdays next semester and we are looking at making some modifications to that soon.

Dr. Green stated that Mr. Hogan has been talking to you over the last year about Osceola STEM Academy surrendering their Charter and transitioning back to a traditional middle school so for the 2021-2022 academic year we are going to go through with that. Dr. Green gave each board member a letter from Mr. Hogan explaining that we are going to surrender our Charter and transition back to a traditional middle school offering traditional programming. Dr. Green stated that he, Mr. Hogan, Mrs. Shantele Raper and Ms. Christel Smith, Principal of Osceola STEM Academy have been meeting regularly discussing this and hopefully as early as next month we will bring you a slate of names for that LEA and we will have to get a new LEA number. He stated that this gives us the flexibility to offer those fine arts and a library that we were allowed to remove when we went to a Charter. He stated that with our reading deficit, not having a library has really hurts us and this will help us incorporate more literacy into those fine arts. He stated that we have seen growth but we haven't seen a vast improvement when it comes to the academic data under the STEM so instead of allowing the State strip the Charter from us we are going to surrender it. Christel Smith added that even though we are showing growth it's not more than a traditional school would show so the state's perception is that what we are doing as a Charter we can do as a traditional school. She added that we are still going to have Project Lead the Way.

Dr. Green stated that he and Mrs. Tippy received their CASBO certification which means we've completed the recommended course work to understand school finances. We go to trainings

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twice a year. It requires 30 credit hours of school finance, cafeteria, management and budgets. We completed our certification in November so we are now certified school business officials.

10. Jacqueline Baker stated that at this time we will discuss the hiring of a superintendent for the 2021-2022 school year. Executive Session was called at 6:16 and ended at 7:14 with no action taken.

Jacqueline Baker presented the personnel report.

Motion Torian Bell, seconded by James Baker to promote Dr. Toriano Green from Assistant Superintendent to Superintendent for the 2021-2022 school year with a three year contract, and to approve the personnel report as presented:

Bailey Williams, 7th grade Math

Althea Williams, Bus Driver

Geneva Richardson, Special Ed. Paraprofessional at CSE

Transfer Ty Gibson from High School Paraprofessional to 10th grade English Teacher

Accept the resignation of Terrica Sims, High School English Teacher

Motion passed 6-1 with Denise Williams voting no.

Michael Ephlin stated that Ms. Smith had some of her students at STEM put together a float and they entered the float in the Wilson Christmas parade and the Osceola Christmas parade and they won first place in both parades. Everyone congratulated Christel Smith for their accomplishments.

11. Motion Kristain Dedmon seconded by James Baker to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0.
7:17 p.m.

(Signed) Jacqueline Baker, President

(Signed) Torian Bell, Secretary