



## Minutes for Special Public Meeting of the Odyssey Board of Directors

Date: September 28, 2020

Location: Teleconference

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Start Time: Special Public Meeting at 6:00 PM

In Attendance: President, Elias Rigas (ER), Vice-President, Erin Allard (EA), Treasurer, Rodrigo Torres (RT), Eva Jannelli (EJ), Maryann Yarram (MY), Ken Przywara (KP), Georgia Halakos (GH), Helen Anderson (HA), Valerie Caras (VC)

Minutes Taken By: MY

Start Time: 6:02 pm

Agenda<sup>1</sup>

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Standard Order of Business
  - Public Comment – moved to the end of the hour
  - Review and Approval of SY 2020 Annual Audit
    - Tim Sawyer presented the audit
    - Vote to approve the audit
      - RT – 1<sup>st</sup>, EA – 2<sup>nd</sup>
      - All in favor - approved
      - The audit will be sent to DOE by Oct. deadline
  - Discussion of updated SY 2021 Budget
    - Karen Thorpe shared a power point
    - In July, Board approved a preliminary budget
    - Basic changes:
      1. Decrease of 20 students
      2. State revenues have gone down because of the loss of students

<sup>1</sup> All agenda items are potential action items for which a vote may be taken.



3. Received additional covid revenue sources
  4. Investors released 400K
  5. Cafeteria revenue has been adjusted
  6. After care revenue has been reduced to just the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year
  7. Rent for tenants in the two buildings
  8. No fundraising money
  - Expenditures:
    1. Through attrition, 3 positions have been eliminated but hired one teacher
    2. Moved the HoS salary to November
    3. 430,000 for the new classrooms in B23 but most of it being covered by investors
    4. Debt service
    5. Facilities: added one custodian
    6. IT: costs have been reflected to revenue from covid
  - Transportation:
  - Unknown: what will be additional costs when school reopens fully
  - Riccardo Stoeckicht gave updates on covenants:
    - Days of cash on hand – projecting 50 days; the goal is 60
    - Fund balance: requires us to have 1.87 million dollars
    - Final audit is sent to our investors
  - Increase in the projected year in cash
  - Budget will be evolving as the situations change over the year
  - Potential effects on the budget:
    - Meals and food service of the budget
    - Expenditure: mostly the unknowns
      1. Transportation- how many busses and protective barrier
      2. Protective barriers
      3. Cleaning
    - Costs associated with reopening: can't make an estimate until we know how many students are coming back, etc.
    - Part of the challenge in this process is that we don't know what the trends are – numbers can be significantly impacted due to other factors.
    - DOE gives the guidance for buses, etc. We make the final decision.
  - Motion to approve preliminary budget EA-1 MY-2
    - All in favor - approved
4. Plans for reopening:
- Sports:
    - Volley ball, soccer and cross country
    - Surveyed faculty and families
    - M. Lauderman:



- Proposal to start boys soccer, girls volley ball and coed cross country
- Current numbers 12 boys interested in soccer, 16 girls in Vb, and 10 cross country
- We can start a Volley ball team
- Tight number for soccer and Cross country
- Many safety protocols in place during games and practices
- Offer sports to an extent – conditioning
- Would do volley ball outside as well – keeps students safer
- No middle school sports right now
- Waivers: we can ask to have it done but we may not have the coverage power that it may have.
- Challenge: to find matches and sports
- Vote: Motion to authorize the start of fall sports with recommendation has been made with a latitude to include the health committee's advice.
  - EJ – 1<sup>st</sup>, MY – 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - HA: opposed
- Vote: Motion to continue to authorize the administration the authority the start a process for extracurricular activities
  - VC – 1<sup>st</sup>, MY-2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Motion carried unanimously
- Overarching perspective on how we could open: Riccardo, Stephanie
  - Will not ask for the Board approvals at this time
  - Come back to the Board for the Oct Board meeting with a detailed strategy
  - We have several schools in one school
  - Looking at the proposed timelines and reopening strategy
  - Want to keep everyone safe
  - We need to review staff members that can and can't come back
  - How we can serve in an equitable fashion
  - Proposing to slowly start reopening in Nov so that we can use Oct to create the robust plans for the school
  - Can manage to have 15 -30 percent of the student population on the campus
  - Closed on Wednesdays for cleaning
  - Presented sample schedules
  - Monthly cost of transportation services -\$18,000
  - Will send out another survey
  - Ideally we are starting activities on campus – drivers ed, etc
  - Doing all the assessments for spec-ed
  - Start activities in mid-October
  - Plans to bring in the special education students – the first step is making sure that all the assessments are conducted. There is an associated funding that we have to nail and therefore it is appropriate to get the appropriate funding for those students.



- Questions and comments from various members of the Board:
  - What is the biggest driver that is delaying the bringing back of cohorts? Is it the recommendations? The need to keep the kids in a consistent manner?
  - Need more clarity on how hybrid will look
  - Need a realistic picture of what it will look when we return
  - Don't be afraid to look at various options
  - There are a lot of things that students are losing out when students are only virtual
  - Saving the chat and uploading them as FAQs on the school website

5. Good of the School

6. Potential Executive Session

- Discussion of potential real estate transaction – 29 Del. C. § 10004(b)(2)
- Discussion regarding qualifications for job – 29 Del. C. § 10004(b)(1)
- Discussion regarding potential litigation – 29 Del. C. § 10004(b)(4)

7. Adjourn

8:58 pm: Motion to adjourn: EA – 1<sup>st</sup>, HA – 2<sup>nd</sup>

- All in favor - passed

NOTE (1): These Agenda Items may not be considered in sequence. Pursuant to 29 Del. C. § 10004(e)(2), this Agenda may be changed to include additional items, including executive sessions, or to delete items that arise at the time of the meeting.

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