



Great Oaks

High School & Career Center
Des Moines

Great Oaks HS and Career Center Inaugural Board Meeting

Date: April 29, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Location: 100 East Euclid Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50313

Board members present: Kathy Leggett, Jenny Palmer, Matt Connolly

Others in attendance: Paulette Hare, Operations-Oakmont Ed, Kris Byam, Executive Director-Great Oaks Iowa, Dr. Jerry Farley VP Career Tech-Oakmont Ed, Cris Gulacy-Worrel, Vice President-Oakmont Ed, and Dimitrios Kriaras, President-Oakmont Ed.

No other members of the public were in attendance.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. With all current Board members present, a quorum was present.

Cris Gulacy-Worrel provided an agenda overview.

Jennifer Palmer made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, subject to any amendment by the Board of Directors during the meeting. Matt Connolly seconded the motion and unanimously voted for it.

STANDARD BUSINESS

Discussion included:

1. A review of where future Meeting Minutes, the school's Financial Report, Management Company reports, and State of the School reports will be provided, discussed, and approved by the Board of Directors.
2. A pre-opening checklist discussion took place regarding:
 - a. Status of required documentation submissions to the Iowa Department of Education
 - b. School staff hiring update:
 - i. All key staff positions, including teaching staff, have been filled or have offers currently out. Staff roster to follow.
 - c. Facility update
 - i. Demo and construction timelines-still tracking to an end of August 2024 opening.
 - d. Marketing update
 - i. Discussion included enrollment interest as well as swag shop.



NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

Cris Gulacy-Worrel called for a nomination of Officers for the Board.

Jennifer Palmer made a motion to nominate Kathy Leggett as President/Chair. Matt Connolly seconded the motion. There being no additional nominations and no opposition, Kathy Leggett was declared to be the Board President/Chair.

Kathy Leggett assumed chairing the Board Meeting.

Matt Connolly made a motion to self-nominate as Secretary. Kathy Leggett seconded the motion. There being no additional nominations and no opposition, Matt Connolly was declared to be the Board Secretary.

President Leggett made a motion to nominate Jennifer Palmer as Treasurer. Matt Connolly seconded the motion. There being no additional nominations and no opposition, Jennifer Palmer was declared to be the Board Treasurer.

Management Agreement

Discussion included entering into a vendor contract with Oakmont Education Iowa to manage the School's day-to-day operations. President Leggett made a motion to accept and approve the Management agreement. Matt Connolly made a motion to accept and approve the Management Agreement. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Palmer and with no opposition was unanimously accepted and adopted for President Leggett to sign.

Learning Management System and Student Information System (SIS) & (LMS) Contract

Discussion included entering into a contract with Infinite Campus as the School's SIS and EdMentum the School's LMS, and its benefits to the School staff, students, and families. Discussion included the board authorizing President Leggett to adopt and sign the contract, once completed, as well as to provide the executed contract to the Iowa Department of Education. Jennifer Palmer made a motion to accept and approve the LMS Contract for signature by President Leggett. The motion was seconded by Matt Connolly and with no opposition was unanimously accepted and adopted for President Leggett to sign.

Adoption of Bylaws

Bylaws provided for adoption and signature at the May meeting.



EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

The board members all conveyed their commitment and excitement about serving opportunity youth who have struggled or have yet to be able to find true success in traditional educational model settings. An official ribbon-cutting for early fall will be set and shared as soon as the information becomes available.

The Board will set subsequent month meetings based on availability surveys that will be collected over the next week.

ADJOURNMENT

Matt Connolly motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jennifer Palmer seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.